

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

RJ PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF VICTIM AND OFFENDER

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Restorative justice actively involves victim and offender. There are few purely restorative justice services providing a balanced approach; most services representing victims or offenders have different focuses with restorative justice as an additional option. All these different perspectives can widely enrich the growing body of knowledge and practice on RJ by providing a huge diversity of nuances and experiences.

The purpose of the seminar is to promote an exchange of information, experiences and points of views, and to give attendants the opportunity to reflect together about how to work towards a better justice for all.

We will bring together representatives from victim and offender services, as well as representatives from the restorative justice field who will contribute to a better understanding of victims' and offenders' respective needs and expectations as a central point of the RJ approach.

The seminar is organised by the European Forum with the support and participation of the European Organisation for Probation (CEP) and the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) (tbc). Possible cooperation with Victim Support Europe (VSE), another prestigious European organisation, is currently being explored. We expect the presence of a diverse range of experts, practitioners, policy makers and academics, largely connected with criminal matters, who can provide an interesting and stimulating forum for ideas and practices.

Programme:

09.00 – 09.15	Opening by Niall Kearney (chair of the European Forum)
09.15 – 10.45	Round table (Marc Cerón, President of CEP; David McKenna, President of VSE; Representative from EUCPN and Representative from the EFRJ)
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Workshop session 1
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.00	Workshop session 2
15.00 – 16.15	Closing plenary
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee break