



DEVELOPING VICTIM SUPPORT ACROSS EUROPE Quality, Standards, Capacity Building

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

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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

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

Laura Boldrini
President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy (tbc)
Upcoming Italian EU Presidency

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**

Michele Coninx
President of 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 – Mass Victimisation** (Room tbc)

Chair João Lázaro, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe

Representative
Chief of Police, Poland (tbc)

Gisela Mayer
Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools

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 (tbc)

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

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

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)



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