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# EMPACT THB Operational Action 5.1 ETUTU networking

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# Operational Action 5.1. Subproject ETUTU/ETUTU networking

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Participants: AT, BE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, NO, LU, PT, SE, UK

Objective: To tackle Nigerian criminal networks trafficking victims for sexual exploitation and other forms of exploitation across the EU

Operational aim: Using/extending the ETUTU network to **support international investigations**

Realization in the form of **2 meetings** p.a. of MS and EUROPOL, EUROJUST, FRONTEX, CCWP, INTERPOL + delegation of the central THB office in Nigeria (NAPTIP) and intensive '**networking**'

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# OA 5.1 Subproject ETUTU Activities in 2016

03/2016 Operational Meeting in Berlin

04/2016 Third International **Joint Action Day** with 17 European participants and NAPTIP in Lagos:  
→ identification of more than 400 potential victims

10/2016 Operational Meeting in Birmingham

3 days training in Austria for national Austrian THB investigators

Dissemination of handbook 'Best Practise' (50-pages handbook restricted to law enforcement agencies)

Planned termination of subproject ETUTU and continuation of 'networking ETUTU' to continue profiting from the achievements

Continuation of cooperation with trustworthy interpreter taking advantage of knowledge of cultural background and fear of the victims thereby building bridges between victims and police officers

# Subproject ETUTU Achievements in 2016

- Exchange of knowledge about new modi operandi of Nigerian OCGs
- Development of methods to identify and recover victims
- Discussions of ongoing operational cases in different member states
- Analysis of results provided by EUROPOL Focal Point Phoenix
- Within the ETUTU project seven international investigations in fighting Nigerian THB received financial support, three of them in 2016
- Several investigations have been supported by exchanging intelligence, experiences and contacts on national level
- Continuation of the close and trustful network including cooperation with NAPTIP

# ETUTU networking 2017 / Outlook

- **Four investigations** have already received financial support in 2017
  - 03/2017 Meeting in Vienna and 10/2017 Meeting in Copenhagen
  - Continuation of building up a joint intelligence picture on **Confraternities**
  - Establishing cooperation with **Santa Marta Group** (alliance of international police chiefs and bishops working together with civil society in a process endorsed by Pope Francis to eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery)
  - Building intelligence on the situation in **Italian refugee camps\***
  - **Operational actions in Nigeria** which will receive financial support