



17 April 2023, 9:30 – 17:30

Schuman room, Berlaymont building, Brussels

*EU Victims' Rights Platform – High-level extended plenary meeting on  
the EU Victims' Rights Strategy (2020-2025) – state of play*

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 *Opening session – welcome and moderating by Richard Sonnenchein, Director of Directorate A, DG Justice*
- **“I will keep my eyes open”** – short film
  - **Didier Reynders** – Commissioner for Justice and Consumers
  - **Gunnar Strömmer** - Minister of Justice of Sweden (*video message*)
  - **Juan Fernando López Aguilar** – the Chair of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (S&D), ES, the European Parliament (*video message*)
- Plenary session – introduction and moderating of panels by Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, EC Coordinator for Victims' Rights*
- 10:40 *Panel 1: Strengthening cooperation and coordination to ensure effective access to justice for victims of crime*
- **The role of Eurojust in ensuring victims' rights in cross-border cases** – Hilde Vandevoorde, Belgium National Member and Chair *ad interim* of the Eurojust Working Group on Victims' Rights
  - **Ensuring victims' effective access to justice as a condition for strengthening cooperation and mutual recognition of judgements and decisions in criminal matters** – Despina Vassiliadou, Head of the Criminal Procedural Law Unit, DG Justice
  - **The role of academia in ensuring victims' ability to rely on their rights** – Professor Anne Weyembergh, Université Libre de Bruxelles

- **National Framework for Comprehensive Victim Support** - Levent Altan, Victim Support Europe

- **Questions and answers** (30 minutes)

11:50 Coffee break

12:00 *Panel 2: Effective communication with victims and safe environment for victims in the aftermath of crime*

- **EU campaign on victims' rights** – Ioana Traista, Information and Communication Officer, DG Justice
- **Underpinning victims' rights** – presentation of the report by Jana Gajdosova, Head of Justice and Security Sector, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Save environment for victims in cross-border cases** – Aniella Ferenczi, the European Network on Victims' Rights
- **Questions and Answers** (30 minutes)

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 *Panel 3: Improving support and protection to the most vulnerable victims*

- **Victims of violence against women and domestic violence - presentation of the Commission proposal** – Karen Vandekerckhove, Head of the Unit on Gender Equality, DG Justice
- **Victims of trafficking in human beings** – Diane Schmitt, the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, DG HOME
- **Child victims, including child victims of sexual abuse** – Marie-Cécile Rouillon, EC Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, DG Justice and Paola Lo Bue Oddo, Policy Officer, DG HOME
- **Victims of hate crime** – Ingrid Bellander-Todino, Head of the Unit on Fundamental Rights Policy, DG Justice
- **Questions and answers** (30 minutes)

15:30 Coffee break

15:40 *Panel 4: Strengthening the international dimension of victims' rights, including victims of terrorism*

- **Support and protection to victims of core international crime – the EU and international dimension** - Professor Vaios Koutroulis, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Professor Tetiana Anakina, Visiting Professor of the University Complutense of Madrid, Professor of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine)
- **Revision of the Council of Europe Recommendations on Victims' Rights** – Phoebe Jamieson, Council of Europe and Professor Antony Pemberton, KU Leuven
- **EU-UN cooperation on victims of terrorism** – Denise Lifton, Head of the Section on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
- **The role of the EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism in strengthening the cooperation with external partners** – Marieta Tosheva, Victims' Rights Team, DG Justice and Aleksandra Ivankovic, Victim Support Europe
- **Questions and answers** (30 minutes)

17:20 **Concluding remarks** – Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, EC Coordinator for Victims' Rights

17:30 **End of event**