



Annual Report 2018

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Foreword

It is with great pleasure and pride that I introduce this year's annual report. In 2016 at the AGM in Leiden we introduced a new strategy, Forum 15. The key themes of the strategy were to broaden the scope of the European Forum for Restorative Justice from an exclusive focus on criminal justice matters, to use the expertise within the EFRJ to have a real influence on policy and practice, to expand and improve our communication with the outside world and to engage with and activate our members towards these aims.

I think that members cannot fail to be impressed when they read about the activities and achievements outlined in this report.

One of the highlights in 2018 for me was the Tirana conference in which our community of members came together to engage in cutting edge theory, research and practice. This experience generated a great energy and solidarity within the European restorative justice community and we plan to build on this in the future. Leaving the beautiful and hospitable country of Albania, I felt that the EFRJ had come of age (we were 18 years' old in 2018) and we were ready to engage more confidently in the many issues challenging modern Europe.

You will see below that there is no doubt that we are actively engaging in influencing policy through supporting the development and dissemination of the Council of Europe Recommendation on Restorative Justice and the development of the European Restorative Justice Policy Network and our participation in the "Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change" project. Increasingly international organisations are asking us to provide a restorative approach to the issue that they are addressing. Our relentless communication through various social media channels will have a cumulative impact on public awareness and support for restorative justice. This can, in part, be measured by our substantial increase in membership over the past year. At the AGM in Tirana, we formally approved almost 100 additional members. Currently, the EFRJ counts on a community of more than 400 members, including about 80 organisations from Europe and beyond.

Our Secretariat has clearly worked tirelessly and effectively throughout the year to promote and enhance the quality of restorative justice in Europe. The Secretariat has now 4 staff members, mostly working on a part-time basis: our new colleague since May is Laura Hein, who assists the Secretariat in some administrative tasks and policy related issues. Around for longer, but still fresh in ideas and energy, are Edit Törzs, Emanuela Biffi and Rik Defrère. For those among you who want to know more about the EFRJ team, check the section "Who we are" on the EFRJ website. They all have different strengths and personalities. As we move forward each will develop a more defined role in line with our

strategic aims, e.g. policy officer, communications and training officer. But they will continue to work as a strong, creative and flexible team.

Currently, we have a Board composed by 9 members from different European countries. In June, elections took place in Tirana during the Annual General Meeting: our members were asked to vote for two among six great candidates who wished to share their expertise and commitment to our organization. Finally, I was happy to be re-elected for a second term and to remain chair, and we welcomed Katerina Soulou, a Greek PhD candidate at the University of Marseille in France as a new member of the board. We said goodbye to our former chair, Michael Kilchling, who had served the EFRJ for many years. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the rest of our Board members for their responsibilities throughout the year: vice-chair Annemieke Wolthuis, who represents us in the Criminal Justice Platform Europe; secretary Brunilda Pali, driving force for the EFRJ conference in Tirana; treasurer Bart Claes, clarifying our financial procedures but also a great moderator in our events; Lars Otto Justad, our multitasking member involved in different committees; Aarne Kinnunen, taking care of our policy relations and presenting the EFRJ to our local sponsors in Tirana; Roberto Moreno, currently involved with the preparations of the RJ symposium in Bilbao in June 2019 and Patrizia Patrizi who is leading on the preparations for our next international conference in Sardinia on 25-27 June 2020.

In the coming year members should expect to see even more activity. We need their support in so many ways. We will launch new committees and working groups and will invite members to participate in them. We plan to organise a schedule of training in 2020. We hope to announce shortly a new member of staff who will take responsibility for communications and training. We will be inviting members to support our new communications strategy and to become EFRJ trainers. As usual, in autumn we will also launch the call for proposing the winner of the European RJ Award 2020, who will be announced in Sassari at the 11th International Conference of the EFRJ, and invite our members to contribute to the programme of this event by sharing their expertise in the workshop sessions.

Our members are what make the EFRJ special. Please continue to support the EFRJ by telling us what support you need, by keeping us up to date on what is happening in your part of the world, by participating in our events, by offering your expertise in committees, working groups, conferences and trainings, by suggesting to your colleagues and organisations that they should become members and by letting us know if we are falling short of your expectations.

Tim Chapman

Chair

Introduction to the European Forum for Restorative Justice

The European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) is a non-profit organisation established in 2000. It is based in Leuven (Belgium) and operates according to Belgian law.

Aim

The EFRJ aims to establish and to develop victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices throughout Europe. The EFRJ focuses on the application of restorative justice to criminal matters but other areas, such as family, school and community mediation, are not excluded. The EFRJ does not defend any 'best practice' model of restorative justice but recognises that restorative justice is an evolving approach. **Our goal is that every person in Europe has the right to access restorative justice services, at any time and in any case.**

Objectives

The EFRJ:

- Promotes international information exchange and mutual assistance
- Promotes the development of effective restorative justice policies, services and legislation
- Explores and develops the theoretical basis of restorative justice
- Stimulates research
- Assists in the development of principles, ethics, training and good practice

To realise its aim and objectives, the EFRJ:

- Promotes dialogue between practitioners, policymakers and researchers (including students)
- Supports public education that increases awareness about issues for victims, offenders and the community
- Makes representation to and/or liaises with European and international institutions or organisations, including the Council of Europe, the European Union and relevant non-governmental organisations
- Works to ensure that practice and research inform and support each other, and that these both inform and support policy making, which then informs the work of practitioners

Organisational Structure

Board

The Board of the European Forum for Restorative Justice is composed of **nine volunteer Board members** from eight different countries (in accordance with the Art.28 of the EFRJ Constitution). Four Board members are part of the Executive Committee, responsible for following up the day-to-day running of the EFRJ.

The Annual General Meeting had to vote on two places coming free in the Board as the 2nd term of Michael Kilchling and the 1st term of Tim Chapman ended. The AGM elected Tim Chapman for a second term and Katerina Soulou as a new member of the Board. The composition of the Board after the AGM in Tirana is:

Executive Committee Board Members



Chair
Tim Chapman
Northern Ireland



Secretary
Brunilda Pali
Belgium



Vice-Chair
Annemieke Wolthuis
The Netherlands



Treasurer
Bart Claes
Belgium

Board members



Aarne Kinnunen
Finland



Katerina Soulou
Greece



Roberto Moreno Alvarez
Spain



Patrizia Patrizi
Italy



Lars Otto Justad
Norway

The Secretariat

The General management of the EFRJ and its network lies with the Secretariat in Leuven composed of four part-time employees (Executive Director, Edit Törzs – 80%, Communications and Events Officer, Emanuela Biffi – 80%, Financial and Administrative Officer, Rik Defrère – 40% raised to 50% as of 1 July 2018 and Laura Hein, whom we hired as Administrative Officer 50% as of 1 May 2018). Between 1 March and 30 June Brunilda Pali supported our team to prepare the Tirana conference on a 30% basis as Conference coordinator. The Secretariat is responsible for the full HR, financial, legal administration of the organization, the management of membership, organization of internal meetings, the Annual General Meeting of the members, for planning (annual work plan, timeline) and evaluation (these latter together with the Board). In 2018 two interns assisted our work in the Leuven office, Ellen Eeckelaert from Belgium and Annika Schuurman from the Netherlands and we worked with Inge Vanfraechem on the Implementing RJ with child victims and on the PREPARE projects.

