

Objective

The seminar will look at the content of the new EU legal instruments on participation of victims in criminal proceedings, as well as national legislation and judicial practice on procedural safeguards and access to justice available to crime victims, especially in cross-border cases.

Key topics

- Rights of victims in criminal proceedings
- Access to justice in trans-national cases
- Support and protection measures

Speakers

Suzan van der Aa, Assistant Professor, Tilburg University; International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT), Tilburg

Maatu Arkio-Lampinen, Project Manager, Victim Support Finland, Helsinki

Wendy De Bondt, Assistant for International and European Criminal Law, Ghent University; Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy, Ghent*

David J. Dickson, Solicitor Advocate, National Expert on Human Rights, Mutual Recognition and Extradition, Crown Office; EJM Contact Point, Edinburgh*

Joanna Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna

Michael Hopmeier, Judge, Kingston Crown Court, London

Victor Jammers, Policy Director, Victim Support Netherlands, Utrecht

João Lázaro, President, APAV – Portuguese Association for Victim Support (Portugal), Lisbon

Henrique Martins Gomes, Lawyer, Carlos Pinto de Abreu e Associados, Lisbon

Antony Pemberton, Associate Professor/ Research Coordinator, Tilburg University; International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT), Tilburg

Iva Zamarian, Legislative officer, Procedural Criminal Law Unit, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels

*invited

Travel to Trier: Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: www.taxi-franken.de/era

Who should attend?

Legal practitioners dealing with victims of crime (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, staff of victim support organisations).

Methodology

The programme will offer a mixture of training methods, varying from lectures to interactive workshops. In order to ensure the practical relevance of the training, the workshops will focus on national case studies.

Costs and reimbursements

The project is co-financed by the European Union under the specific programme "Criminal Justice" (2007-2013).

Participation fee: €110

Accommodation

2 nights accommodation will be reimbursed by ERA up to € 90 / night.

Travel

Participants will be reimbursed travel costs up to € 300. Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Registration

The number of participants is limited. Places will be allocated among the eligible participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CRIME VICTIMS IN THE EU

Focus on minimum standards in criminal proceedings

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Thursday, 10 April 2014

- 08:30 Arrival and registration
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**
Daniel Gärtner
- 09:15 **The victims' rights package (June 2011):**
- state of play
 - criminal and civil protection measures
- Iva Zamarian*
- I. RIGHTS OF VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: MINIMUM STANDARDS AT EUROPEAN LEVEL**
- 10:00 **A comparative analysis between the 2001 Framework Decision and the 2012 Directive – a leap forward or more of the same?**
Antony Pemberton
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Victim support services across the EU: meeting the standards set by the Victims Directive**
Joanna Goodey
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch

- RIGHTS OF VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: MINIMUM STANDARDS TRANSPOSED AT NATIONAL LEVEL (CONT.)**
- 14:00 **General regime**
- Right to receive information about their case
 - Right to be heard
 - Rights of victims resident in another Member State
- Specific needs regime**
- Right to protection of victims with specific protection needs during criminal proceedings
 - Right to protection of child victims during criminal proceedings
- Suzan van der Aa, Henrique Martins Gomes, Michael Hopmeier*
- 15:30 Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break
- II. ENFORCING RIGHTS OF VICTIMS IN TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**
- 16:30 **Workshops**
David J. Dickson
Wendy De Bondt
- 17:45 End of first day
- 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 11 April 2014

- III. VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES**
- 09:00 **Supporting victims in criminal proceedings: the role of victim support organisations**
- Criminal complaints
 - Integrated system – best practices
 - Problems and solutions in transnational cases
- Maatu Arkio-Lampinen, João Lázaro, Victor Jammers*
- 10:30 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- IV. PROTECTION MEASURES IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT**
- 11:30 **National protection measures in light of the EU mutual recognition instruments**
- Different categories of protection measures
 - Competent authority, procedure, judicial review
- Suzan van der Aa, Henrique Martins Gomes, Michael Hopmeier*
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 End of the seminar and light lunch

Programme may be subject to amendment.
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