

**Doing Restorative Justice in Europe. Established Practices and Innovative Programmes.
Looking back and looking forward**

6th Biennial Conference and 10th Anniversary of
The European Forum for Restorative Justice

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

We invite you to submit proposals for presentations from practitioners, researchers and policy makers on the workshop topics suggested below. Proposals on related subjects might be considered as well if there is a clear link with the conference programme.

The proposal must be accompanied by:

- An abstract of the presentation (250 words)
- A biography of the presenter (50 words)

Once the proposal for the presentation is accepted, presenters are expected to write a summary of their presentation of a maximum of 2 pages single-spaced for publication in the report that will be made after the conference.

As the aim is to encourage a maximum of exchange of ideas and information, each presentation will be strictly limited to 20 minutes. Visual aids and an interactive style of presentation are encouraged. Proposals must reach Karolien Mariën (karolien@euforumrj.org), **by 1 March 2010** at the very latest. Applicants will be contacted regarding the acceptance of their proposal by 31 March 2010.

1 The work of the practitioners (mediators and facilitators)

Restorative justice in different countries

These workshops will focus on methods and practices of restorative justice used in different countries. Eight workshop sessions are already scheduled, so there is still room for a few more. Those proposing contributions should attempt to make presentations that are as practical and close to reality as possible – trying to go beyond a mere description of the content and methodological approach of a programme.

2 Cooperation with legal practitioners

A way to increase the involvement of judges, prosecutors and the police

Suggested topics

- How to improve communication between state prosecutors and/or judges and the police and RJ-practitioners regarding referrals and handling of cases;
- How is the position of the victim perceived: in RJ on the one hand, in criminal proceedings on the other.
- How to evaluate positive or negative outcomes of RJ in further criminal proceedings.

3 Conferencing

A way forward for restorative justice in Europe?

Suggested topics

- Special fields of application of conferencing
- Conferencing - country case studies
- The choice of application of a conference or of mediation: Does it depend on law, culture, customs, politics or economics?
- Conferencing for serious offences
- Conferencing and transitional justice
- Victim-offender mediation and conferencing: practice implications
- Conditions for good practice for conferencing
- Local partnerships for conferencing
- Applicability of conferencing for juvenile offenders vs. adult offenders
- Community conferencing