The core team of the Secretariat in 2018:



Executive Director
Edit Törzs



Administrative Officer
Laura Hein



Communications and Events Officer
Emanuela Biffi



Financial and
Administrative
Officer
Rik Defrère



Editorial Committee of the Newsletter

The Editorial Committee of the EFRJ is composed of a team of international experts actively supporting the EFRJ in collecting, selecting and disseminating relevant developments in the field of restorative justice. These developments can relate to practice, but also to research, policy or legislation. As usual, the Editorial Committee produces 3 digital and 1 printed Newsletters per year.

In 2018, the Editorial committee was composed of seven members from five different countries.

Editor: Kerry Clamp (United Kingdom)

Members of the editorial committee include: Branka Peuraca (Croatia), Nicola Preston (United Kingdom), Robert Shaw (United Kingdom), Martin Wright (United Kingdom), Diana Ziedina (Latvia) and Catherine Jaccottet Tissot, replaced during the year by Claudia Christen-Schneider (Switzerland). The Newsletter was coordinated by Emanuela Biffi at the Secretariat.



The Editorial Committee had its annual meeting on 6 December 2018 in Leuven. During the meeting, it approved 4 new members, whose candidature was already reviewed by the EFRJ Board: Olga Kiseleva (Russia), Heidi Jokinen (Finland), Kim Magiera (Germany) and Silvia Randazzo (Italy). As Kerry Clamp decided to finish her role as editor in 2018, it has been decided to have rotating chief editors in 2019. We thank Kerry Clamp the excellent work on the EFRJ Newsletter in the past years.

Training Committee

The Training Committee is mainly assisting the Secretariat in organizing the EFRJ Summer Schools.

The Committee is coordinated by Emanuela Biffi on behalf of the Secretariat. Members of the training committee are:

Lars Otto Justad (Board), Roberto Moreno (Board), Frauke Petzold (Germany), Niall Kearney (UK) and the organising team of the upcoming summer school in 2019 in Gdansk, Poland, i.e. Beata Czarnecka-Dzialuk and Katarzyna Stryjek (local organisers), Belinda Hopkins and Bie Vanseveren (trainers).

Working Group on Values and Standards

In 2017 we launched a new Working Group on Values and Standards for restorative justice.

The group is chaired by Tim Chapman and consists of Monique Anderson (Belgium), Claudia Christen-Schneider (Switzerland), Virginia Domingo (Spain), Belinda Hopkins (UK), Gian Luigi Lepri (Italy) and Diana Ziedina (Latvia).

Based on the work done in 2017, the WG engaged throughout 2018 in developing guidelines on values and standards. The members of the WG coordinated their work by email and skype calls and, those who attended the International EFRJ Conference in Tirana, met for a workshop to present and discuss values and standards of restorative justice practice. In November 2018 a draft version of the [Values and](#)

[Standard Manual](#) was published in the website of the EFRJ. In December 2018 the Board of the EFRJ formally decided to convert the Working Group into a standing Committee.

Membership

The EFRJ is a network organisation offering a common space for a variety of actors engaged or interested in the further development of restorative justice practices and principles. The ultimate goals of collecting and sharing experiences and practices are:

- making information available on RJ developments in Europe;
- raising awareness on restorative justice in different contexts;
- further promoting international cooperation; and
- informing and influencing policy makers.



In addition to promoting a better exchange of information, the EFRJ represents the voices and interests of many different actors trying to bring about a real change in the society through restorative justice approaches. The EFRJ is unique in that it has a heterogeneous membership including policy makers, practitioners, researchers, academics, governments, lawyers and representative of judicial authorities. Answering to the growing interest from young people in our work, the EFRJ lately also introduced a new membership category for students. The EFRJ membership is divided in two general categories:

- Individual members
- Organisational members

According to their legal status, organisations can decide to become member of the EFRJ as: local organisation, non-governmental organisation or governmental organisation. Each member is entitled to decide whether to join the EFRJ as Full Member (with voting rights) or Associate Member (without voting rights).

The membership of the EFRJ is constantly growing. At the 2018 Annual General Meeting in Tirana, 96 new membership applications have been approved:

- **87** new individual members
- **9** new organization members

From June until the end of 2018, the interest to engage in the EFRJ as a member grew as another **46 individuals or organisations applied for membership**. Among those there are 13 new organisational members. These memberships will be formally approved on the AGM in 2019.

Members receive a membership directory with all the contact details of other members. This is an important tool because it allows members to directly communicate with each other and develop national and international cooperation. We also developed a new section of the EFRJ website

(<http://www.euforumrj.org/about-the-forum/organisational-members/>) to introduce our organisational members and give more visibility to them.

In 2018 we continued the work on implementing a contact management system also to be fully in line with the new privacy regulations of the EU (GDPR). Once implemented, it will make the communication and follow up of our members more efficient, which is one of the goals of the EFRJ.

The EFRJ also started working on reviewing its membership policies, which includes the distinction between full and associate members. The purpose is offering more benefits for organizational members in the future and the idea of introducing new membership fees. We will also take into consideration GDPs or other relevant indicators of differences in financial possibilities geographically. The first proposal was presented on the AGM in Tirana and members could comment the proposal in the second half of the year by email. Based on the comments received a second draft will be presented to the AGM in 2019 for approval.

External cooperation

Catholic University of Leuven – Leuven Institute for Criminology

The EFRJ cooperates closely with the KU Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC). The EFRJ grew out of a LINC project in the 1990s and the EFRJ Secretariat is still based in the Institute. Being situated in the KU Leuven LINC building, the EFRJ staff has daily contacts with the LINC researchers working on RJ and related topics and participates in the monthly RJ research line meeting and occasionally co-organises seminars or other events with LINC. The EFRJ and LINC also cooperate in research projects, such as the recently finished, IJJO-coordinated “Implementing restorative justice with child victims” project and Rondpunt-coordinated “Victims of road traffic offences”, or a new project application, RE-JUSTICE on judicial training.

The EFRJ team also takes part in seminars, events and meetings related to restorative justice organised by LINC. The close cooperation with the university enables the EFRJ also to have contacts with students. As an example, on 20 November 2018 Emanuela Biffi gave a class on RJ to about 60 students of the Criminology Master program at KU Leuven. The class was based on two EU funded projects coordinated by the EFRJ in the past years (on access to and awareness about RJ). This close connection with criminology students is valuable also in terms of manpower at the Secretariat; indeed we often receive requests of students willing to join our team for an internship, although we host maximum one per semester.

Criminal Justice Platform Europe

The EFRJ is part of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE), which since 2012 brings together three organisations working in the fields of detention (**EuroPris**), probation (Confederation of European Probation, **CEP**) and restorative justice (**EFRJ**). Our joint vision is reducing reoffending and the impact of crime through improved methods of working with victims, communities and offenders throughout Europe.

The partners in the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE) met three times in 2018:

7 February 2018, Leuven – hosted by the EFRJ – EFRJ represented by Edit Törzs, Executive Director and Annemieke Wolthuis, Vice-Chair

2 July 2018, Barcelona (linked to the CJPE Summer Course) – hosted by CEP - EFRJ represented by Annemieke Wolthuis, Vice-Chair, Edit Törzs, Executive Director and Emanuela Biffi, Communications and Events Officer.

31 October 2018, The Hague – hosted by EuroPris - EFRJ represented by Edit Törzs, Executive Director and Annemieke Wolthuis, Vice-Chair

In 2018, the CJPE put together the second edition of this 4-days Course including plenaries, thematic visits and workshop sessions under the main topic “Radicalisation & Violent Extremist Offenders”. Each CJPE member focused on a different aspect of this main theme, i.e. the characteristics of violent

extremist offenders, alternatives to detention, and restorative approaches to radicalisation. The Course took place at the Center of Legal Studies and Specialized Training in Barcelona on 3-6 July 2018. The Course was attended by 53 participants from 15 different countries.



