



Victim Support Europe



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round table meeting
a multi-disciplinary approach to implementing
victims' rights and services in greece
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co-organisation:



AGENDA

9:00 – 16:00

DESKOI building of Panteion University, 5th floor
Address: H. Trikoupi 1 & Lagoumitzi 22, 17671 Athens

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>João Lázaro, Victim Support Europe Vasiliki Artinopoulou, European Public Law Organisation Kiki Petroulaki, European Anti-Violence Network Piji Protopsaltis, The Smile of the Child George Nikolaidis, Centre for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Intoduction by participants</p>
1) Setting the scene: Establishing rights and services based on victims needs and European Law	
10.00 – 11.00	<p>An overview of needs and obligations – European laws and need of victims</p> <p>Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe</p> <p>How does it work in Greece – successes and areas for improvement</p> <p>Moderator – Levent Altan</p> <p>Initial participant discussion on some of the key topics for victims in Greece including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision and access to information – before and during proceedings • Support services for victims • Criminal proceedings • Operation of laws for victims in Greece

2) How to make rights and services a reality in Greece	
11:00 – 11.30	<p>Developing a national victim support system – Perspectives from Portugal and Greek</p> <p>João Lázaro, President of Victim Support Europe and President of Victim Support Portugal (APAV)</p> <p>The Smile of the Child – the development of child services in Greece – challenges and successes</p>
11:30 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<p>1) Discussion on how to establish national support services for all victims of crime?</p> <p>Moderator: João Lázaro</p> <p>This session will allow for free flowing discussions and what elements are needed to establish national services, what are the barriers to achieving this, how could existing infrastructure be used and what could be the first steps to developing a national system.</p> <p>Priority actions and next steps will be discussed and where possible agreed.</p> <p>Issues to discuss include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who would deliver the services - What would the nature of those services be (face to face support, telephone lines, delivered in state buildings or outside, or both) - How would services for all victims be promoted and paid for? - How should different services and organisations co-ordinate and refer victims? - What specialist services need to be developed and how?
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>2) Priorities for Criminal Proceedings in Greece – the victims perspective</p> <p>Moderator: Vasiliki Artinopoulou, European Public Law Organisation</p> <p>This session will explore the problems faced by victims in their interactions with organisations from the moment of reporting a crime, through the investigation, prosecution and court proceedings.</p> <p>The aim is to look at how requirements under European law and the needs of victims are being met in Greece, The meeting will and explore what actions are needed to improve victims’ experience of criminal proceedings, and support justice practitioners in their work.</p> <p>It will explore each phase of proceedings as well as exploring the situation of specific victim groups or vulnerable victims.</p>

	<p>As with the previous session, priorities and possible next steps will be explored.</p> <p>Some of the topic to be explored include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting a crime• Respectful treatment and training• Individual assessment and Vulnerable victim needs• Protection measures – application
15:30 – 16:00	Conclusions and possible actions in coming months