



Update and tour de table on sex workers

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"Honeybait Report" European Parliament

- ***European Parliament Report 'on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality' adopted in February 2014***

"Considers that the most effective way of combating the trafficking of women and under-age females for sexual exploitation....is the model implemented in Sweden, Iceland and Norway...., where the purchase of sexual services constitutes the criminal act, not the services of the prostituted persons;" (Nordic model)





"Honeyball Report" Civil Society response

- **Civil society letter to MEPs signed by 560 NGO's requesting NOT to adopt the report:** *"The reality is that the criminalisation of clients has not only been ineffective in reducing prostitution and trafficking, but also been evidenced as increasing the vulnerabilities of sex workers."... "A large number of HIV and health organisations have warned policy makers of the dangers of criminalising either sex workers or their clients."*
- **+ Written 'Critique' of the report signed by 94 researchers pointing to** *"...inadequacies of the Report, which is based largely on inaccurate and/or misrepresentative data."*



'Health in Europe – making it fairer' conference

- **Civil society representatives express their concerns to Commissioner Borg in the parallel session on HIV/AIDS**
- **Commissioner suggests that the European Commission will explore with the HIV/AIDS Think Tank if discussion on sex workers can be developed further within the Think Tank**

