Victim-Offender Mediation in Europe. Making Restorative Justice Work,
Leuven 27 - 29 October 1999

Conference programme

Wednesday, 27th of October

09.00-09.40 Opening session
Chair: Christa Pelikan, Austria
- Victim-Offender Mediation in Europe: Making Restorative Justice Work, Tony Peters, Belgium
- Address by Marc Verwilghen, Minister of Justice, Belgium
- Address by Erik Wennerström, responsible for the Grotius programme at the European Commission

09.40-10.30 Plenary session
Chair: Christa Pelikan, Austria
Presenter: Martin Wright, U.K.: Restorative Justice: To Whose Benefit?
Commentator: Guy Masters, U.K.

10.30-11.00 Coffee break
11.00-12.30 Workshops

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.30 Workshops
15.30-16.00 Coffee break
16.00-17.00 Plenary session
Chair: Lenka Ourednickova, Czech Republic
Presenter: Jacques Faget, France: Mediation, Criminal Justice and Community Involvement
Commentator: Kaisa Kurikka, Finland
18.00-19.30 Fringe meeting

The European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice: Discussion on a European Association
Thursday, 28th of October

09.30-10.30 Plenary session
Chair: Stephan Parmentier, Belgium
Presenter: Robert MacKay, U.K.: Ethics and Good Practice
Presenter: Marc Groenhuijsen, the Netherlands: Legal and Procedural Safeguards

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15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Plenary session
Chair: Alenka Meznar, Slovenia
Presenter: Siri Kemény, Norway: Policy Developments and the Concept of Restorative Justice through Mediation
Commentator: Frank Winter, Germany

19.30 Conference dinner
Friday, 29th of October

09.00-09.20  **Plenary session**
Chair: Regina Delattre, representative of the European Permanent Conference on Probation and Aftercare
Presenter: Wolfgang Rau, Council of Europe: *The Policy of the Council of Europe on Victim-Offender Mediation*

09.20-10.00  **Plenary session**
Chair: Regina Delattre, representative of the European Permanent Conference on Probation and Aftercare
Presenter: Elmar Weitekamp, Germany: *Research on Victim-Offender Mediation. Findings and Needs for the Future*
Commentator: Katrien Lauwaert, Belgium

10.00-10.30  **Coffee break**
10.30-12.00  **Workshops**
12.00-13.00  **Closing session**
Chair: Ivo Aertsen, Belgium
Presenters: Leo Van Garsse, Belgium and Bernd Gläser, Austria: *Highlights of the Conference and Prospects for the Future*

15.00-17.00  **Guided tour around Leuven**
Workshop programme

Wednesday, 27th of October

11.00-12.30
Room 01.31 1. Overview of the situation of VOM in Norway and Belgium with particular attention for working with volunteer versus professional mediators
Facilitator: Anne Lemonne, Denmark
Presenters:
- Karen Paus, co-ordinator mediation service, Oslo, Norway
- Ivo Aertsen, researcher at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
Reporter: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium

Room 01.02 2. Family violence and mediation
Facilitator: Hilde Van Lindt, Belgium
Presenters:
- Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie, Vienna, Austria
- Juhani Iivari, senior researcher at the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Helsinki, Finland
- Anna Baldry, researcher at the Department of Social Psychology, University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’, Rome, Italy
Reporter: Yamila Pardo, Spain

Room 01.08 3. Mediation with juvenile and adult offenders: comparison and contrast
Facilitator: Bert La Poutré, the Netherlands
Presenters:
- Antonio Buonatesta, co-ordinator of mediation service GACEP, Charleroi, Belgium
- Magdalena Pernerstorfer, mediator and agency head, Austrian Association for Probation Service and Social Work, Vienna, Austria
Reporter: Wouter De Cuyper, Belgium

