

Workshop “Victims and restorative justice: what method to use?”

Vienna, Austria, 28 February 2012

Introduction

This workshop is organised by the European Forum for Restorative Justice and the Institut für Rechts- & Kriminal Soziologie (IRKS). The workshop is organised in the framework of the Victims and Restorative Justice project, led by the European Forum for Restorative Justice.

The general objective of this project is to achieve more knowledge, through empirical evidence, on the needs, experiences and position of victims when participating in restorative justice (RJ) programmes. The development of RJ has led to some questions with regard to the position of the victim and therefore this project will deal with questions at both micro- and macro-level.

This project will lead to a better understanding of the needs, experiences and position of victims in victim-offender mediation and conferencing and will formulate recommendations with regard to the further development of restorative justice practices as well as the cooperation between restorative justice programmes and victim support organisations. More information on this project can be found at this link: <http://www.euforumrj.org/Projects/projects.Victims%20and%20RJ.htm>

In the framework of this project, 3 regional workshops will be organised during which the interim results of the project will be discussed. Next to the workshop in Vienna, there will also be a workshop organised in Helsinki on 9 and 10 February 2012. This workshop will be entitled “*Victims and restorative justice: violence in intimate relationships*”. A 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop (“*Victim Policy and Mediation*”) will take place in Tilburg (the Netherlands) on 2 February 2012. More information on the other 2 regional workshops can be found on the Forum’s website: <http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/seminars.htm>

At a later stage the interim results of the project will also be discussed at an international conference, organised by the European Forum in Helsinki on 14, 15 and 16 June 2012. This conference will be entitled “Connecting people. Linking Victims, Communities and Offenders”. More information on this international conference can be found at <http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/conferences.htm>



**Programme:**

Tuesday, February 28th

09:30-09:45 Welcome by Karin Waidhofer and Christoph Koss  
(NeuStart) and by Christa Pelikan (IRKS)

09:45-10:30 "Victims and restorative justice in Europe" by Inge Vanfraechem

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:45 "Victims and Restorative Justice in Austria" by Christa Pelikan and  
Roland Gombots (IRKS)

11:45-12:15 "Comment on the results" by Mag. Barbara Haider (Head of State  
Prosecutors' office Wr. Neustadt)

12:15-13:00 Debate

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15 "Matching mediation methods, victims and offenders" by Martina  
Mössmer and Michael Königshofer (NeuStart)

15:15-17:00 Debate

17:00 Closure

**Registration:**

To register please fill out the registration form which can be found at the following link:  
<http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/seminars.htm> and send it back as instructed.

The registration fee is 30 Euro.

**Location:**

The workshop will take place at NeuStart, Castelligasse 17, 1050 Vienna

**Accommodation:**

The secretary of the Institute for Sociology of Law and Criminology, Ilse Stranner, can be  
contacted in order to make hotel reservations: [Ilse.stranner@irks.at](mailto:Ilse.stranner@irks.at) or +43 1 526 15 16

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