

European Forum for Restorative Justice

# TRAINING COURSE

Restorative Justice & Serious Crimes

Tirana - Albania  
12-13 June 2018



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# Venue & Programme

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## Blue Room - 1st floor

Tirana International Hotel & Conference Centre

Scanderbeg Square, Tirana, Albania

## Tuesday 12 June

- 13.30 Registration (lunch is not included)
- 14:00 Welcome to the Course
- 14.10 Game of positions: sharing of participants' experiences with RJ
- 14:45 RJ in serious crimes: the Belgian experience looking out of the box
- 15.30 Break
- 16.00 Criteria and information provided to victims and offenders: letter and phone call
- 17.00 Facilitation of a RJ process with parties involved in serious crimes
- 18.00 Closing of Day 1

## Wednesday 13 June

- 09.00 Case study: preparing a face-to-face meeting
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Role plays: experiencing a face-to-face meeting
- 12.30 Lunch (with the EFRJ Board)
- 13.30 Film screening and discussion
- 15.00 Break
- 15.30 Before, during and after the meeting: caring for the mediator and the parties
- 16.30 Reflections and Q&A in a circle
- 17.00 Closing of the Course
- 18.00 Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership (Teuta Room)

# Welcome to Tirana!

If you made it to this Training Course on RJ & Serious Crime, it means that you will also attend the 10th international conference of the EFRJ entitled “Expanding the restorative imagination. Restorative justice between realities and visions in Europe and beyond”. Both events will take place in the historical Tirana International Hotel & Conference Centre, located at the heart of Tirana, facing the famous Scanderbeg Square.

The emphasis of this Course will be on the use of RJ in serious cases which may be more complex and sensitive to deal with. This broad theme will focus on serious crimes which have an individual dimension, such as homicides and sexual violence. For this, we will work together with trainer and senior mediator Kristel Buntinx (Belgium).



Kristel works since 17 years as a mediator for the RJ organization ‘Moderator’ (previously known as ‘Suggnomè’). She works mostly in serious crimes as homicide, armed robbery and sexual violence. Moderator is recognized and gets funding by the government as the umbrella and forum organization for victim-offender mediation for adults in the Flemish part of Belgium.

The theme of this Course is relevant for the EFRJ’s agenda to ensure that every person in Europe will have the right of access to RJ services, in any criminal case and at any stage of the criminal procedures. It will include presentations and practical and interactive exercises focusing on the preparatory meetings, the facilitation of a RJ process and the supervision and support of RJ practitioners dealing with serious crimes. It will provide a safe and inspiring space for participants to gain additional knowledge and, where relevant, to practice advanced skills that will bring benefit to victims and offenders.

This Course will bring together 22 participants from 15 different countries in Europe and beyond. It is designed mostly for RJ practitioners who deal or plan to work with serious crime cases, but it is suitable also for researchers, trainers and other professionals interested in exchanging and discussing practices, ideas, challenges, and projects in this field.

Enjoy your time in Tirana and this entire week you dedicate to get new inspiration and learning about RJ!

The EFRJ team

## Organising Committee



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  - **7 DECEMBER** | Brussels, Belgium | Conference on RJ & child victims
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