Room 01.10 4. Mediation in serious crimes and in the prison context
Facilitator: Derek Shields, U.K.
Presenters:
- Joep Hanrath, mediator, the Hague, the Netherlands
- Marian Liebmann, restorative justice consultant/trainer, Bristol, U.K.
- Stephanie Braithwaite, Crime Concern, Southampton, U.K.
- Siri Kemény and Hans-Gunnar Stey, Department of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Justice and the Police, Oslo, Norway
Reporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain
5. Overview of the situation of VOM in Finland and France with particular attention for the co-operation between mediators, mediation services and justice officials (prosecutors and judges)
Facilitator: John Blad, the Netherlands
Presenters:
- Juhani Iivari, senior researcher at the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Helsinki, Finland
- Daniel Jullion, co-ordinator of the AIV, Grenoble and consultant for mediation at the ‘Institut National d’Aide aux Victimes et de Mediation’, Paris, France
- Jacques Salzer, lecturer at the University Paris Dauphine, Paris, France
Reporter: Roel Gijsbers, Belgium

6. Co-operation between mediation services and the legal profession: judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers
Facilitator: Ann Warner Roberts, USA
Presenters:
- Brigitte Loderbauer, state prosecutor, Linz, Austria
- Claudia Fenz, judge, Vienna, Austria
- Kurt Creyf, lawyer, Bruges, Belgium
- Jacques Faget, researcher at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Bordeaux, France
Reporter: Elisabeth Braun, Germany

7. Family group conferencing
Facilitator: Guy Masters, U.K.
Presenters:
- Liv Mørland, Mediation Service of Kristiansand, Norway
- Judith Johnson, Inspector of Restorative Justice Consultancy, Thames Valley Police, Oxon, U.K.
- Dion Arnouse, RCMP, British Columbia, Canada
- Wouter De Cuyper, student, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Gabrielle Maxwell, senior research fellow, Institute of Criminology, Victoria, University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
Reporter: Ashley Carver, Canada

8. Victim-offender mediation in Eastern Europe
Facilitator: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium
Presenters:
- Albania: Rasm Gjoka, general secretary of the Foundation ‘Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation of Disputes’, Tirana
- Bulgaria: Dobrinka Tchankova, lawyer, South-Western University, Sofia
- Czech Republic: Lenka Ourednickova, senior probation officer and mediator, Association for the
Development of Social Work in Criminal Justice, Prague
- Slovenia: Alenka Meznar, state prosecutor, District Prosecutor's Office of Celje
- Hungary: Lenke Fehér, professor at the Institute of Legal Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (to be confirmed)
- Latvia: Natalia Shmelyova, psychologist and president of the Consulting Centre of Psychological and Psychotherapeutical Aid, Riga or Ariel Reznik-Martov, psychiatrist at the Consulting Centre of Psychological and Psychotherapeutical Aid, Riga (to be confirmed)
- Ukraine: Romen Isayev, lecturer at the Department of Social Work, Uzhgorod State University (to be confirmed)

Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada
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Room 01.01 9. Overview of the situation of VOM in Poland and Germany with particular focus on training  
Facilitator: Dan Van Ness, USA  
Presenters:  
- Britta Bannenberg, professor at the University of Marburg, Kassel, Germany  
- Dobrochna Wójcik, professor at the Institute of Justice, Warsaw, Poland  
Reporter: Elisabeth Braun, Germany

Room 01.02 10. Human rights and mediation  
Facilitator: David Miers, U.K.  
Presenters:  
- Eva Grinde, mediator at the Mediation Service of Oslo and head of information at the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway  
- Stephan Parmentier, professor at the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada

Room 01.08 11. The victim’s perspective in mediation  
Facilitator: Joep Hanrath, the Netherlands  
Presenters:  
- Liv Johannson, mediator at the Mediation Service of Oslo, Norway  
- Bert La Poutré, Victim Services the Netherlands, the Netherlands  
- Jean-Luc Domenech, director of the National Institute for victim assistance and mediation (INAVEM), Paris, France  
Reporter: Inge Vanfraechem, Belgium

