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International Seminar

The role of the judiciary in the application of restorative justice: challenges, lessons learnt and ways forward

This International Seminar is organised by KU Leuven Institute of Criminology in the context of the RE-JUSTICE Project on Judicial Training in Restorative Justice, co-funded by the European Commission (project JUST-JTRA-EJTR-AG-2018 no 854042) – Click here to see the dedicated [website](#).

When: 30th March 2022 (full day) and 31st March (half day)

Where: hybrid – KU Leuven and online (the link to the event will be shared closed to the day)

Language: English

Registration: please register here <https://www.euforumrj.org/en/events/role-judiciary-application-restorative-justice>

PROGRAMME

Day 1
30th March 2022, KU Leuven and online

Chair: Ivo Aertsen, Emeritus Prof. of Criminology at KU Leuven

- 9.30 – 10.00 *Coffee & registration of the participants*
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Opening and introduction to the Seminar**
Speakers: Reine Meylaerts, KU Leuven Vice-Rector
Wojciech Postulski, EU Commission, DG Justice, Unit on General criminal law and judicial training
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Introduction to the RE-JUSTICE project and to the seminar**
Speakers: Monique Anderson and Silvia Randazzo, RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 12.15 **The challenges in the intersections between criminal justice and restorative justice**
Speakers (online):
Public Prosecutor Marco Scuccimarra, Saint-Etienne, France
Judge Maria Leijten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 12.15 – 12.45 **Restorative justice and the role of the judiciary: a European perspective**
Speaker: Ian Marder, Assistant Professor in Criminology, School of Law and Criminology – Maynooth University
- 12.45 – 13.00 **Q&A session**
- 13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*
- 14.00 – 14.45 **Roundtable discussion: the challenges in the intersections between criminal justice and restorative justice and the role of the judiciary**
The Roundtable is moderated by Ivo Aertsen (KU Leuven), with discussion among Ian Marder (Maynooth University), Claudia Mazzucato (Catholic University, Milan), Katrien Lauwaert (Moderator) and Annemieke Wolthuis (Restorative Justice Nederland and substitute youth judge)
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Q&A session**

- 15.00 – 15.20 **Identifying and addressing those challenges: the importance of judicial training on restorative justice**
Speaker (online): Tim Chapman, Chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice
- 15.20 – 15.50 **The RE-JUSTICE needs assessment and training package**
Speakers: Monique Anderson and Silvia Randazzo, RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven
- 15.50 – 16.10 *Coffee break*
- 16.10 – 17.10 **Notes from the field: RE-JUSTICE achievements and video documentaries**
From Greece: Aristotle University, Thessaloniki (UATH)
From Italy: Catholic University, Milan (UCSC)
From Spain: University Carlos III, Madrid (UC3M and CGPJ)
17. 10 – 17.20 **Q&A session**
- 17.20 – 17.30 **Closing remarks**
Ivo Aertsen, Emeritus Professor of Criminology at the University of Leuven (Belgium)

Day 2
31st March 2022, KU Leuven and online

Chair: Katrien Lauwaert, Policy coordinator at Moderator Forum for Restorative Justice and Mediation (Belgium)

- 8.30 – 9.00 *Coffee & registration of the participants*
- 9.00 – 9.10 **Opening and introduction to the day**
Speakers: Monique Anderson & Silvia Randazzo – RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven
- 9.10 – 9.45 **Key-note speech: Judicial Training on Restorative Justice**
Speakers: Judge Patricia McNamara and Public Prosecutor Maria del Carmen de la Fuente Mendez, representatives of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
- 9.45 – 10.30 **Judiciary training on restorative justice: The RE-JUSTICE training piloting in Italy, Spain and Greece**
Speakers from the Italian School for Magistrates and Catholic University, Milan; from the Spanish School for Magistrates and University Carlos III, Madrid; and from the Greek School for Magistrates and the Aristotle University, Thessaloniki
- 10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45 – 11.30 **Roundtable discussion on Judicial training on restorative justice: the ways forward**
Roundtable moderated by Edit Törzs (EFRJ), and discussion among representatives from the judiciary from Italy, Spain, Greece and the EJTN
- 11.30 – 11.40 **Q&A session**
- 11.40 – 11.55 **Closing remarks**
Speaker: Antony Pemberton, Professor of Restorative Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology and Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR) in Amsterdam
- 11.55 – 12.00 **Greetings and closure of the event**