

## **THE TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS - “AN EXTREMELY PROFITABLE INDUSTRY”**

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**ABSTRACT:** *In the present day international context, Romania – a South-East European country, situated at the confluence of the roads that link the East to the West of the continent, and the South of Asia to the Northern and Western Europe – is included on the “Balkan Route” of illegal migration, a fact which influences all important activity domains of society including the security of the state and of its citizens.*

*One of the major problems of the last decade, at a national and international level, is the trafficking in human beings, which is often linked to the illegal immigration and constantly growing. Trafficking in human beings is a serious crime which harms the human rights, having deep economic and social consequences, due to the obscurity, mobility and aims of this phenomenon.*

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