Room 01.10 12. Codes of good practice and accreditation of mediators and mediation services  
Facilitator: Robert MacKay, U.K.  
Presenters:  
- Janina Waluk, Senate Information and Documentation Office, Warsaw, Poland  
- Barbara Tudor, West Midlands Probation Service, Birmingham, U.K.  
- Jacques Salzer, lecturer at the University Paris Dauphine, Paris, France  
Reporter: Yamila Pardo, Spain
14.00-15.30

Room 01.07 13. Overview of the situation of VOM in the UK and Austria with particular attention for direct versus indirect mediation
Facilitator: Johan Deklerck, Belgium
Presenters:
- Guy Masters, consultant Crime Concern, Surrey, U.K.
- Marian Liebmann, restorative justice consultant/trainer, Bristol, U.K.
- Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie, Vienna, Austria
Reporter: Corene Rathgeber, Canada

Room 01.08 14. Implementing mediation (from a central policymaker’s perspective)
Facilitator: Gerd Delattre, Germany
Presenters:
- Christine Mahieu, Principal Secretary of the Minister of Health and Youth affairs of the French Community, Brussels, Belgium
- Nicole Baranger, Head of the Bureau for the Protection of Victims and for Prevention, Ministry of Justice, France
- Christina Nehlin, mediator and co-ordinator at the National Council of Crime Prevention and appointed expert in the Commission on Mediation for Juvenile Offenders, Sweden
- Christoph Koss, Austrian Association for Probation Service and Social Work, Vienna, Austria
Reporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain

Room 01.10 15. Setting up mediation services (from a local programme’s perspective)
Facilitator: Liesbeth Devriendt, Belgium
Presenters:
- Shaheen Mughal, co-ordinator of Amends, Walthamstow, U.K.
- Barbara Tudor, West Midlands Probation Service, Birmingham, U.K.
Reporter: Ashley Carver, Canada

Room 01.02 16. Training mediators
Facilitator: Martin Wright, U.K.
Presenter:
- Derek Shields, co-ordinator victim-offender conference service, NACRO-VOCS, London, U.K.
- Kalevi Juntunen, senior social worker, the Social Welfare Centre of Tampere, Finland
- Pirkko Takala, mediator, Mediation Office of Tampere, Finland
Reporter: Isabelle Detry, Belgium
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10.30-12.00
Room 01.31  17. Victim-offender mediation in other European countries
Facilitator: Sofie Vaes, Belgium
Presenters:
- The Netherlands: Lodewijk Tonino, Ministry of Justice
- Luxembourg: Marie Santini and Monique Beyaert, ‘Centre de Médiation’, Luxembourg
- Italy: Vania Patané, researcher at the Faculty of Law, University of Catania
- Ireland: Anna Rynn, senior probation and welfare officer, Dublin
- Denmark: Dagmar Rasmussen, project co-ordinator VOM, Crime Prevention Council, Copenhagen
Reporter: Isabelle Detry, Belgium

Room 01.32  18. Research on VOM: Exchange of information on finished and ongoing projects
Facilitator: Hans Boserup, Denmark
Presenters:
- Elmar Weitekamp, researcher at the University of Tuebingen, Germany
- Johan Deklerck and Anouk Depuydt, researchers, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
Reporter: Roel Gijsbers, Belgium

Room 01.24  19. Sensitising the public: A European video-project on victim-offender mediation. Presentation of intermediate results, exchange of experiences and brainstorming
Facilitator: Gerd Delattre, Germany
Presenter:
- Gerd Delattre, co-ordinator of TOA-Servicebuero, Köln, Germany
Reporter: Ashley Carver, Canada

Room 01.08  20. Supra-national regulations and developments concerning victim-offender mediation
Facilitator: Ivo Aerts, Belgium
Presenters:
- Christa Pelikan, researcher at the Institut für Rechts- und Kriminalsoziologie and president of the committee of experts on mediation in penal matters of the Council of Europe, Vienna, Austria
- Dan Van Ness, UN Alliance of NGOs Working Party on Restorative Justice, Washington D.C., USA
- Ilona Görgényi, Institute of Criminal Sciences, University of Miskolc, Hungary
Reporter: Jesus Trujillo, Spain