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Best Practices in Victims' Support: Referrals, Information, Individual Assessment (VICToRIIA)

Final Conference

Thursday 20th February 2020

10.30 – 16.30

Permanent Representation of Romania
to the European Union
Avenue de Cortenbergh 107, 1000 Brussels

Agenda

10.00	<p>Arrival of participants</p> <p>Registration and coffee</p>
10.30	<p>Welcome words</p> <p>H.E. Mrs Luminița Teodora Odobescu, Ambassador, Permanent representative of Romania to the European Union</p> <p>Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania</p> <p>Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe</p>
11.00 – 12.15	<p>Session 1 – Introduction to the Victoriia project and presentation of national barriers in implementing the Victims' Rights Directive</p> <p>Understanding victims' needs and the importance of provision of information, referral and individual needs assessment in accessing support – Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe</p> <p>Objectives of the project and methodology – Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania</p> <p>Barriers in the implementation of the EU Victims' Rights Directive in Lithuania, Romania, Portugal and Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania • Cezara David, Anti-discrimination Programme Manager, Center for Legal Resources • Marta Carmo, Project Officer, APAV

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12.15 – 13.00	<p>Session 2 – European good practices in information provision, referral and individual needs assessment</p> <p>How to best provide information to victims? The example of Infovictims – Frederico Marques, Chief Operations Officer, APAV</p> <p>Importance of cooperation between police and victim support in referral mechanism – Alex Sas, Policy advisor, Victim Support Netherlands</p> <p>Individual needs assessment during the first contact with victims – Caroline Birkett, Head of Service, Victim Support England and Wales</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Session 3 – Victims’ journey: Presentation of practical solutions to ensure victims’ access to support</p> <p>Provision of information: Online presentations of mapping and information package – Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania & Andrea Poltronieri, Psychologist and researcher, Associazione Libra Onlus</p> <p>Referral manual: definitions, core solutions to achieve referral & practical implementation – Cezara David, Anti-discrimination Programme Manager, Center for Legal Resources & Marta Carmo, Project Officer, APAV</p> <p>Individual needs assessment guidelines: how to best identify victims’ needs through an effective intake process – Léa Meindre-Chautrand, Policy Officer, Victim Support Europe</p>
15.00 – 15.20	Coffee break
15.20 – 16.20	<p>Session 4 – Looking into the future: next actions for partners and EU perspective</p> <p>What are the steps for partners and Member States after VICToRIIA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania • Cezara David, Anti-discrimination Programme Manager, Center for Legal Resources • Frederico Marques, Chief Operations Officer, APAV • Mauro Bardi, Criminal lawyer and criminologist, Associazione Libra Onlus <p>Strengthening victims’ rights in the EU: time for a EU Victims Strategy – Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, Team Leader, DG Justice European Commission & Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe</p>
16.20 – 16.30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Algimantas Čepas, Director, Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania</p>