

DEVELOPING VICTIM SUPPORT ACROSS EUROPEQuality, Standards, Capacity Building

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

DRAFT PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY

14h30 – 17h00 Victim Support Site Visits

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

17h15

19h00

Close of day one

Refreshments 10h30 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 / Italian EU Presidency** (tbc) Oldřich Martinů **Deputy Director of EUROPOL** (tbc) Hans G. Nilsson Head of Division of Fundamental Rights & Criminal Justice of the Council of the European Union (tbc) Michele Coninsx **President of Eurojust** (tbc) 12h00 Lunch 13h00 Workshop Session 1 – Quality and Standards in Victim Support (Room tbc) Refreshments 14h30 15h00 Workshop Session 2 – Best Practices in Implementation of EU Victims' Directive (Room tbc) 16h30 Plenary Session – Mass Victimisation (Room tbc) Chair João Lázaro, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe Kristin Aga **Superintendent at Violent Crime Unit of Oslo Police District** (tbc) Representative Chief of Police, Poland (tbc) Gisela Mayer **Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools**

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 (tbc)

Rebekah Smith

Senior Adviser at Social Affairs committee, BusinessEurope (tbc)

Joshua Rozenberg

Commentator in Legal Matters and Journalist (tbc)

Kathleen Walker Shaw

Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)

Antonio Tizzano

President of the First Chamber of the European Court of Justice (tbc)

Jago Russell

Chief Executive of Fair Trials International (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

MEP, LIBE Committee (tbc)

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Into the Future, David McKenna
President of Victim Support Europe

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16h45 Closing Remarks

Tomasz Piechowiak, President of Subvenia Victima

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

SATURDAY, 17 MAY

09h00-10h30 **Victim Support Europe General Meeting** (Sheraton Hotel, room tbc)

