

Conferencing: A Way Forward for Restorative Justice in Europe

**Expert Seminar
Draft Programme
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Experts

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Programme

Day 1: Tuesday 14 September

12h30-13h: Arrival, registration and refreshments

13h-13h30: **Welcome addresses** by:

Ivo Aertsen (KU Leuven)

Estelle Zinsstag (European Forum for Restorative Justice)

Peter Csonka (Head of Justice Directorate, EU Commission)

13h30-15h30: **1st session** – Preliminary research results of project ‘Conferencing: A Way Forward for Restorative Justice in Europe’



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	<p>Presentation by Estelle Zinsstag Discussion</p>
15h30-16h:	Coffee/refreshment break
16h-18h:	<p>2nd Session – Conferencing: Theoretical approach and international developments Presentations by Lode Walgrave (Belgium) and Joanna Shapland (UK) Discussion</p>
Day 2: Wednesday 15 September	
8h30-9h:	Arrival and coffee
9h-10h30:	<p>3rd session – Conferencing in Australia and Northern Ireland Presentations by Kathleen Daly (Australia) and Kelvin Doherty (UK) Discussion</p>
10h30-11h:	coffee/refreshment break
11h-13h:	<p>4th session – Conferencing in North America, England and Scandinavia Presentations by Dan Van Ness (USA), Vince Mercer (UK) and by Ethel Fjellbakk (Norway) Discussion</p>
13h-14h:	sandwich lunch
14h-16h:	<p>5th session – Conferencing in Eastern Europe, the Netherlands and Flanders Presentations by Vidia Negrea (Hungary), Rob van Pagée (tbc) (Netherlands) and by Bie Vanseveren (Belgium) Discussion</p>
16h-16h30:	coffee/refreshment break
16h30-18h30:	<p>6th session – chair: Conferencing in Latin America, Germany and Wallonia Presentations by Daniela Bolivar (Chile), Otmar Hageman (Germany) and</p>



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	by Antonio Buonatesta (Belgium) Discussion
19h30:	Dinner
Day 3: Thursday 16 September	
8h30-9h:	Arrival and coffee
9h-11h:	7th session – Conferencing: the police, the courts and the informal sector Presentations by Robin Linthorst (tbc) (the Netherlands), District Judge Mervyn Bates (UK) and by Anna Erikson (Australia) Discussion
11h-11h30:	coffee/refreshment break
11h30-12h30:	8th Session – Presentation of policy ideas and discussion on future of conferencing
12h30-13h30:	Conclusions and Goodbyes
13h30-14h30:	sandwich lunch