Each participant could sign up to one of the three parallel workshops. Out of the 53 participants who attended the Course, 13 registered to the series of 6 workshops organized by the EFRJ, “Reimagining Violent Extremism (restoratively)”, delivered by Gema Varona, Claudia Mazzucato and Guido Bertagna. The trainers explored alternative and restorative ways of understanding and responding to radicalization, focusing on two actual experiences, i.e. the actual encounters between victims and combatants of the armed struggle of the 1970-1980s’ Italy (Red Brigades and other armed groups) and members of the ETA separatist group from the Basque country in Spain. These workshops looked at how meetings between these parties have been prepared, organized, conducted and followed up in practice.

In 2018 we also produced an updated leaflet introducing the platform, which is distributed at events of the CJPE partners and can be used in joint lobby activities.

Other cooperation

The EFRJ collaborated with different regional and international organisations in 2018, such as:

- Confederation of European Probation (CEP – partner in the Criminal Justice Platform Europe)
- EuroPris (partner in the Criminal Justice Platform Europe)
- European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)
- International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO)
- Terres des Hommes
- Victim Support Europe
- UNICEF
- OSCE
- Save the Children
- IIRP

In the beginning of the year we were in contact with **Penal Reform International** to organise a joint side-event during the UN Crime Commission in Vienna in May. Later it turned out that only ECOSOC

registered organisations were able to organise a side-event. We explore options to register the EFRJ at ECOSOC.

In 2018 we signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate with the **European Family Justice Center Alliance (EFJCA)**. The EFJCA promotes a new, multi-agency approach to answer the needs of family members involved in domestic violence and child abuse, creating physical spaces with integrated services focusing mostly on victims, but also on offenders. The EFJCA exchanges knowledge, experiences and good practices among its members. Restorative justice is seen as an important approach and in cooperation with the EFRJ this can be further developed.

Activity report 2018

Annual General Meeting 2018

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the EFRJ in 2018 was organized on **13 June 2018**, the evening before of the first day of our international conference in **Tirana**.

This AGM was important as changes on the EFRJ constitution were on the agenda (for the second time, meaning that changes could be voted without the quorum required in the Constitution) as well as election of two new board members.

The meeting was attended by 66 full members and additional 21 full members were represented by proxies. 7 non EFRJ member attended the AGM.



Most important decisions made on the AGM:

1. Approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the last AGM (Berlin)
2. Approval of new membership applications: the AGM approved the membership of 9 organisations (from Italy (2), UK, Norway, Ireland, Czech Republic, Belgium, The Netherlands and Nepal) and 87 individuals.
3. Presentation of Annual report 2017 – approval by members
4. Presentation of Financial report 2017, annual accounts and budget for 2018 – approval by members
5. Report of the Committees and the Values and Standards Working Group
6. Presentation of the six candidates to the Board [Tim Chapman (Northern Ireland), Maia Chochua (Georgia), Kerry Clamp (United Kingdom), Rasim Gjoka (Albania), Olga Kiseleva (Russia), Aikaterina Soulou (France)] and elections. The members elected Tim Chapman (second term) and Aikaterina Soulou as new members of the Board.

7. The Chair presented the Forum 15 project and steps taken in the past years to review the EFRJ constitution. The Secretary presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and summarised the main reasons behind it. There were no questions or comments and the proposed changes were unanimously approved.

8. The Secretary presented the members a proposed reform of the EFRJ membership policy. The document will be sent out for further comments to all members and a proposal to be voted on will be prepared for the next AGM.

After the closure of the AGM we held a small drinks reception.

Board meetings

Meetings of the international board consisting of 9 members are the most important internal meetings at our organisation. We focus on evaluation and strategic decisions to be made on these meetings.

The EFRJ Board met twice in 2018:

- EFRJ Board Meeting I, on 11-13 June 2018 in Tirana (Albania). This meeting was organized the days before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the International EFRJ Conference in Tirana.
- EFRJ Board Meeting II, on 5-6 December 2018 in Leuven (Belgium).



Executive Committee meetings

The Executive Committee of the EFRJ consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and the Executive Director. They meet regularly to discuss operational matters. While regular contacts take place via phone and email, the Executive Committee meets in person two or three times a year.

The Executive Committee met twice in 2018:

- EFRJ Executive Committee Meeting I, on 14 March 2018 in Leuven (Belgium)
During this meeting a few hours session was dedicated solely to the business model development moderated by an external expert.
- EFRJ Executive Committee Meeting II, on 10-11 September 2018 in Leuven (Belgium)

EFRJ 10th International Conference – Tirana 14-16 June 2018

The European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) organized its 10th international conference in Tirana on 14-16 June 2018. The event was hosted by the Albanian Foundation for Conflict Resolution, one of the founding members of the EFRJ, and the Ministry of Justice in Albania, and it was supported by the Justice Programme of the European Commission.

The main theme, **“Expanding the restorative imagination”**, was divided into 3 subthemes to define the topics of the plenaries and to launch the call for the parallel workshop sessions:

1. Restorative intersections with the criminal justice system,
2. Restorative juvenile justice realities and visions,
3. Reimagining restorative justice as a social movement.



The EFRJ invited **8 keynote speakers** for the plenaries: Claudia Mazzucato (Italy), Jonathan Doak and David O'Mahony (UK), Tali Gal (Israel), Stefaan Pleysier (Belgium), Vincenzo Ruggiero (UK), Fania Davis (USA) and Sharon Daniel (USA). Additionally, the programme included a plenary dedicated to the role of international instruments for restorative justice, such as the new CoE Recommendation on RJ in criminal matters, the EU Victims' Directive, the UN Basic Principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters: for this, the team invited as keynote speakers mostly EFRJ members who have been involved in these policy work in the past years: Christa Pelikan, Ian Marder, Robert Friškovec, Katrien Lauwaert and Aarne Kinnunen. The panel was joined also by Jee Aei Jamie Lee on behalf of the UNODC.

The video recording of the **plenaries** are available on the Vimeo channel of the EFRJ: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos>



The programme included 6 workshop sessions over the 3 day conference, each of them composed by 10 or 11 workshops: a total of **63 workshop sessions** were proposed to the audience, from 1 to 3 presentations per workshop. The workshop sessions included a new series of introductory courses presented by the EFRJ team for those participants new in the field.

The participants were all invited to an Opening reception on 14 June, which was offered by the Ministry of Justice of Albania. On the second day of the conference we offered a conference dinner buffet in a

traditional Albanian restaurant Bujtina en Gjellit to all participants. On the last day, the programme included 8 different local visits, on the communist heritage in the city of Tirana and on art and social projects run by local activists.

During the three days of the conference, we provided, for the first time, **live streaming** of the plenaries through our Facebook account. We also hired an artist to attend the conference and make drawings inspired by the plenaries and some workshops.

