

EUROPEAN DAY FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME 2025

Once Upon a Support: A 35-Year Story of the
European Day for Victims of Crime



08:45 - 09:30

Welcome Coffee



09:30 - 10:15

Chapter 1: The Prologue

- **Michael McGrath** | EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law, and Consumer Protection (recorded welcome speech)
- **Zuzanna Rudzińska-Bluszcz** | Deputy Minister of Justice of Poland, the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- **Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska** | Coordinator for Victims' Rights, European Commission
- **Rosa Jansen** | President, Victim Support Europe



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**Chapter 2: From Grassroots to
Global Impact - 25 Years on the
Frontlines of Victim Support**

- **Helgard van Hüllen** | former Vice President of Victim Support Europe, chair of Landesbüro Bayern-Süd of Weisser Ring



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Live Testimony

- **Guillaume Denoix de Saint Marc** | Vice President, V-Europe



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Chapter 3: The Beginning of a Movement - From Grassroot Support to International Commitment

Moderator: Anthony Pemberton | Professor of Restorative Justice at KU Leuven and Professor of Victimology at Tilburg University, the Netherlands

- **João Lázaro** | President, The Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV)
- **Leena-Kaisa Åberg** | Executive Director, Victim Support Finland (RIKU)
- **Anna Giudice** | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)



11:45 - 12:30

Lunch Break



12:30 - 13:35

Chapter 4: Writing the Next Chapter - Reforming the Victims' Rights Directive

Moderator: Aleksandra Ivankovic | Deputy Director, Victim Support Europe

- **Stawomir Buczma** | Justice Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union
- **Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska** | Coordinator for Victims' Rights, European Commission
- **Levent Altan** | Executive Director, Victim Support Europe



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Chapter 5: The Epilogue - Looking to the Horizon

- **Levent Altan** | Executive Director, Victim Support Europe

