



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 the Warsaw Municipal Council, Palace of Science and Culture** (*tbc*)

THURSDAY, 15 MAY

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

Chair João Lázaro, President of APAV and Vice-President of VSE

Tomasz Piechowiak
President of Subvenia Victima

Marek Biernacki
Justice Minister of Poland

Charalampos Athanasiou
Justice Minister of Greece

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 Director of INAVEM and VSE Board Member

Representative
Greek EU Presidency (tbc)

Olimpia Monaco
Italian EU Presidency (July-December 2014)

Oldřich Martinů
Deputy Director of Europol

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

Representative
Eurojust (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 and Violence: Victims in the Media** (Room tbc)

*Chair Tiina Rantanen, Regional Director Victim Support Finland and VSE Board
Member*

Gisela Mayer
Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools

Maatu Arkio-Lampinen
Victim Support Finland, NUORIKU Project

Joshua Rozenberg
Commentator in Legal Matters and Journalist

17h15 Close of day one

19h00 **Dinner hosted by the Minister of Justice, Museum of the History of Polish Jews**

FRIDAY, 16 MAY

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

Chair Victor Jammers, Policy Director of Slachtofferhulp and VSE Board Member

Albin Dearing
Fundamental Rights Agency

Kathleen Walker Shaw
Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

Jago Russell
Chief Executive of Fair Trials International

Wojciech Węgrzyn
Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Poland

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 Weisser Ring Germany and Vice-President of VSE

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

Victor Jammers
Policy Director of Slachtofferhulp and VSE Board Member

Sabrina Bellucci
Executive Director of INAVEM and VSE Board Member

Into the Future, David McKenna
President of Victim Support Europe

16h55 **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*)

