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Trafficking in Human Beings and Imprisonment Practices in the Balkans

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Presentation Overview

- Human trafficking research
- Sentencing purposes
- Problems with statistical data





Human Trafficking Research

- Increased attention by governments, NGOs and media
- A considerable growth in the number of scholarly books and articles
- Significant lack of reliable data on trafficking
- Challenges in interpreting and comparing the statistics





Research Methodology

- Combining various methods can give best results
- Different quantitative measures of human trafficking
- Small sample size of most of the statistics
- Considerable differences in reporting, counting and processing methodologies





Research Trip to BiH

- Analysis of gathered information
- Low number of trafficking cases by well organised criminal groups
- Profound differences in understanding of human trafficking among relevant actors
- Uniqueness of trafficking situation in late 1990-ies





Sentencing Purposes

- **What should be the dominant sentencing purposes for human trafficking?**
- Specific and General Deterrence
- Incapacitation
- Rehabilitation
- Retribution





Problems with statistical data

- Low number of convicted traffickers in most of the countries of the region

	Croatia	Slovenia
2010	3	4
2011	1	6
2012	2	8

- Available data





Problems with statistical data

- Inadequate systems for compiling and reporting statistics
- Can we conclude anything relevant only from the data on number of prisoners convicted for trafficking?



Thank you for your attention!



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