

CASE 1. ILEANA, RUMANIA, 31 YEARS OLD

Ileana was born in Rumania. She is a mother of a seven years old boy. She arrived in Spain trafficked by her boyfriend (lover boy phenomenon), recruited under false promises and brought to be sexually exploited in street prostitution. She received seven administrative sanctions. Each penalty fee was 301 euros.

She eventually filed a report against her ex-boyfriend, even with fear and threats. In doing so, Ileana was assisted by specialised police forces and interviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. Police-agents, Prosecutor's Office and specialised organisations exchanged information and worked coordinated. She cooperated in the police investigation and judicial proceedings and obtained residence and work permit.

In order to assess possible financial compensation, she had to attend four medical appointments with an expert. She also had to make a total of seven statements about her sexual exploitation process in a period of 16 months, two of which were made by videoconference. The criminal investigation procedure lasted more than four years.

However, the case was filed because the denounced could not be found. The criminal Court issued an international search and arrest warrant.

She is not compensated either by him (the perpetrator) or the State, even though psychological reports about damages and consequences suffered because of her trafficking were admitted in court proceedings.

Once the case is filed, Ileana does not count as a victim of human trafficking in official annual statistics.

Ileana was cared for in specialised services, sheltered in a safe house for more than one year. She was provided with counselling and psychological support and received training in geriatric health care.

Her greatest wish was to be with her son. However, they could not be reunited because there was no effective coordination between Romanian Family Courts and the Spanish Courts. The fact that she was identified as a victim of human trafficking was not taken into account in Romanian civil proceedings.

After coordination between Romanian and Spanish Police forces, she could travel to her country of origin with police protection, and visited her child during three days.