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Here's a good explanation of Denmark's TIP issue. Basically they have a more complicated process for offering victims the possibility to remain in country. But ultimately J/TIP recognizes that this does not result in a worse record and Denmark will almost certainly not/not be downgraded this year.

Details:

Unlike other European countries, Denmark does not have a special visa or residency permit for trafficking victims, and thus does not condition permission to remain on cooperation with the police to pursue traffickers. Some think that strategy results in more prosecutions. For undocumented victims in Denmark, options to remain are limited to asylum, a humanitarian permit, or family reunification. These are rarely granted, though the Danish government is taking steps to make sure victims are aware of these options. Most often, undocumented victims opt for "prepared return" during a 30-100 day "reflection period," which includes comprehensive social assistance preparing in Denmark and assistance and follow-up monitoring in the country of return. Undocumented victims who have been picked up for crimes who are not identified as trafficking victims can enter deportation proceedings after 72 hours; other countries may have a longer period to hold undocumented alleged lawbreakers before beginning such proceedings. Denmark is also unique in its approach to social services, which are comprehensive and generous and extend to all victims regardless of whether they participate in law enforcement proceedings against the traffickers. And unlike most countries in this period of austerity, Denmark increased its budget for trafficking victim support by 23 percent (last year budgeting 56 million dollars for such efforts).