
Call for Applications

"Invisible Frontlines: Human Trafficking Amid Armed Conflict"

13–14 November 2025 | Vienna International Centre + Online

Are you a student or young professional passionate about human rights, global justice, and conflict resolution? Join us for a two-day hybrid workshop and simulation exploring the critical but often overlooked nexus between human trafficking and armed conflict.

This **two-day hybrid event** offers participants an immersive, hands-on experience exploring the dynamics of human trafficking in conflict and crisis contexts. Drawing on simulation models developed by the **OSCE** and **IOM**, the program engages participants in realistic decision-making scenarios through **interactive case studies, role-playing exercises, and policy development activities**.

Focus of the Event

In conflict settings, human trafficking flourishes in the shadows. From exploitative labor in conflict supply chains to recruitment via social media in displacement camps, the dynamics of trafficking are increasingly complex and insufficiently addressed.

Participants will take on roles such as UN officials, civil society advocates, government representatives, and private sector actors. Each will collaborate to develop concrete outputs (e.g., legal briefings, strategic plans, advocacy tools) and present them to peers and experts.

About the Organisers

The **European Student Think Tank (EST)** is a youth-led network engaging young people in EU and global policy debates.

The **UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)** is the leading global entity combating transnational organized crime, including human trafficking.

Eligibility Criteria

This workshop is open to:

- Students and recent graduates (BA, MA, PhD)
- Young professionals under 35 years of age
- English proficiency of at least B2 level

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- All fields of study are welcome (Preference will be given to those with backgrounds in international relations, global politics, social sciences, social work, medicine, pedagogy, or interpreting).
 - Prior experience in interactive simulations or topics related to human trafficking and conflict is a plus, but not required.
 - Multicultural experience and a commitment to human rights are highly valued.

Application & Registration

- **Application deadline:** October 5th 2025, 11:59 pm CET
- **Participation fee:** €10 for in-person participation; €5 for online participation (**to be paid upon selection**)
- **Travel & accommodation:** To be arranged and covered individually by participants
- **Application:** To apply, please complete the registration [form](#)
- **Notification of selection:** October 13th

What You'll Gain

- Expert insights from leading international and civil society organizations
- Practical experience in policy-oriented simulation work
- A chance to collaborate on a post-event policy publication with UNODC and EST
- Networking with peers from diverse backgrounds
- A certificate of participation

Promotion & Contact

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For any questions, feel free to reach out to the organizing team at konstantinamanoli@esthinktank.com

Let us work together to bring invisible realities to light.

Apply now and be part of a youth-led initiative shaping responses to one of the most urgent challenges in conflict zones today.