

The cooperation between state and civil society actors in providing a multi-disciplinary victim assistance to women trafficked from Brazil to Europe

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The human rights approach on the complex crime of human trafficking focuses on the rights of victims and the areas of assistance that may be necessary to re-establish their safety and well-being. This thesis investigates the institutional collaboration of public and civil society actors in the multidisciplinary assistance of Brazilian women trafficked to Europe for the purpose of sexual exploitation. International research and legislation are analysed. When victims are trafficked across borders, the assistance process too needs to be transnational. The interviews of ten European and Brazilian practitioners are discussed concerning their experiences in cooperation and referral of victims. While cooperation is imperative in the process of victim assistance, it is not without difficulties. Some of them are the lack of funding, collaboration fatigue and differences in values and beliefs. The Covid-19 pandemic also had an impact on trafficking as well as on the collaboration efforts.