To get a grasp of the atmosphere and contents, which made this conference a successful one, you can watch **two short films** produced for this event. The first one, “We have a dream”, was shown during the closing plenary and it refers to the atmosphere during the 3 day conference. The second one, “Expanding the restorative imagination”, based on the interviews made, will be launched on the occasion of the international RJ Week in November 2018 and it refers to the EFRJ community and the main ideas shared during the conference. The films, together with all plenaries, are available on the Vimeo channel of the EFRJ: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos>



During our preparatory visits (November 2017 and 5-6 April 2018) and thanks to the intensive local support and preparatory talks, we could raise support also from the OSCE Presence in Albania, Save the Children Albania Country Office, Open Society Foundation for Albania, UNICEF Albania, U.S. Embassy in Tirana, Municipality of Tirana. Most of these sponsors offered support for participants from Eastern European countries to attend the event. The conference attracted **306 registered participants**. A total of **45 countries** were represented in this event. Most participants came from Albania (71), Belgium (34), United Kingdom (24), Norway (23), Italy (19) and The Netherlands (18).

Only 52 participants filled in the evaluation form after the event, either in paper or digital format. 98% expressed to be (very/somewhat) satisfied with all aspects of the conference.

Pre-conference training on Restorative Justice in serious crime cases

As part of the pre-conference programme, the EFRJ organized a 2 day intensive course on restorative justice in serious crime (12-13 June, Tirana), led by Kristel Buntinx (Belgium) and attended by 30 participants from all over the world. This side event was proposed because of the large waiting list we had for the Summer School 2017 in Como, which dealt with the same topic. Participants enjoyed this

possibility to attend an intensive course dedicated to a small group before the conference started and the topic is still quite innovative in many jurisdictions.

European Restorative Justice Award 2018

We celebrated the European Restorative Justice Award during the opening reception of the International Conference in Tirana. With this Award every 2 years the EFRJ recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of restorative justice in Europe. This year a young research group based in Hungary, Foresee was awarded for their positive and active contribution to RJ in the region. More information on the award can be found here: <http://www.euforumrj.org/about-the-forum/2018-european-rj-award/>

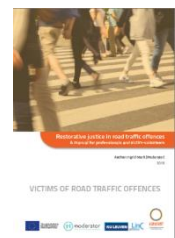


Restorative Justice Week

The International Restorative Justice Week (#RJWeek) took place all over Europe and beyond in the week between 18-25 November 2018. The theme of this RJ week was Inspiring Innovation. The EFRJ organised and coordinated a series of events to celebrate this week with its members:

On the first day of the RJ Week (Sunday 18 November), the EFRJ sent to more than 2400 recipients a **campaign** to officially launch this international event. This Newsflash highlighted all initiatives of the EFRJ and gave the link to the calendar on the website, where people could search for local initiatives.

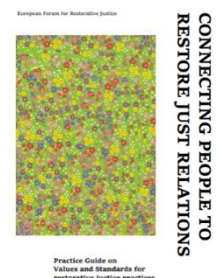
As Sunday 18 November was the first day of the RJ Week and the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (#WDoR2018), the EFRJ launched the manual, report and two digital stories produced by the Flemish RJ service Moderator, organisational member of the EFRJ and partner, together with the EFRJ, in the EU funded project “**Victims of road traffic offences**” (2016-2018). Click here to see these materials:



http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/launch-project-findings-rj-road-traffic-offences/

The EFRJ manual “**Connecting people to restore just relations**” was launched, printed and disseminated in local events during and after the RJ Week. The manual was put together in the past year by the EFRJ Working Group on Values and Standards for RJ, chaired by Tim Chapman, with the aim to offer guidance and support within the field of RJ based on its core principles and values. Click here to download the manual:

<http://www.euforumrj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/EFRJ-Values-and-Standards-manual-to-print-24pp.pdf>



The EFRJ launched a **new film** “**Expanding the restorative imagination**” based on interviews taken during its 10th international conference in Tirana (8 minutes) and subtitled in 15 languages by EFRJ members who volunteered for this task. The film was launched on the EFRJ Vimeo channel on the first

day of the RJ Week. Several people used it as part of the local event they organized for the RJ Week. The film can be watched here: <https://vimeo.com/300252191>

The EFRJ launched **two additional films** during the RJ Week: “Re-storying a terrorist tragedy: The encounter” and “Re-storying a Greek tragedy: Electra meets Clytemnestra”, based on two theatre plays by the Theater of Changes in Greece. For this film materials we especially thank our new Board member Katerina Soulou, who initiated and coordinated this work. Both films are available on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/300712717> and <https://vimeo.com/300748665>

On 19 November in Brussels, the EFRJ launched the **European Restorative Justice Policy Network** (see also below).

The EFRJ launched a **new series of postcards**, based on the artworks of Hybrid Desire, an artist from the UK who joined us in Tirana for drawing the plenaries and some of the workshop sessions. About 30 packages of postcards were sent in the beginning of November for those ones who wished to use them during their local event. For example, a prison chaplain invited prisoners to use the postcards for writing to their families and also the EFRJ Secretariat received postcards from prisoners who wished to share their thoughts about RJ. These drawings were also used to create the EFRJ calendar 2019, which was sent to all organisational members in December.



The calendar on the EFRJ website includes **90 events which took place in 25 different countries** across Europe and beyond during the RJ Week 2018, e.g. meetings, conferences, new books and reports' publications, dinners, street promotional campaigns, lessons, interviews, debates, film screenings, lectures, panel discussions, talks, social media daily news, trainings, theatre plays, sharing of memorable RJ stories. To view the calendar click here: http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_events/2018-11/

Policy oriented work

Creation of the European Restorative Justice Policy Network (ERJPN)

In terms of policy related work, the creation and launch of the European Restorative Justice Policy Network, a new initiative of the EFRJ was clearly the most important achievement in 2018.

The aim of the ERJPN is to bring together representatives of the Ministries dealing with restorative justice (RJ) in each EU member state and beyond:

- to create links across borders;

- to share experiences, reforms, best practices and challenges in member states;
- to make European policy makers aware of new research outcomes, innovative practices and international policy matters regarding restorative justice;
- to learn about needs and how the EFRJ could support the further development of policy;
- to provide a forum for discussion.

The EFRJ aims to facilitate regular contacts within the network and to organise a 1 day event per year.

Out of 35 invited jurisdictions, 24 policy makers of **22 countries** replied positively to our invitation to join the ERJPN, welcoming the creation of this policy network: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany (and Schleswig Holstein), Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain (Catalonia), Sweden and UK (Scotland and Northern Ireland). 24 policy makers from 20 countries joined the launch event in Brussels.



The EFRJ organized the seminar as the launch event of the European Restorative Justice Policy Network (ERJPN) on 19 November 2018 in Brussels, the first day of the International Restorative Justice Week.



In order to prepare the launch event of the policy network we asked the participants to fill in a short questionnaire. One of the questions was about their expectations concerning the European Restorative Justice Policy Network (ERJPN). Most of the participants agreed on the added value of the network as a space to exchange information, best practices and expertise that could serve as inspiration for new reforms and ideas. Several participants expressed their interest to make contacts and build cooperation with policy makers of other countries and to be introduced to relevant research on RJ and to developments in

methodologies and practices. A further point that has been mentioned is that the network could assist in the implementation of RJ services.

While no official meeting took place between the EFRJ and the **European Commission** during 2018, we were honoured that the team leader of DG Justice on Procedural Criminal Law accepted our invitation and addressed the participants of the launch seminar of the European Restorative Justice Policy network with a welcome speech on 19 November 2018. The event also gave us the opportunity to informally discuss on future cooperation.

The most important policy related development in the field was without doubt the adoption, on 3 October 2018 of the **new Council of Europe Recommendation** concerning restorative justice in criminal matters. This is currently the most advanced international document for our field. Our aim for the coming years is to raise awareness on the Recommendation and support its implementation.

