



## Loverboy Method

- In 2015 ... 106 young women, fell victims to trafficking in the counties of Timis, Caras Severin and Arad in Romania. 56 of them were exploited through work and 50, sexually. Most girls come from western cities of the country and they were forced to work or prostitute in Italy, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland.
- In the case of sexually exploited young women, 70% of them were ravaged by the LOVERBOY method, a method by which traffickers make women fall in love with them, then forcing them to prostitute.

• **Loverboy** is one of the most widely used methods of human traffickers, especially recruiters, which aims to deceive the victims. Recruiters are the first link of a trafficking network. This recruiting technique is named **in love**, and it has digital social platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram ...

Emotional attachment develops over several months, sometimes even years, relying on the vulnerability of the victim. It is manipulated so that it comes to believe that it can no longer live without it. It also uses "baits" such as gifts or exits in the city to restaurants ...

## Catfishing or False Identity

• A **catfish** is a person who pretends to be someone else and uses fake accounts on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for online relationships that usually last for long periods of time.

Catfish reasons: loneliness, depression, revenge.

The term is borrowed from the 2010 **Catfish documentary** where a young man is filmed while building an online relationship with a young woman through Facebook. In the end, he finds out that the woman for whom she had started to feel, hid many things. All the photos posted on that fake account belonged to a photo model.

As a rule catfishers use dramatic experiences such as accidents, fighting various diseases such as cancer to avoid meeting with the real-life person.









