ACCESS TO MEDIATION
FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WARSAW, 22nd MAY 2015

VENUE: POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, STASZIC PALACE, NOWY ŚWIAT 72, MIRROR HALL, 1st FLOOR
European Forum for Restorative Justice

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

10.00 - 11.30

**Opening of the Conference** – Prof. dr hab. Władysław Czapliński, Director of the Institute of Law Studies and Dr Michael Kilchling, EFRJ Chair

**Session I - Restorative justice in cases of domestic violence. Findings of the research project**
- Annemieke Wolthuis, Verwey Jonker Institute, EFRJ Vice-Chair

11.30 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30

**Session II - Developments of mediation in domestic violence cases in Poland (panel discussion)**

**Introduction** – Beata Czarnecka-Działuk, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Panelists:** Magdalena Grudziecka (Mediator), Barbara Pawlak (Researcher), Grzegorz Wrona (Barrister)
Tomasz Pronobis (Judge), Tomasz Mielczarek (Public Prosecutor)

13.30 – 14.30 – Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00

**Session III - Attitudes to the access of mediation in domestic violence cases**

“What happens if you just do it? On the empowerment of women and on the (small) chance of making men ‘better” – Christa Pelikan, Institute for the Sociology of Law and Criminology (IRKS), Wien

“Possibilities and challenges of mediation in domestic violence cases - experiences from practice” – Frauke Petzold, Waage Institute, Hannover

“Experience with mediation in domestic violence cases in Spain” (title to be confirmed) – Patricia Esquidas, University of Granada

Discussion

16.00 – 16.15

**Summary, feedback on possible concerns raised, political outlook, good practices, safeguards**
- Christa Pelikan, Institute for the Sociology of Law and Criminology (IRKS), Wien

**Closing** – Beata Czarnecka-Działuk, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences