



## Trafficking of minors in non-sexual exploitation: Challenges in investigations

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### Identify the crime

- Begging
- Pickpocketing
- Shoplifting
- Other types of petty crimes

*Is there a pattern?*

### Identify the crime

*"Is it a case of trafficking when a child is selling flowers on the street?"*



### The victim and the investigation

- The victim is a witness
- The victim can provide evidence
- ....of critical importance to the case

### The unwilling victim

I am not a victim!

I have no problem!

Stay away from my friends!

What is wrong with the police in this country?

When can I leave?

### Cooperation between services

The police vs Child protection services

The investigation vs the child

Surprisingly:

What is required is cooperation, sharing of information, meeting face to face, establishment of a common goal and a strategy to get there.

### International cooperation

Cross-border crime calls for cross-border police work

Joint investigation team JIT

  
FRONTEX  
LIBERTAS SECURITAS JUSTITIA

### Back to the start:

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# MAYBE

.....and it is our job to find out.