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Belgium

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR CR/2021/15

VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE EU IN PRACTICE: *violence against women  
and children*



In 2012, the European Union (EU) adopted legislation intended to ensure that victims of crime can rely on the same level of protection and support across the EU.

Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime (Victims' Rights Directive) requires the Member States to ensure that all crime victims are treated with respect, informed about their rights and case in a way they understand, and protected during proceedings. Support must include individual assessments for all victims and identify those with special needs, and the relevant professionals must be given proper training for this.

Additional EU legislation addresses the specific needs of victims of human trafficking, child victims of sexual exploitation and victims of terrorism, ensures that protection applies across the EU in criminal and civil cases and requires appropriate compensation for victims. The EU strategy on victims' rights 2020-2025 adopted in 2020 has as objective to ensure that all victims of crime can fully rely on their rights no matter where in the EU or in what circumstances the crime took place.

The training is focused on those vulnerable victims who require targeted and integrated support and protection:

victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and gender-based violence. The training program is aimed at providing

- knowledge and common guidelines on how to better practically and comprehensively approach victims in the EU taking into consideration the context and the events and during the procedure;
- knowledge and common guidelines on how to better support and protect the victims and how to facilitate the victims' access to compensation;
- knowledge and common guidelines on how to develop and use efficient mechanisms of response when victims report a crime;
- knowledge and common guidelines on the cooperation among all the authorities that are coming into contact with victims.

The seminar will examine judicial cooperation and collaboration with EU Networks, institutions and associations that can take care of the victims. Day-and-a-half training which will combine lectures, presentations and workshops with a case-scenario to enhance practical knowledge of practitioners in order to improve the rights of all victims of crime.

## AGENDA

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021		
9.00	<b>Arrival and registration of participants-Conference Room GERMANY</b>	
9.15	<b>Official opening</b>  <b>Introduction to the seminar's methodology</b> <b>Pre-evaluation assessment with Polls</b>	Mónica MARTÍ, Senior Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)  Alexandru GEORGESCU NIM-Romania EJTN Coordinator of the Training Activity
9.30	<b>Introduction to the seminar's objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Targeted support and protection of victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and gender-based violence</i></li> <li>- <i>What challenges to ensure that these victims are recognized and protected?</i></li> <li>- <i>How to ensure a smooth cooperation between judicial professionals and cross-borders?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which actions to be taken to ensure the effectiveness of the protection of most vulnerable victims</i></li> </ul>	Alexandru GEORGESCU NIM-Romania EJTN Coordinator of the Training Activity
9.45	<b>Session I- Plenary-Keynote on the establishment of EU victim's rights and the EU Victims' Rights Strategy 2020-2025</b>  <i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i>	CHAIR: Alexandru GEORGESCU NIM-Romania  Marieta TOSHEVA Legislative Officer EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE and CONSUMERS
10.45	Coffee-break	

11.00	<p><b>Session II-Plenary- Domestic violence and violence against women: a form of gender-based discrimination-The international context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>United Nations-International instruments-the Istanbul Convention</i></li> <li>- <i>EU Legislative measures: need of an EU binding instrument to protect women from violence?</i></li> </ul>	<p>CHAIR: Alexandru GEORGESCU NIM-Romania</p> <p>Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT Ghent University (Belgium)</p>
11.45	<p><b>Session III- Specialised Domestic Violence Personnel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Courts in the Member States</i></li> <li>- <i>Prosecutors' Offices</i></li> <li>- <i>Police Units</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>	<p>Chair: Mónica MARTÍ (EJTN)</p> <p>Francisco Manuel GUTIERREZ ROMERO, Magistrate Representative of the Observatory against Domestic and Gender-based Violence General Council of the Judiciary-Spain</p>
12.45	<p><i>Introduction to the case-study by the Experts-Moderators with a list of discussion points-</i></p>	<p>Alexandru GEORGESCU NIM-Romania EJTN Coordinator of the Training Activity</p> <p>Moderators-Experts 1. Isabelle DE TANDT-Prosecutor's General Office of Ghent 2. Alexandru-Adrian ANGHEL- Prosecutor at the Bucharest Prosecutor's Office</p>
13.00	Lunch break	
14.00	<p><b>Session IV- Work in 2 international groups</b> <i>Breakout rooms)</i> WS1 WS2 <i>Case Study with questions</i> <i>Rapporteurs</i></p>	<p>Moderators-Experts 1. Isabelle DE TANDT-Prosecutor's General Office of Ghent 2. Alexandru-Adrian ANGHEL- Prosecutor at the Bucharest Prosecutor's Office</p> <p>With the support of Alexandru GEORGESCU and Mónica MARTÍ</p>
15.45	Coffee Break	
16.00	<p><b>Session IV-Continuation on Work in 2 international groups</b> <i>Breakout rooms)</i> WS1- WS2- <i>Case Study with questions</i> <i>Rapporteurs</i></p>	<p>Moderators-Experts 1. Isabelle DE TANDT-Prosecutor's General Office of Ghent 2. Alexandru-Adrian ANGHEL- Prosecutor at the Bucharest Prosecutor's Office</p> <p>With the support of Alexandru GEORGESCU and Mónica MARTÍ</p>
17.00	End of Day 1	
19.30	SOCIAL DINER in city centre near Grand Place <a href="https://auxarmesdebruxelles.com/en/home-2/">https://auxarmesdebruxelles.com/en/home-2/</a>	
TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021		
9.00	<b>Arrival and registration of participants</b>	
9.15	<p><b>Session V- Plenary-</b> <i>Reports and debriefing by the Moderators and Rapporteurs on the Case Study</i></p> <p><i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>	<p>Moderators-Experts 1. Isabelle DE TANDT-Prosecutor's General Office of Ghent</p>

		2. Alexandru-Adrian ANGHEL- Prosecutor at the Bucharest Prosecutor's Office  With the support of Alexandru GEORGESCU and Mónica MARTÍ
09.45	<b>Session VI- Plenary –Children’s rights perspectives on domestic and sexual violence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Children’s rights as bystanders of criminal offences committed by their parents</i></li> <li>- <i>Children as victims to specific offences type (child sexual abuse in the family, emerging forms of child abuse: Cyberstalking and online harassment and drawn attention</i></li> <li>- <i>Recognition of the victims status of children</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>	CHAIR: Alexandru GEORGESCU  Claudia BURSUC ANDREEA, Prosecutor Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism, Service for Preventing and Combating Cybercrimes-Romania
10.45	Coffee-Break	
11.00	<b>Session VII- Plenary – European Networks on Victims’ Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The specific tools of the European Network on Victims’ Rights (ENVR)</i></li> <li>- <i>Victim Support Europe (VSE)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i></p>	Alice HENRIROUX French Manager Association of the European Network on Victims’ Rights  Aleksandra IVANKOVIC Deputy Director Victim Support Europe
12.15	<b>Wrap-up and conclusions</b>  <b>Post-Training Knowledge Assessment-TT</b> <b>Closing remarks</b>	Alexandru GEORGESCU Mónica MARTÍ
12.30	End of Day 2	

## SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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