



## **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** (see separate programme)

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**

*Representative*  
**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**

*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**

*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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