





SAFE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS:Transforming Justice Systems/Future Trends



VSE Autumn Conference 2021

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Conference Programme Outline

09:00 – 10:00	Registration				
10:00 – 10:35	Welcome and opening speeches				
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome Speech Geraldine Hanna, President, Victim Support Europe				
10:05 – 10:10	Introductory Speech • Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe				
10:10 – 10:15	Opening Speech (pre-recorded) • Didier Reynders, Commissioner for Justice, European Commission				
10:15 – 10:20	Opening Speech • Richard Sonnenschein, Acting Director of Criminal Justice, European Commission				
10:20 – 10:35	Victim Testimony • Nina Fuchs, Germany				
10:35 – 12:00	PART 1: Safe Reporting as the First Step in Seeking Justice				
10:35 – 10:55	Defining 'Safe Justice for Victims' • Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe				
10:55 - 11:15	How to Ensure Safe Reporting for Migrant Victims of Sexual Violence? A Framework for Policy and Practice • Nikolett Szelei, Researcher, Ghent University				
11:15 – 11:35	 Under-reporting of Hate Crime: Why is it a problem and what can be done about it? Aleš Gião Hanek, Hate Crime Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights 				
11:35 – 11:55	Research to Action: Overcoming the Challenges of Underreporting Together with the Victims and Practitioners • Aleksandra Anikina, Communications Officer, The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI)				
11:55 – 12:30	COFFEE BREAK				
12:30 – 13:30	PART 2: Modern solutions to effectively support victims in criminal proceedings				
12:30 – 12:50	A critical break down of EU justice systems Suzan van der Aa, Professor in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, Maastricht University				

12:50 – 13:30 13:30 – 14:30	 Modern solutions to support victims at court (Panel discussion) Peter Crory, Head of Service (Belfast), Victim Support Northern Ireland 360 degrees camera courtrooms Dympna Kenny, General Manager, Victim Support at Court (V-SAC) Court accompaniment service of VSAC Frederico Moyano Marques, Chief Operations Officer and Senior Advisor, Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV) Victim accompaniment at the police and at court Robin Fontijne, Legal Policy Advisor, Victim Support the Netherlands Protection measures at courts 					
14:30 - 15:35	PART 2: Modern solutions to effectively support victims in criminal proceedings (continuation)					
14:30 – 14:45	Victim Testimonials • Philippe Vandenberghe & Florian Jehin, Belgium					
14:45 – 15:05	The necessary consideration of victims in the organisation of the trial of the terrorist attacks of November 13, 2015 • Pauline Okroglic, Legal Officer - Victim Support and European Affairs, France Victimes					
15:05 – 15:35	 Effective communication and information sharing mechanisms within criminal justice system (Panel discussion) Paloma Pérez Cortijo, Directorate-general for Support to Victims of Terrorism, Ministry of Interior, Spain Good practices/challenges regarding communication with victims of terrorism in Spain Helen Williams, Family Liaison Coordinator, Operation Kenova Information provision, securing confidence and trust of families of victims of crime Sigal Haimov, Consultant, Victim Support Europe Effective communication and empathy training 					
15:35 – 16:35	PART 3: Collaborative working to achieve better justice for victims					
15:35 – 15:55	Collaboration through multiagency approach Jérôme Moreau, President, "Association Nivernaise d'Aide aux Victimes d'Infractions" and Vice-President, France Victimes and Victim Support Europe					
15:55 – 16:15	Judicial Training on Victims' Rights in the EU in practice: The role of the European Judicial Training Network • Mónica Martí García, Senior Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)					
16:15 – 16:35	The importance of training of European law enforcement on safe justice • Elisabeth Zinschitz, Head of Sector - CEPOL Knowledge Centres, European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)					
16:35 – 16:55	COFFEE BREAK					
16:55 – 17:45	PART 4: Live debate "What can we do to make the criminal justice system work better?"					
	Moderator: Suzan van der Aa Speaker participants: Nikolett Szelei, Mónica Martí García, Saar Baert					
17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks • Petra Klein, Vice-President, Victim Support Europe					