



DEVELOPING VICTIM SUPPORT ACROSS EUROPE

Quality, Standards, Capacity Building

VSE Annual Conference & General Meeting

14-17 May 2014

Sheraton Hotel, Warsaw, Poland

PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY

- 14h00 – 16h00 **Victim Support Site Visits** *(Please see separate programme on website)*
- 19h00 **Welcome Reception hosted by the Warsaw Municipal Council** *(Location: Palace of Science and Culture)*

THURSDAY, 15 MAY

- 08h00 – 09h00 **Registration** *(Sheraton Hotel, Foyer 1)*
- 09h00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremony** *(Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom)*

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

Marek Biernacki
Justice Minister of Poland

Tomasz Piechowiak
President of Subvenia Victima

Olivier Tell
Head of Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters, DG Justice, European Commission

David McKenna
President of Victim Support Europe

- 10h30 Refreshments

11h00	<p>European Perspective on Rights for Victims of Crime - Plenary Session <i>(Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom)</i></p> <p><i>Chair Jo Keaney, Corporate Director Finance of Victim Support England & Wales and VSE Board Member</i></p> <p><i>Ioannis Androulakis, Law Professor at the University of Athens</i> Greek EU Presidency</p> <p><i>Olimpia Monaco, Prosecutor</i> Italian EU Presidency (July-December 2014)</p> <p><i>Oldřich Martinů</i> Deputy Director of Europol</p> <p><i>Hans G. Nilsson</i> Head of Division of Fundamental Rights & Criminal Justice of the Council of the European Union</p>
12h00	Lunch
13h00	<p>Workshop Session 1 – Quality and Standards in Victim Support <i>(Please see separate Workshop Programme on website)</i></p>
14h30	Refreshments
15h00	<p>Workshop Session 2 – Best Practices in Implementation of EU Victims’ Directive <i>(Please see separate Workshop Programme on website)</i></p>
16h30	<p>Children and Violence: Victims in the Media - Plenary Session <i>(Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom)</i></p> <p><i>Chair Tiina Rantanen, Regional Director Victim Support Finland and VSE Board Member</i></p> <p><i>Gisela Mayer</i> Director of Foundation against Violence in Schools</p> <p><i>Maatu Arkio-Lampinen</i> Victim Support Finland, NUORIKU Project</p> <p><i>Joshua Rozenberg</i> Commentator in Legal Matters and Journalist</p>
17h15	Close of day one
19h00	<p>Dinner hosted by the Minister of Justice, including tour of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews <i>(Location: Museum of the History of Polish Jews)</i></p>

FRIDAY, 16 MAY

08h30 - 09h00 **Registration** (*Sheraton Hotel, Foyer 1*)

09h00 **The Rights of Victims: Legal and Political Perspectives - Plenary Session** (*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

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

Albin Dearing
Fundamental Rights Agency

Jago Russell
Chief Executive of Fair Trials International

Wojciech Węgrzyn
Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Poland

10h00 Refreshments

10h30 **Workshop Session 3 – Capacity Building: Developing Resources** (*Please see separate Workshop Programme on website*)

12h00 Lunch

13h00 **Workshop Session 4 – Capacity Building: Developing New Services** (*Please see separate Workshop Programme on website*)

14h30 Refreshments

15h15 **Drawing Conclusions: The Future of Victim Support in Europe – Plenary Session** (*Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom*)

Chair Helgard Van Hüllen, Vice-President of Weisser Ring Germany and Vice-President of VSE

Victor Jammers
Policy Director of Slachtofferhulp and VSE Board Member

John Hayward-Cripps
Locality Director South, Victim Support England & Wales

Leena-Kaisa Åberg
Executive Director of Victim Support Finland

Bianca Biwer (tbc)
Chief Executive Officer, Weisser Ring Germany

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16h15 **Closing Remarks**

David McKenna, President of Victim Support Europe

16h30 **Close of Conference**

Tomasz Piechowiak, President of Subvenia Victima

19h00 **Conference Dinner** (*Location: Bristol Hotel*)

SATURDAY, 17 MAY

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

11h00 Refreshments