The EFRJ, represented by the chair Tim Chapman, director Edit Törzs and founder Ivo Aertsen, had an important consultancy role during the meetings of the Council of Europe PC-CP (Council for Penological Co-operation) and in the exchanges with EFRJ member Ian Marder, the appointed expert for revising the 1999 Recommendation concerning mediation in penal matters.

The Recommendation was discussed on our international conference in Tirana and on the launch event of the new EFRJ initiative, the European Restorative Justice Policy Network.

In 2018, with the expertise provided by Ian Marder from Maynooth University we developed country specific policy briefs for each CoE member states for this aim. The policy briefs will be sent out in 2019, and, where possible, in collaboration with our local organisational members.

Another important policy related initiative from the membership, based on discussions during our international conference in Tirana and initiated after the adoption of the new CoE recommendation was the development of the project “**Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change**”. The project is led by the EFRJ together with two of its members, Ian Marder and Gert Jan Slump and aims at developing restorative justice in ten European countries focusing on the implementation of the new Recommendation and creating actual change at policy level. Without external funding, the project already engaged core groups from ten countries composed of researchers and practitioners, who engaged to organise coordinated activities and build support for the developments needed in each country. More joint and national events are planned in 2019 and beyond.

During our international conference in Tirana, the chair and director had a meeting with the representative and speaker from UNODC, Ms Jee Aei Lee on the ongoing review of the UN Basic principles on restorative justice and the expert input the EFRJ could offer. Later during the year we were invited to take part in an expert meeting organised by UNODC on the review of the UN Handbook on restorative justice, which will take place in 2019.

At the end of 2018 we wrote our comments on the draft revised General Comment no. 10 (2007) on children’s rights in juvenile justice of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Our aim was to reflect current developments and definitions of restorative justice that contribute to child justice. We draw the attention of the CRC on the several legal instruments that outline the international and European standards and safeguards for children and restorative justice as well as on the increasing body of research that demonstrate that both child victims and young offenders benefit from restorative justice approaches. The document was submitted to the CRC on 7 January 2019.

Representation at Conferences and other events

The EFRJ staff and board (and sometimes appointed members) were present in several events in 2018, either as participants and/or speakers/trainers, as listed below in chronological order:

1. 19/01/2018 **Leuven**: EFRJ Director Edit Törzs presented at the KU Leuven Institute of Criminology for a delegation of Chilean criminal justice professionals interested in restorative justice and the EFRJ activities. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-work/
2. 19/01/2018 **Brussels**: Staff member Emanuela Biffi attended the event organised by European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in Brussels to launch FRA's new report on the challenges of civil society. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-work/
3. 09/02/2018 **Budapest**: EFRJ Director Edit Törzs spoke on a conference organised by the Ministry of Justice in Hungary to celebrate the 10th anniversary of introducing victim-offender mediation in the country. <http://www.euforumrj.org/news/efrj-director-budapest/>
4. 11-12/02/2018 **Palermo**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman was one of the speakers in Palermo for the conference organised by our organisational member Associazione Spondé Onlus on victims and restorative communities. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-conference-sicily/
5. 22/02/2018 **London**: EFRJ Board member Brunilda Pali was the guest speaker in an event on Terrorism, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation at Middlesex University http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/terrorism-rj-reconciliation-brunilda-pali/
6. 08-09/03/2018 **Utrecht**: Emanuela Biffi attended and Tim Chapman presented at the ERA seminar on rehabilitation and alternative sanctions to detention for radicalised individuals. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/seminar-rehabilitation-radicalised-individuals/
7. 15-16/03/2018 **Malmö**, Sweden: EFRJ Director Edit Törzs participated on the coordination meeting of the PREPARE project on preventing radicalisation through probation and release, coordinated by EFUS http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/prepare-project-meeting-malmo/
8. 20/03/2018 **Minsk**, Belarus: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman presented at the international conference on restorative juvenile justice organised by UNICEF http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/tim-chapman-rj-belarus/
9. 20/04/2018 **Newry**, UK: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman spoke at the symposium for leaders and policymakers across the island of Ireland "The Case for Restorative Practices in Education" hosted by the Restorative Practices Forum NI and Restorative Practices Ireland. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-irish-island/

10. 29/03/2018 **Den Bosch**, The Netherlands: EFRJ vice-chair Annemieke Wolthuis and organisational member RJ Nederland (RJN) presented and discussed a revised law proposal with a group of national experts on how to include RJ in the new Criminal Procedural Code. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-in-the-netherlands/

11. 11-13/04/2018 **Santiago de Chile**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman presented at the international seminar on RJ for juveniles and gave a RJ workshop for juveniles for about 30 participants including prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges, professionals from the Ministry of Justice, mediators. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/restorative-juvenile-justice-chile/

12. 20/04/2018 **Leuven**: Staff member Emanuela Biffi participated in the organization of the seminar “RJ in road traffic offences: A promising field”, part of a EU-funded project in which the EFRJ is a partner <http://www.euforumrj.org/events/seminar-rj-road-traffic-offences/>

13. 25-27/04/2018 **Kiev**, Ukraine: EFRJ vice-chair Annemieke Wolthuis presented at the conference “Ukrainian Psychiatry in the Fast Changing World” within the panel “Family Conference in the Juvenile Criminal Justice System in Ukraine: does it work and why?”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-vice-chair-ukraine/

14. 30/04-02/05/2018 **Toronto**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman spoke at the conference organised by IIRP Canada on fostering restorative cultures in communities, organizations and systems. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-canada/

15. 14-18/05/2018 **Vienna**: Board member Aarne Kinnunen and member Ian Marder participated to the restorative justice session of the Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

16. 23/05/2018 **Riga**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman met the Minister of Justice of Latvia to support the development of restorative justice with child victims. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-latvia/

17. 23-24/05/2018 **Stockholm**: EFRJ Board member Lars Otto Justad participated on the Victim Support Europe Annual Conference focusing on Reaching out to victims.

18. 22-24/05/2018 **Porto Alegre**, Brazil: EFRJ Secretary Brunilda Pali gave a training in the federal justice department on the application of restorative justice for cyber-crime and sexual violence against children. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-secretary-brazil/

19. 25/05/2018 **London**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman, the editor of the EFRJ Newsletter Kerry Clamp and two of our plenary speakers at the EFRJ conference in Tirana David O’Mahorty and Jonathan Doak, gave a one-day workshop for trainers on new theoretical developments and practices of RJ in criminal justice settings (“Building a New Paradigm: Restorative Justice Training for Trainers”). http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-training-trainers-london/

