

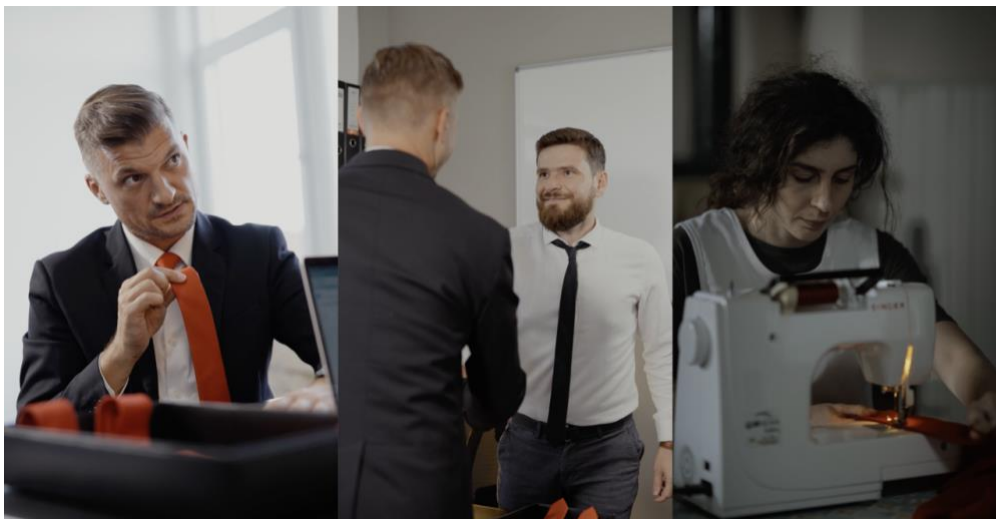
SAVING MILLIONS FROM EXPLOITATION!

The European Freedom Network and the EEA Brussels office are both thrilled that the European Union will shortly be introducing new legislation which could transform the lives of 21 million people across Europe and the globe. It is all about making sure that big businesses based or trading in the EU check their supply chains for exploitation. Exploitation may mean dangerous working conditions, excessive hours, poverty or no wages and no freedom to leave. The consequences can be malnutrition, sickness, lack of education, and sometimes even death.

But we need your prayers and help!

The European Union's new due diligence law (directive)¹ is at the last stage in the legislative process. But EU governments need to hear that their citizens think that this law is important. It should be workable for businesses but it should also make a real difference to those who are exploited.

EFN has launched a new campaign on its [Don't Shut Your Eyes website](#). This is designed so that those with any or no faith can easily join in.



¹ The proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937.

There's a Don't Shut Your Eyes [film for social media](#). **Please share it widely!**

And EFN has produced [this petition](#). Please consider signing and encouraging others to do the same.

Once the EU due diligence legislation is passed at European level, there will be opportunities to write to national governments, asking them to make sure that the implementation is swift and effective. And we will be able to write to businesses, letting them know that their customers want them to do a good job. If you would like to receive updates and guidance regarding how you can help, please [subscribe to receive our newsletter](#).

But there's something else we can always do. We are all consumers. And we can try to open our eyes to who may be helping to make the products we use. Churches and Christian organisations can seek to do their own due diligence, contacting the companies and brands that make stuff for us and asking them how carefully they check their supply chains.

And finally, we invite all Christians to pray.

Every human being is made in the image of God and infinitely precious. Let's pray that the introduction of due diligence requirements for big business across Europe might be the beginning of an ethical revolution, dramatically changing business practice and enabling millions of people to escape from exploitation.



The European Freedom Network (EFN) is a Christian community of nearly 500 partners that exists to fight human trafficking and commercial exploitation in Europe and to seek the restoration of victims in collaboration with strategic stakeholders. It is delighted to be part of EEA because **the Church** has a key role to play through prayer, campaigning, support and being a welcoming, restoring community for those who have been exploited. Go to <https://www.europeanfreedomnetwork.org/> to find out more, including many resources.