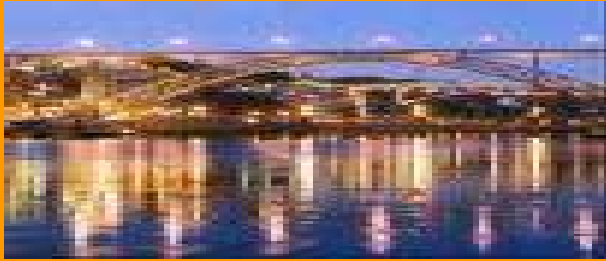




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## 2000/2001

- A study on the phenomenon of the feminine street prostitution in the north of Portugal showed that:
  - in respects to the traffic, there was little visibility streetwise
  - however 30% of the people contacted referred situations of trafficked women, specifically to Spain, where they were forced to work in brothels.



## A recent inquiry ...

- Highlights the situation of women who prostitute in clubs:
  - these are predominantly foreign;
  - most of those women were from Latin America, essentially Brazil but also from Colombia and the Dominican Republic;
  - also there were some of African origin but these were far less in number.

# Law 93/99 of 14th July

- victims will not be repatriated if they must denounce the prostitution network.
- regulates the measures applied for the protection of witnesses in criminal proceeding granting victims of trafficking, measures of protection and support, such as: altering the physical appearance; aiding in creating/searching for ways of subsistence; or granting a subsistence, for a limited period, enabling their subsistence.

However, these measures have not had practical application

# Situation of Entrance and Permanence in Portugal

women enter normally with tourist visa



legally



as soon as their visa expires they become  
illegal immigrants



# Situation of Entrance and Permanence in Portugal

The situations of illegal permanence in portuguese territory are, generally, identified by the police entities



police officers are the first ones on scene during searches in brothels and clubs they identify and hold the women in illegal situation.

# PROJECT CAIM

- The Commission for Equality and Women Rights, while public entity whose basic concern is the legitimating and recognition of the equality between Women and Men developed

## Project CAIM



an experimental project centred in the problematic of prostitution and women trafficking for sexual exploitation.

# PROJECT CAIM

We constitute a partnership that congregates the diverse dimensions of the intervention:

- Inquiry
- combat
- control

regarding those who take advantage

- support
- protection

of the victims

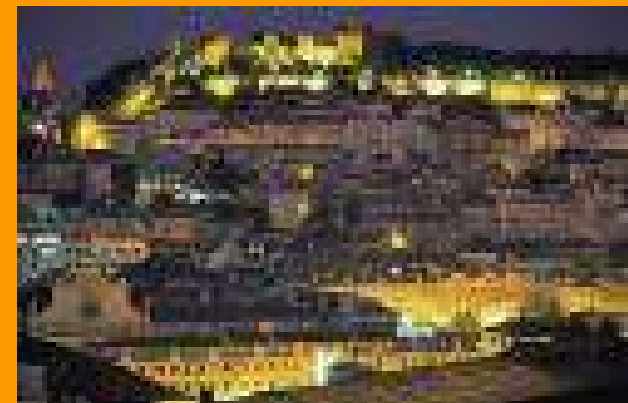


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## Main Objective:

- adoption of a coordinate strategy and shared responsibilities, on a phenomenon for where the protection of victims is, still, very scarce.





# PROJECT CAIM

- This Project, that will elapse until July of 2007, involves:
  - Commission for Equality and Women Rights (tutored by the Ministry of the Presidency);
  - Ministry of the Internal Affairs, through the Coordinating Cabinet of the Forces of Security;
  - Ministry of Justice, through the Cabinet of the Secretary of Associate State;
  - High Commiserated for Immigration and Ethnic Minorities (tutored by the Ministry of the Presidency);
  - International Organization for the Migrations;
  - Association for Family Planning , through “Espaço Pessoa” (a support centre for the men and women prostitutes)

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The structure of Project CAIM reflects the conclusions of the diagnosis made in Action 1 and the results of the analysis which enabled the identification of different necessities and determined the key activities to carry through during Action 2.





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- Regarding the **knowledge gained of the phenomenon**, the following three activities are those which are being undertaken:
  - **Constitution of an Observatory** specifically for female victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation creating, therefore, a system and mechanisms for the observation and comprehension of this type of phenomenon.



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- **Conception of one standardized Guide of Registers**, to be applied by the criminal investigators as well as the policing forces. This Guide will work as a unique tool in the identification and mediation of this phenomenon.
- **Develop a study** aiming better understand and comprehend the reality of women trafficking for sexual exploitation in Portugal.



# PROJECT CAIM

## Also aims to:

- ❑ support and help in socially (re)integrating the victims in society. For this purpose we have initiated and implemented a **model aiming to support and direct the victims.**
- ❑ This is undertaken by a **multidisciplinary and inter-institutional team** sheltering and aiding the victims.
- ❑ promote **international cooperation** with respect to the protection and (re)integration of these victims.



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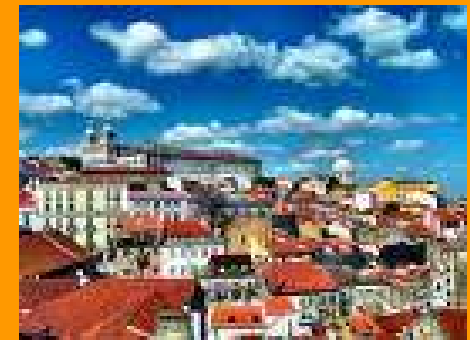
- In terms of **training** it is essential to enhance and improve the abilities, the techniques and the know-how of all the different agents engaging in the process. This training (in terms of concepts and methodology) is including the following stages:
  - Establishing a multidisciplinary team of trainers
  - Developing the training, in cascade, oriented to the social workers directly working in the field and also the policing agents
  - Workshops for the construction of cooperation networks.

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Lisbon - 20th and 21st of November

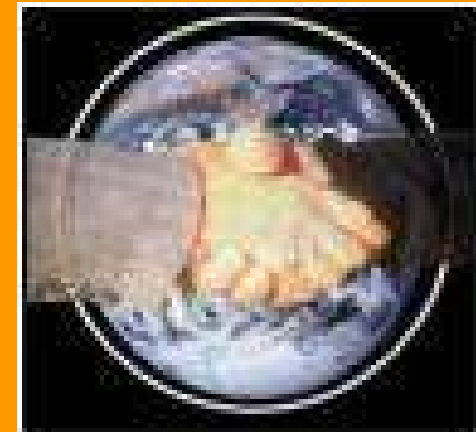


**International Seminar** centred on this theme, in order to increase the visibility and knowledge of this problem as well as foment a public reflection on the matter which will, more easily, lead to a collective awareness of the challenges that this reality involves.



# PROJECT CAIM

- Cooperation is one of the key words for the success of this fight. We can divide our efforts in two main directions:
  - National level
  - International level



# PROJECT CAIM

All this work and efforts will be possible if Project CAIM has the ability to influence the measures and policies to be adopted to respond to the real necessities in terms of protection and assistance of the victims of trafficking.

# PROJECT CAIM

Through this holistic perspective we intend to reach the essential coordination and co-production of efforts and actions that will be efficient in the prevention, intervention and combat of the Trafficking and Exploitation of Women for sexual exploration in Portugal





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