20. 28-30/05/2018 **Paris**: EFRJ chairs Tim Chapman and Annemieke Wolthuis presented at the 2018 World Congress on Justice for Children “Strengthening Justice Systems for Children: Challenges, including disengagement from violent extremism”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/world-congress-justice-children/
21. 04/06/2018 **Bilbao**: EFRJ Board member Roberto Moreno moderated the International Seminar for Restorative Justice and Prison where also a EFRJ member presented, Jorge Ollero from the Federación Enlace in Sevilla. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/seminar-rj-prison-bilbao/
22. 18-19/06/2018 **Madrid**: EFRJ Board member Roberto Moreno presented on behalf of the Director of Justice of the Basque country Dolores de Juan de Miguel at the training on mediation for the magistrates of the Regional and Autonomous Communities Court http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-board-member-madrid/
23. 19/06/2018 **Amsterdam**: EFRJ vice chair Annemieke Wolthuis and her colleagues of RJN presented the new version of the Dutch law proposal on restorative approaches for the criminal procedural law. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-vice-chair-amsterdam/
24. 20/06/2018 **Breda**: EFRJ treasurer Bart Claes gave the academic lecture “Prison talk: a conversation between perpetrator and victim” focusing on his research conducted in prisons in Belgium and UK on the positive effects of dialogue between perpetrators and victims in prison. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-board-member-breda/
25. 18-22/06/2018 **Belfast**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman delivered the intensive course “Foundation Skills” offering participants the opportunity to learn the skills required to facilitate restorative conferences and restorative circles. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chairs-intensive-course/
26. 21-23/06/2018 **Rome**: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi participated in the national congress “Il contributo dell’orientamento e del counselling all’agenda 2030”, organising a workshop on the importance of active inclusion for the well-being of individuals and communities and giving a speech on the contribution of legal psychology and restorative practices to direct and give counseling in cases involving vulnerable groups. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-board-member-rome/
27. 22/06/2018 **Leuven**: The EFRJ staff attended the doctoral seminar of the former executive officer of the EFRJ, Monique Anderson, PhD candidate at the KU Leuven Institute of Criminology, on how children who are sexually harmed by peers make sense of being sexually victimised and how they experience their justice needs. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-leuven/

28. 26/06/2018 **Brussels**: Staff member Laura Hein attended the seminar on human rights and transitional justice in Afghanistan, organised by our colleagues from the KU Leuven Institute of Criminology (Research Line on Human Rights and Transitional Justice) in cooperation with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-staff-brussels/

29. 27-29/06/2018 **Utrecht**: EFRJ secretary Brunilda Pali attended the international conference on Cultural and Global Criminology “Global Issues, Cultural Perspectives”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-secretary-utrecht/

30. 28-29/06/2018 **Trier**: The EFRJ disseminated its materials, as no one could finally attend, the ERA seminar “Countering Terrorism and Preventing Radicalisation in Detention”, part of a project we are partners in. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/seminar-radicalisation-detention/

31. 3-4/07/2018 **Manchester**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman, the editor of the EFRJ Newsletter Kerry Clamp and two of our plenary speakers at the EFRJ conference in Tirana David O’Mahony and Jonathan Doak, organised a two-day event for police officers on new developments in restorative justice policing (“Building a New Paradigm: Enhancing Restorative Policing”). http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-policing-event-manchester/

32. 29-31/08/2018 **Sarajevo**: Staff member Laura Hein, Secretary Brunilda Pali and board member Aarne Kinnunen attended the Eurocrim2018, the 18th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology entitled “Crimes Against Humans and Crimes Against Humanity”. The 2018 Annual Lecture of the International Journal of Restorative Justice was held during the European Society of Criminology conference in Sarajevo on 30 August. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/ijrj-annual-lecture-2018/

33. 13/09/2018 **Dublin**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman attended the Justice Conference 2018: “Shaping the future criminal justice system” where he presented on Placing Restorative Justice at the heart of the System. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-justice-conference-2018/

34. 15/09/2018 **Rome**: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi led a one-day seminar for psychologists of the region of Lazio about justice and restorative practices for the well-being of communities. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-seminar-italian-psychologists/

35. 19-20/09/2018 **Madrid**: EFRJ Board members Tim Chapman and Roberto Moreno, together with our members Gemma Varona and Ivo Aertsen, took part of the international congress on RJ “Justice for Victims”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-board-madrid-international-congress/

36. 5-7/10/2018 **Helsinki**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman presented at the national mediation conference in Finland “Trends in RJ in Europe”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-finnish-mediation-conference/
37. 8-10/10/2018 **Caen**: EFRJ staff Emanuela Biffi together with our consultant Inge Vanfraechem attended a monitoring and evaluation visit organised in the framework of the IJJO coordinated “Implementing restorative justice with child victims” project. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-caen-child-victims-rj/
38. 12/10/2018 **Brussels**: EFRJ staff Laura Hein attended a Roundtable meeting organized by Victim Support Europe for international organisations working on victims related issues.
39. 19/10/2018 **Lisbon**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman presented on international practices of RJ at the conference “Justiça Restaurativa, Desafios e Oportunidades” organised by the Instituto Superior de Ciencias Sociais e Politicas at the university of Lisbon. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-lisbon/
40. 23-25/10/2018 **Wellington, New Zealand**: The EFRJ chair Tim Chapman and treasurer Bart Claes presented on RJ in prison at the conference ““Effective and Humane”: Restorative and Māori Justice Approaches to the Prison Crisis”, respectively as plenary speaker and workshop presenter. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-new-zealand/
41. 30/10/2018 **Rome**: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi presented in a seminar part of the series of national training programme entitled “Mediation, reparation and reconciliation. The community facing the challenge of restorative justice”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-seminar-rome-board-member/
42. 31/10/2018 **Pisa**: Staff member Emanuela Biffi presented to a group of 60 local stakeholders the EFRJ involvement in the project “Kintsugi: Exchange of European Good Practices on Restorative Justice”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/kick-off-meeting-kintsugi-project/
43. 5/11/2018 **Lugano**: Staff member Emanuela Biffi represented the EFRJ during the event “Giustizia riparativa: realtà e prospettive per la Svizzera”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-swiss-rj-event/
44. 5/11/2018 **Canoas, Brazil**: EFRJ Board member Katerina Soulou gave a presentation during the international event “O Direito no Mundo: perspectivas comparadas” in the center Ceadip – Centro de Estudos Aplicados em Direito e Política in LaSalle University. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/comparative-law-event-brazil/
45. 7/11/2018 **Padova**: EFRJ Board members Patrizia Patrizi and Brunilda Pali presented at the International Conference “Restorative Approach and Social Innovation: From Theoretical

Grounds to Sustainable Practices”, respectively as plenary speaker and workshop presenter.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/board-member-rj-conference-italy/

46. 7/11/2018 **Roma**, radio: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi’s radio interview on RJ was broadcasted in Radio Roma Capitale (FM 93.00).
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/radio-interview-rj/
47. 7-9/11/2018 **Berlin**: The EFRJ chair Tim Chapman (presenter) and staff member Laura Hein participated in the 17th Forum for Victim Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice organised by our organisational member TOA entitled “The strength of those involved: Self-determination instead of neediness”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rj-conference-berlin/
48. 14/11/2018 **Ireland**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman gave a presentation for the Wexford Restorative Practices Partnership entitled: “Embedding Restorative Practices in Criminal Justice Organisations: The Challenges”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-ireland/
49. 15-16/2018 **Paris**: EFRJ Director Edit Törzs attended the international conference ‘One safe place for Hope and Empowerment’ on the development of a multidisciplinary approach of gender-based violence and domestic violence in a Family Justice Center.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-team-efjca-conference/
50. 18/11/2018 **Maastricht**: EFRJ vice-chair Annemieke Wolthuis, together with RJ Nederland, participated in a series of events celebrating the RJ Week.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/netherlands-rjn-newsflash/
51. 19/11/2018 **Belfast**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman attended the screening of “The Meeting”, released across the Irish island’s main cinemas in Autumn.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/northern-ireland-film-screening-meeting/
52. 20/11/2018 **Bogota, Colombia**: EFRJ Board member Roberto Moreno was invited to Colombia as the international expert for a seminar on RJ and prisons and he visited the prison “La Modelo” where he took part in the prison radio programme.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/colombia-seminar-rj-prisons/
53. 20/11/2018 **Leuven**: Staff member Emanuela Biffi gave a RJ class to the students following the course on RJ delivered by prof. Ivo Aertsen as part of the Master programme in criminology at KU Leuven. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/belgium-rj-class/
54. 20-22/11/2018 **Parma**: EFRJ Board members Tim Chapman and Patrizia Patrizi presented on Restorative Communities during the festival “CantierEducare 2018”.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-chair-restorative-communities-parma-italy/

