



Victim Support Europe



conference

online victimisation

developing a comprehensive response

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Post-Conference Press Release 2018

- WHO** Victim Support Europe
- WHAT** Victim Support Europe have organised a conference “Online Victimisation: Developing a Comprehensive Response”, hosted at the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union.
- WHEN** Wednesday, 12 December 2018, from 8:30 am to 13.30 pm
- WHERE** The Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union, address: Rue Wiertz/Wiertzstraat 77
- WHY** In an era where cybercrime is increasing internationally, making millions of European victims, Victim Support Europe deemed it necessary to raise awareness about how victims of online crime could be better protected and supported. The Conference provides a unique opportunity to address the most active issues related to cybercrime. Recognising that the focus is primarily on prevention, security and pursuit of criminals, the conference will place a spotlight on what happens to the victims after the crime, what they need and how to support them.
- WHAT** The first part of the meeting highlighted the initiatives taken by The Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission, EUROPOL on the criminal’s approach to targeting children and Osborne Clarke International Legal Practice on responding to online fraud. The conference shed light on the different forms of Cybercrime, the vulnerabilities of people with intellectual disabilities to Cybercrime and the need and availability of support for victims.
- The conference gave the floor to the victims of cyberbullying to share their poignant testimonies unveiling the challenges, needs and ideas for change. Victim Support organisations, Weisser Ring German and Plena Inclusion shared their work responding to the particular needs of victims of Cybercrime. Co-founder of the MetooEP campaign spoke on the perception of cybercrime against women and changing reactions.
- A varied group of speakers, from victims to policy makers, tech companies and practitioners, provided a comprehensive analysis of the problem of cybercrime and its impact on victims. It pointed to the role the EU, businesses and support organisations must play in supporting victims of cybercrime and the initiatives that are currently taken.
- Speakers** **João Lázaro:** President, Victim Support Europe
Available for interview

Helgard van Huellen: Vice President, Victim Support Europe

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Levent Altan: Executive Director, Victim Support Europe

Available for interview

Cathal Delaney: Europol

Graham Willmott: Head of Unit Cybercrime, DG HOME

Laurens Dauwe: Osborne Clarke International Legal Practice

Patricia Le Cocq: Myria, Federal Migration Centre and Independent National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking (Belgium)

Estefanía Sancho Muñoz: Representative of Plena Inclusión Aragón on the Spanish Committee of Representatives of People with Disabilities

Céline Sturm: Weisser Ring German

Denton Howard: Executive Director, INHOPE

Pia Micallef: Co-founder of the MetooEP campaign

Available for interview

Maria Teresa Giglio: Tiziana Cantone's Mother, victim of non-consensual image sharing

Philip Adlem: Experience of online harassment as an LGBTI person

About Victim Support Europe

Victim Support Europe is an umbrella organisation of 56 national and regional victim support organisations in 27 countries. It promotes the establishment and development of victim rights and services throughout Europe. The organisation aims to ensure that every victim in Europe is able to access information and support services in the aftermath of crime, regardless of where the victim lives or where the crime took place. Victim Support Europe also works to ensure that people affected by crime are respected, have access to strong rights and are able to make their voice heard throughout the criminal justice process.

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