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AGAINST TRAFFICKING - Meeting of the [Santa Marta Group](#) in Rome, 26-27 October 2016.

UISG was invited to participate because of the UISG-USG project against Trafficking in Persons, Talitha Kum. Sr. Patricia Murray, UISG Executive Secretary and Sr. Gabriella Bottani, Talitha Kum coordinator represented the UISG at the meeting.

Pope Francis received more than 100 delegates attending the 2016 Santa Marta Group conference in the Apostolic Palace on Thursday morning, 27 October. “This morning in the Consistory Hall Pope Francis received around a hundred members of the “Santa Marta Group”, on the occasion of the third Conference of this international organisation against human trafficking. Launched in 2014 by Pope Francis and chaired by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, archbishop of Westminster, the Santa Marta Group is composed of police chiefs, bishops, religious sisters and representatives from civil society, and aims to forge relationships of trust between police and the Church, especially religious sisters, enabling this crime to be defeated and the victims to be accompanied, assisted, and ultimately reintegrated into society.”

[Read more \(source press.vatican.va\)](#)

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