55. 21-29/11/2018 **Sassari and Nuchis**: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi organized a series of RJ events, including film screenings, book presentations and a restorative conference for the RJ Week. Also Brunilda Pali joined one of the activities as a visiting scholar. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/sardinia-events-rj-week/
56. 22/11/2018 **Leuven**: Staff member Rik Defrere and intern Annika Schuurman attended the annual event “Trefdag”, this year on citizens & restorative justice, organized by our organizational member Moderator. Director Edit Törzs and Emanuela Biffi joined for the lunch break. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/rjweek-trefdag-citizens-rj/
57. 22/11/2018 **Breda**: EFRJ treasurer Bart Claes presented at the launch event of “K.I.N.D. – Kind, Ouder & Detentie”, a centre providing knowledge, advice and training to professionals working with children and young people with parent in detention. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/netherlands-event-children-prisoners/
58. 23/11/2018 **international**: EFRJ Board members Brunilda Pali and Katerina Soulou co-organized an international Skype call between researchers and practitioners working on RJ. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/worldwide-international-skype-meeting/
59. 29/11/2018 **Malaga**: EFRJ chair Tim Chapman attended the meeting of the EU funded project “Preventing radicalisation through probation and release – PREPARE”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/malaga-prepare-project-meeting/
60. 01/12/2018 **Ferrara**: EFRJ Board member Patrizia Patrizi presented in a seminar on RJ focusing on its values, criteria, main developments in the international field and specifying the difference between the paradigm and the possible operative variations. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/italy-rj-seminar-ferrara/
61. 7/12/2018 **Brussels**: Staff members, as well as several Board members, attended the IJJO conference on RJ and child victims. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/conference-rj-child-victims/
62. 11/12/2018 **Brussels**: Staff members Emanuela Biffi and Laura Hein attended the conference “Facing all the facts” on hate crime and hate speech. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/brussels-conference-hate-crime/
63. 13/12/2018 **Canoas, Brazil**: EFRJ Board member Katerina Soulou gave a presentation on RJ and terrorism, focusing on the Italian and Spanish experiences of our members. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/efrj-board-member-brazil/
64. 13/12/2018 **Poznan**: EFRJ Board member Lars Otto Justad was invited as plenary speaker and trainer for the conference: “Mediation as a part of Civil Dialogue”. http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/poland-conference-mediation/

65. 15/12/2018 **Rome:** EFRJ Board members Tim Chapman and Patrizia Patrizi presented at the study day “Giustizia e Pratiche Riparative per una Comunità del Benessere” at the faculty of medicine and psychology of the University Sapienza.
http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_event/italy-rj-study-day-rome/

Besides attending these events, leaflets and other materials of the EFRJ were distributed at other conferences and events attended by our partners and members.

Information provision

The EFRJ Secretariat deals with more than 300 requests a year for information, cooperation in activities and projects, dissemination of research findings and video materials in the field of RJ. This is usually done via emails, social media and phone calls. From time to time, the EFRJ Secretariat receives visitors (national or international) who make use of the RJ archive at the LINC institute.

Dissemination

The EFRJ aims to disseminate information on new RJ developments, research outcomes, events and trainings. We do it through our website, printed materials, social media, events and our regular electronic Newsflashes. As partner in different EU funded projects, the EFRJ also supported the dissemination of the project results.

The EFRJ **website** includes a section for its latest publications, available to be downloaded for free. In 2018 we extended our online resource center with the following publications (<http://www.euforumrj.org/publications/research-reports/>):

- Practice guide of the project Implementing Restorative Justice with Child Victims (available in 7 languages)
- EFRJ Values and Standards Manual
- Manual, report and digital stories of the Victims of road traffic offences project

On the EFRJ website, the list of films and documentaries on RJ and related topics is constantly updated. In 2018, the list includes the 3 new films the EFRJ launched for the RJ week and many others proposed by our members.

In 2018 we also worked on the concept of a new website, visual style and logo. Since it takes quite some decisions and budget, work on these still continues in 2019.

In addition to all the new resources published on the EFRJ website, the EFRJ makes large use of its social media to further disseminate events, project proposals, research findings, etc.

Social media

In 2018, the EFRJ continued to use its social media (mostly Facebook and Twitter) to announce events, disseminate new publications, share pictures, etc. The audience reached via social media goes beyond the EFRJ membership and beyond the RJ community, reaching professionals and laypeople interested in social justice, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, non-violent communication, etc. As in the EFRJ Newsflash, social media offers the space for communications which are not strictly EFRJ-related or related to its members.

Our number of followers on Facebook grew from 1996 to 2588 in 2018 and on Twitter this rate also grew with about 25% in 2018. At the end of 2017 we re-launched the LinkedIn company page which counts by the end of 2018 239 followers and created an Instagram account (not active in 2018). You can access our most used social media on the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/euforumrj/>

<https://twitter.com/EuForumRJ>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/european-forum-for-restorative-justice-efrj/>

Vimeo got much more attention in 2018 because we published the video recordings of all plenary sessions of the EFRJ conference in Tirana (which received between 20 and 120 plays each), as well as two films related to this event (one screened during the last plenary, the other one during the RJ Week in November) and two more films based on Greek theatre plays relevant for RJ (also launched for the RJ Week).

The film most played in 2018 is “We have a dream”, based on the experience of the conference in Tirana (1197 plays), followed by the trailer of “A Conversation”. All video materials of the EFRJ can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/user59651192>

The **calendar of events** on the EFRJ website includes

- events organized by the EFRJ;
- events where the EFRJ is a partner in the organization;
- events where the EFRJ team (Board, Staff, or a representative within the membership appointed by the team) is invited to present;
- events attended by the EFRJ team (Board or Staff);
- events where our video materials are screened (e.g. “A Conversation”, “Expanding the restorative imagination”)
- launch of new RJ materials on a given day or week (e.g. during the European Victims Day, or the International Day Against Gender Violence, etc.)

In 2018 the calendar on the EFRJ website included 116 events (102 in 2017). This can be viewed here: http://www.euforumrj.org/euforum_events/

Additionally we printed a **calendar** for the year 2019 with the artworks of Hybrid Desire during the EFRJ conference in Tirana, which includes the events organized by the EFRJ in 2019: this was disseminated to organizational members of the EFRJ in December.



Additionally to the above activities, we received still many requests to screen the film “**A Conversation**” launched during the International RJ Week in 2017. We ask the organisers that the screenings are followed by discussions, for which we provide a guideline.

Screenings were supported in 2018 in Amsterdam, Embrun, Oslo, Sassari, Gdansk, Sofia, Nimes, Warsaw, Mexico City, Tromso, Rome, Torun, Firenze, Tallin, Narva, Lyon, Riga and Trento.

Newsflash

Since 2013, the EFRJ sends regular updates on events, publications, and inspiring projects or talks to a larger RJ community, which goes beyond the EFRJ membership. Thanks to the amount of information received from our members or followers, the Secretariat continued to send two (instead of one) Newsflashes per month also in 2018. The number of recipients increased from 2289 (in 2017) to 2469 by the end of 2018. All EFRJ Newsflashes are saved on the EFRJ website: <http://www.euforumrj.org/publications/newsflashes/>

In addition, occasionally we sent out special editions of the EFRJ Newsflash to inform about specific issues or activities.

