



DEVELOPING VICTIM SUPPORT ACROSS EUROPE Quality, Standards, Capacity Building

**VSE Annual Conference & General Meeting
14-17 May 2014
Sheraton Hotel, Warsaw, Poland**

DRAFT PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY

- 14h00 – 16h00 **Victim Support Site Visits** *(Please see the specific programme on website)*
- 19h00 **Welcome Reception hosted by Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw** *(tbc)*

THURSDAY, 15 MAY

- 08h00 – 09h00 **Registration** *(Sheraton Hotel, room tbc)*
- 09h00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremony** *(Room tbc)*

Chair João Lázaro, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe

Tomasz Piechowiak
President of Subvenia Victima

Marek Biernacki
Justice Minister of Poland

Charalampos Athanasiou
Justice Minister of Greece *(tbc)*

Lotte Knudsen
Director for Justice, DG Justice, European Commission

David McKenna
President of Victim Support Europe

10h30 Refreshments

11h00 **Plenary Session – European Perspective on Rights for Victims of Crime**
(Room tbc)

Chair Sabrina Bellucci, Executive Board Member of Victim Support Europe

Representative
Greek EU Presidency (tbc)

Olimpia Monaco
Upcoming Italian EU Presidency

Oldřich Martinů
Deputy Director of EUROPOL

Hans G. Nilsson
**Head of Division of Fundamental Rights & Criminal Justice of the Council
of the European Union**

Michèle Coninx
President of Eurojust (tbc)

Representative
Chief of Police, Poland (tbc)

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 1 – Quality and Standards in Victim Support** (Room tbc)

14h30 Refreshments

15h00 **Workshop Session 2 – Best Practices in Implementation of EU Victims' Directive**
(Room tbc)

16h30 **Plenary Session – Children, Violence and Schools** (Room tbc)

Chair João Lázaro, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe

Representative
European Forum for Restorative Justice (tbc)

Gisela Mayer
Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools

Maatu Arkio-Lampinen
Victim Support Finland, NUORIKU Project

17h15 Close of day one

19h00 **Reception hosted by the Ministry of Justice** (*Place tbc*)

FRIDAY, 16 MAY

09h00 **Plenary Session – The Rights of Victims: Legal, Social and Political Leaders’ Perspectives** (*Room tbc*)

Chair Victor Jammers, Executive Board Member of Victim Support Europe

Pierre Boussand
Director of the Social Platform

Joshua Rozenberg
Commentator in Legal Matters and Journalist (*tbc*)

Kathleen Walker Shaw
Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

Antonio Tizzano
President of the First Chamber of the European Court of Justice (*tbc*)

Jago Russell
Chief Executive of Fair Trials International

Rianne Letschert
Deputy Director of INTERVICT, University of Tilburg (*tbc*)

10h15 Refreshments

10h30 **Workshop Session 3 – Capacity Building: Developing Resources** (*Room tbc*)

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 4 – Capacity Building: Developing New Services** (*Room tbc*)

14h30 Refreshments

15h00 **Plenary Session – Drawing Conclusions** (*Room tbc*)

Chair Helgard Van Hüllen, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe

Short reports on workshops

Jerzy Buzek

MEP, former President of the European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Poland (tbc)

Kinga Göncz

MEP, LIBE Committee (tbc)

Into the Future, David McKenna

President of Victim Support Europe

16h45 **Closing Remarks**

Tomasz Piechowiak, President of Subvenia Victima

19h00 **Conference Dinner (Place tbc)**

SATURDAY, 17 MAY

09h30-11h00 **Victim Support Europe General Meeting (Sheraton Hotel, room tbc)**

