



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR: ACTIONS TO IMPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE
PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

25 September 2023

Location: Assembly Hall of the Duque de Ahumada Residence (Príncipe de Vergara 248-Madrid)

Objective: Make proposal to improve the support for victims of terrorism in the European Union; and, subsequently, submit those improvement proposals to the Council of the European Union.

DRAFT AGENDA

9:15 Registration and arrival of the participants.

9:30 *Inauguration by the Minister of Interior, Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gómez*

9:45 *1ST Round table: Are the current coordination mechanisms in the European Union adequate to support victims of terrorism?*

Brief presentations: European Strategy for Victims' Rights; European Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism -EUCVT-; and the Single Contact PointS of Victims of Terrorismo of the European Network for Victims' Rights (SCPOVT). Subsequent discussion on their effectiveness as instruments of coordination between the Member States.

- General Director of Justice and Consumers of the European Commission. Ana Gallego Torres (TBC)
- Victims' Rights Coordinator. Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska
- Director of the EUCVT. Alexandra Ivanovich
- Manager of the SCPOVT. Dorothea Faust

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 *2nd Round: The role of victims in the prevention of radicalization and Memory policies*



The voices of the victims of terrorism, their testimonies, can play a relevant role in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) programs. Moreover, the policies of Memory of the victims of terrorism have the prevention of terrorism among their objectives. Member States must become aware of the power and effectiveness of both mechanisms in the fight against radicalization.

- Manager of Exhibition and Educational Areas of the Victims of Terrorismo Memoria Centre. Raul Lopez Romo
- Researcher at the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC). Author of the study "Efficacy of memorials against terrorism." Ana Milosevic.
- College professor. Author of "Memorials for victims of terrorism and their value in the prevention of terrorism. Different approaches in the EU". Luca Guglielminetti.
- Co-leader of the VT Group of the RAN. Philippe Vansteenkist

13:00 Lunch

14:30 *Communications* and debate. Proposal for improvement in the protection of victims of terrorism.*

Participants will be invited to present short presentations on improvement proposals to be discussed. Those considered to be of general interest would be selected. This session will be divided into two parts: one reserved for Member States; the other to victims' associations.

16:00 *Conclusions and closing remarks by Montserrat Torija Noguerales. General Director for Support to Victims of Terrorism*

*COMMUNICATIONS

Communications will be oral and will not exceed 10 minutes. An abstract of the communication must be sent to the email: secretaria.apoyo@interior.es . The abstract will have a maximum length of 300 words and will include the following information: introduction, analysis of the situation, improvement actions, implementation proposals. The Organized Committee will promptly report the acceptance or rejection of the proposals in the shortest possible time after the deadline for submission. The deadline for abstract submission will be August 25, 2023.