



Ministerie van Veiligheid en Justitie

European Network on Victims' Rights

Background

- Victim policy one of the pillars of Ministry of Justice and Security
- Establishment European Network on Victims' Rights under the Dutch Presidency
- Action Grand from the EC
- First meeting 19 February 2016
- Together with our partners France, Ireland and Slovakia and later Hungary

Fundamental Rights EU

- Directive compensation to crime victims (2004)
- Directive European Protection order (2011)
- Regulation on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters (2013)
- Directive minimum standards rights, support and protection of victims of crime (2012)

Yet..

- Although in theory all victims have these rights, in practice they often can't exercise them
- Not in their country of origin
- Or in cross-border cases

Solution

- Establishment of an EU network for policy officers of “relevant authorities” (they have oversight)
- Who can exchange knowledge and best practices and discuss dilemma’s
- To improve the position of the victim in the EU,
 - a. in their own country
 - b. in cross-border cases
- By helping with the implementation of the EU directive
- And facilitating cooperation in cross-border cases

Meetings

- 19 Feb '16 Amsterdam (kick off)
- 21 Nov '16 Bratislava
- May '17 Paris

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Plenary Session I

Introduction

- **Mr. Ard van der Steur**, Minister of Security and Justice of the Netherlands
- **Ms. Věra Jourová**, EU Commissioner Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
- **Ms. Jiménez-Becerril Barrío**, Member of the European Parliament

Presentations

- **Ms. Aimée Metselaar** about her experience as a victim
- **Mr. João Lázaro**, President *Victim Support Europe*
- Update of important issues in the area of victims' rights (European Commission)

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- Workshop 1: Individual Assessment - Prof. Dr. Silvia Allegrezza (University of Luxembourg)
- Workshop 2: Provision of information and the training of professionals - Prof. Dr. Marc Groenhuijsen (University of Tilburg, The Netherlands)
- Workshop 3: Cross-border cases - Dr. Anna Wergens (Umeå University, Sweden)

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Plenary Session I

Introduction

- **Mr Michal Kotlárík** *General Director of the International Law Department, Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic*
- **Mr Stanislav Gaňa** *Director of the Legislation and Pardons Department, Office of the President of the Slovak Republic*
- **Ms Janka Šípošová** *Advisor to the Member of the Parliament/Lecturer at Police Academy (Former Director of Victim Support Slovakia)*

Presentations

- Victim's Needs when providing information
Mr Levent Altan *Executive Director of Victim Support Europe*
- The European Judicial Network - next steps towards improving Victim's Rights
Mr Ola Löfgren *Secretary of the European Judicial Network in criminal matters*
- Victim's Access to Information
Mr Albin Dearing *Programme Manager Research, Fundamental Rights Agency*

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- **Workshop 1: Complementarity between the European Network on Victims' rights and the European Judicial Network**
- **Workshop 2: European e-Justice Portal as a one-stop-shop on access to information for all victims of all crimes**
- **Workshop 3: Psycho-social and Legal Court Assistance for Victims in Austria and Germany**

Plenary Session II

- Latest developments in the area of victims' rights: Information from the European Commission

Paris agenda

Main theme: victims of terrorist attacks

- **Plenary session**
- **Workshop 1: Preparing victims' services**
- **Workshop 2: Cross border victims**
- **Workshop 3: Minors as victim**

Continuation

- Another Action Grand for two more years
- Same support group, Hungary in the lead
- Finding a 'permanent home'