Newsletter



The EFRJ Editorial Committee, coordinated by the EFRJ Secretariat (Emanuela Biffi since 2016), collaborated throughout the year to publish three digital editions (March, July, September) and a printed (December) of the EFRJ Newsletter.

As usual, the EFRJ Newsletter includes a collection of non-academic articles in the field of RJ and the regular article ‘News from the EFRJ team’ which updates members about EFRJ-related issues (in March and September only). The printed edition, which is a collection of the best articles published in the digital Newsletters, is used for dissemination in events organised by the EFRJ and its key-partners. Organisational members received the printed Newsletter by regular mail during the winter holidays together with the EFRJ calendar 2019. All editions are available on the EFRJ website: <http://www.euforumrj.org/publications/newsletters/>

Projects

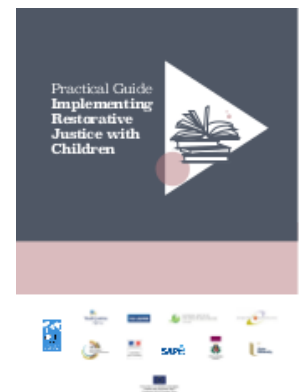
Since few years now the EFRJ does not initiate own (action) research projects, as we would like to focus on translating research outcomes to policy and practice. Still we find project cooperation a great way to extend our knowledge, our network, to focus on certain unexplored areas or new topics and to support the work of the field by giving access to our European network or expertise and by sharing project outcomes for the benefit of the field. By some of the projects we also try to implement the idea of restorative justice within fields, where this is not a mainstream approach.

Ongoing projects (EFRJ as partner) in 2018:

Implementing restorative justice with child victims (Feb 2017-Jan 2019)– Coordinated by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory

Throughout this project the EFRJ was in a co-coordination role and part of the Steering Committee, as well as provided expert input, contributed to the development of a practice guide and an online training on RJ for child victims, took part in the monitoring and evaluation of local pilots in 3 countries (Bulgaria, France, Latvia), was responsible for the translation of the practical guide to German and Dutch, had various roles in dissemination, and co-organised the final conference of the project in December 2018 in Brussels.

<https://www.oijj.org/en/implementingrj-introduction>



PREPARE - Preventing radicalisation through Probation and Release (Oct 2017-Sept 2019) – Coordinated by the European Forum for Urban Security

The EFRJ is part of the Steering Committee, provides expert input on restorative justice related to radicalisation and delivered a short desk research on the state of the art in Belgium and in the UK this year. <https://efus.eu/en/topics/risks-forms-of-crime/radicalisation/public/14239/>

Victims of Road Traffic Offences (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) – Coordinated by Rondpunt

As associate partner we provided expert advice for research, for the practical tools developed, co-organised a seminar in Leuven and supported the project dissemination.

<https://rondpunt.be/projecten/eu-project-victims-of-road-traffic-offences/eu-project-victims-of-road-traffic-offences/>

Enhancing Cross-border Mutual Legal Assistance and Recognition of Decisions in Countering Terrorism and Preventing Radicalisation in Detention (Dec 2016-Sept 2018) – Coordinated by ERA

As associate partner we gave input on potential speakers and trainers for the trainings organised on the topic by ERA and supported the dissemination. <https://www.era-comm.eu/radicalisation/index.html>

Strafrechtmediation: Geborgd in kwaliteit - Dutch project on quality standards for mediators

As associate partner the EFRJ supports the project by sharing available quality standards from Europe and its work and publication on values and standards for restorative justice.

An Italian development organisation, CEFA expressed interest to collaborate with the EFRJ in their project on **developing RJ in Kenya**. The EFRJ supported this project with inputs on training, sharing its practice guides and contacts in Africa with the researcher in the project for a mapping of existing RJ programmes and initiatives on the continent.

New projects started in 2018:

KINTSUGI (Erasmus+) – Exchange of European Good Practices on Restorative Justice (Oct 2018-Sept 2020) – Coordinated by WELCOME a.p.s.

The EFRJ is part of the Steering Committee, delegates participants and supports the trainings organised throughout the project, as well as the organisation of a final conference and dissemination of the project.

New project applications in 2018:

In 2018 we were approached by more than 10 international and national organisations as well as by research institutes to be partner in their projects and grant applications related to restorative justice. We find it an important impact of our work that interest in new projects on RJ develops and the EFRJ is seen as a potential partner and source of expertise by many.

Also, we collect the research and project interests of our members and we try to link them with each other to support collaboration. At the moment we have 14 interested organisations on our list, looking for project partners or funding opportunities on various restorative justice related topics.

In 2018, finally, the following project applications were submitted with the EFRJ as partner:

EXIT Europe - ISFP-2017-AG-RAD Coordinator: Austrian Ministry of Interior - Office for the Protection of the Constitution and Counterterrorism, duration: 24 months – role of the EFRJ: input on restorative justice methods for exit workers – *Granted*

REACH - Restorative Justice for anti-LGBT hate crimes: innovative paths for preventing, responding and repairing homo- and transphobia – Coordinator: University of Barcelona – department of Social Anthropology, duration: 24 months – role of the EFRJ: Mapping, identification of RJ programmes for hate crime, dissemination, training course development and training – *Re-submitted*

i-Restore - Better Protecting Child Victims Rights through Restorative Justice, Coordinator: Terre des Hommes Hungary, duration: 24 months – role of the EFRJ: Research on laws, policies, projects, research

on the topic and map trainings and capacities – focus on Albania, Romania and Greece; consultation methodology with key stakeholders; providing trainings and organizing study visits - *Granted*

In To-Axe – Integrated tools Against Xenophobia, Coordinator: ITACA, duration: 24 months – role of the EFRJ: support to set up a local mediation center, training, conference – *Rejected*

RE-JUSTICE: Sustainable training in a challenging field, Coordinator: KU Leuven, duration: 24 months – role of the EFRJ: Developing training of judges and prosecutors on RJ, assistance in international seminar - *Granted*

Financial Report 2018

EFRJ 2017 - 2018 Financials		
	2017	2018
Profit and loss accounts		
Operational Costs	-142.112,23	-153.709,11
Staff Costs	-111.342,77	-152.068,97
Financial Costs		-5.001,43
Other costs	-649,25	0,00
Depreciations	-294,45	-378,96
Exceptional costs	-27,39	0,00
Total Costs	-254.426,09	-311.158,47
Core Income	36.471,60	72.708,31
Various Grants	24.830,45	11.738,47
Financial Income	0,00	3.327,35
EC-Operating Grant	178.565,46	219.819,20
EC-Child Victims Project	0,00	11.912,69
EC- Prepare Project	0,00	3.168,00
Total Income	239.867,51	322.674,02
Result of the year	-14.558,58	11.515,55

Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets	0,00	769,33
Amounts receivable -1Y	790,50	0,00
Liquid Assets	230.943,27	536.897,02
Transitory accounts	1.349,76	0,00
Total Assets	233.083,53	537.666,35
Capital and Reserves	212.377,93	212.377,93
Result 2017		11.515,55
Amounts Payable -1y	18.620,60	20.940,98
Transitory accounts	2.085,00	292.831,89
Total Liabilities	233.083,53	537.666,35