

# KEY JUDGEMENTS MAY 2023

**Title:** Sexual Exploitation of Brazilians in Europe

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## INTRODUCTION

Human trafficking for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation is well established from Brazil to Europe and within Europe. Women and girls and some trans women are the vast populations of reported victims. Spain and Portugal are the primary destinations, with secondary trafficking to others, such as France, Greece, and Germany.

## WE ASSESS AS FOLLOWS

### RECRUITMENT

- a) Promises to pay expenses related to sex reassignment surgeries in Europe is one recruitment method to lure the Brazilian transgender population.
- b) Educational offers in arts and languages and job opportunities in music and entertainment remain as false recruitment strategies.
- c) New reports suggest that traffickers are recruiting Brazilians with irregular immigration status in European territories to reduce costs and risks of discovery.
- d) Direct flights between Brazil and Europe are the primary means of transportation for possible victims of human trafficking. The Brazilian airports with direct flights to Spain, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Portugal are São Paulo/Guarulhos International Airport, Rio de Janeiro/Galeão – Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport, and Salvador – Deputy Luís Eduardo Magalhães International Airport.

## DEMAND

- a) In Europe, Brazilian women and transgender women victims are subject to sexual exploitation in brothels, escort agencies, and street prostitution areas. Brazilians are the 2nd or 3rd largest set in the exploitation analysis in many European countries.
- b) There is strong growth in the online sexual exploitation market in Brazil and Europe.
- c) Brazilian traffickers use their victims' lack of language to deceive and control victims.

## MONEY (REVENUE)

- a) The trafficking networks use debt bonds incurred in expenses for transportation, airfares from Brazil to Europe, false documentation, and impose debts for accommodation and food on the victims.
- b) In Europe, it is common to expect each person in commercial sexual exploitation to generate around €25,000 per month. This is usually via card payments and cash.
- c) Some Brazilian trafficking groups will also sell psychoactive substances in the locations where they are situated.

## INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) How are vulnerable women and transgender people being targeted in Brazil by traffickers for sexual exploitation purposes (method)?
- 2) How are Brazilians in irregular immigration status already in Europe being targeted by traffickers for sexual exploitation purposes (method)?
- 3) Information about recruitment methods in Brazil and Europe, including false promises of job opportunities and promises to pay for sex reassignment surgeries.
- 4) Information about online sexual exploitation on Brazilian and Brazilian and European websites. Including tactics used by traffickers to recruit victims online and the demographics of the victims.
- 5) Information on the market for, and financial transaction patterns associated with, those trafficked from Brazil to Europe.
- 6) Travel patterns commonly detected in survivor accounts.

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