

Media handling of prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Recommendations





1 Approach prostitution in its entire social complexity.

2 Differentiate between prostitution which is engaged in voluntarily and human trafficking for sexual exploitation or forced prostitution.

3 Raise visibility for the people who profit from and/or commit crimes via prostitution and the users who make it possible, removing media focus from the women who engage in prostitution.

4 Respect the dignity and freedom of women engaging in prostitution and reject discourse attacking them.

5 Avoid reproducing myths and/or stereotypes regarding prostitution.

6 Avoid trivialising, sensationalising or defending prostitution.

7 Do not relate prostitution to crime, insecurity and antisocial behaviour, avoiding automatically placing news articles in the current events section.

8 Use specialised information sources, giving women who engage in prostitution a voice and authority.

9 Respect the decision of women engaging in prostitution regarding disclosing their identity and image. Avoid them from being identified unless they have granted their consent.

10 Use non-sexist language, dealing with the involved subjects in an equal manner.

11 Correct any information which has been inaccurately published.

12 Promote the role of communication offices as a specific source of information for contextualising the news articles.

13 Offer training in relation to gender, prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation for communication professionals and university students.

14 Promote research and dissemination regarding prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

15 Publicise these recommendations and monitor their impact.