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Advancing access to rights under Victims' Directive for Persons with Disabilities: Recommendations, and Their Respective Implementation

September 24, 2021, *online*

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening address**
Vedrana Šimundža Nikolić, Assistant Minister of Justice and Public Administration, HR

10:15 – 10:30 **Advancing access to rights under Victims' Directive for Persons with Disabilities – Joint recommendations for Croatia and Slovenia**
Elizabeta Ivičević Karas, Key Expert of the ARVID Project; Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

10:30 – 12:00 **PANEL 1.**
Inclusion of persons with disabilities within the victim support system
The issue involves empowerment of persons with disabilities to report crimes and misdemeanours committed against them, and, at the same time, informing them more effectively of their rights as victims. Collaboration between civil society organizations (CSOs) supporting persons with disabilities and CSOs supporting victims of crime is one of the prerequisites for a successful inclusion and accommodation.

Moderator: Katarina Vučko, SI National Expert of the ARVID Project, Peace Institute, Ljubljana



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Panelists (in alphabetic order): Iva Barić Milojković (Department for Victim and Witness Support at County Court in Osijek, HR), Ivana Bilušić (Judicial Academy, HR), Albin Dearing (FRA - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights), Franc Glušič (General Police Directorate, SI), Nikica Hamer Vidmar (Victim and Witness Support Service, Criminal Justice Administration, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, HR), Aleksandra Ivanković (Victim Support Europe)-TBC, Andraž Kapus (Social Protection Institute, SI), Jernej Koselj (Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia, SI), Uroš Kovačič (Expert service of the Human Rights Ombudsman, SI) Marica Mirić (SOIH – Croatian Union of Associations of Persons with Disabilities, HR) - TBC, Tilen Recko (Association Altra, SI), Andreja Štepec (Association Šent, SI), Marine Uldry (European Disability Forum), Branka Zečević (Service for Policies for Persons with Disabilities and Other Socially Sensitive Groups, Family and Social Policy Administration, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family, and Social Policy, HR)

12:00 – 12:15 Break

PANEL 2.

12:15 – 13:50

Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities by the actors of criminal and misdemeanour justice systems

The issues of removing numerous existing physical barriers, as well as barriers to effective communication hindering access to victims' rights for persons with disabilities, and ways of providing them effective support in judicial proceedings will be discussed by the panel. Collaboration between CSOs providing support to persons with disabilities, and all criminal and misdemeanour justice system actors will be addressed. Individual needs assessment, and continuous education of justice stakeholders on needs and accommodations for persons with disabilities will be highlighted.

Moderator: Zoran Burić, HR National Expert of the ARVID Project, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

Panelists (in alphabetic order): Ines Budinoska (Judicial Training Centre, Ministry of Justice, SI), Anamarija Droždan-Kranjčec (Women's Room, member of the legal team, the Support and Collaboration Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime Program, HR), Nikica Hamer Vidmar (Victim and Witness Support Service, Criminal Justice Administration, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, HR), Alice Henrinox (European Network on Victims' Rights), Darijo Jurišič (Deputy Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities, HR), Mirjam Kline and Anžej Žužek (Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia, SI), Deja Kozjek (Higher Court in Ljubljana, SI) and Katja Škerget (Victim Support Service, District Court in Ljubljana, SI),

Dragana Marina (Department for Victim and Witness Support at County Court in Zadar, HR), Uroš Miklič (Attorney at Law, Member of the Board of the Bar Association of Slovenia, SI), Karmen Novak Hrgović (High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia, HR), Silvija Pejaković Đipić (Police Academy, Ministry of the Interior, HR) Miren Špek (Association for Victim and Witness Support, HR), Laura Valković (Lawyers' Academy of the Croatian Bar Association, HR).

13:50 – 14:00 Conclusions and closing.

The conference is moderated by Professor Elizabeta Ivičević Karas, Key Expert of the ARVID Project.