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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 Sonnenschein, 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** – presentation by a representative of Eurojust
 - **Ensuring victims' effective access to justice as a condition for strengthening cooperation and mutual recognition of judgements and decisions in criminal matters** – presentation by a representative of the Criminal Procedural Law Unit, DG Justice
 - **The role of academia in ensuring victims' ability to rely on their rights** – presentation by a Professor from Université Libre de Bruxelles
 - **National Framework for Comprehensive Victim Support** – presentation by a representative of 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** – presentation by a representative of the Inter-institutional Relations and Communication Unit, DG Justice
- **TOO CLOSE documentary on child sexual abuse** – presentation
- **Underpinning victims' rights** – presentation of the report by a representative of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Safe environment for victims in cross-border cases** – presentation by a representative of 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** – presentation by a representative of the Gender Equality Unit, DG Justice
- **Victims of trafficking in human beings** – presentation by a representative of DG HOME
- **Child victims, including child victims of sexual abuse** – presentations by the EC Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, DG Justice and by a representative of DG HOME
- **Victims of hate crime** – presentation by a representative of the Fundamental Rights Policy Unit, 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** – presentations by a Professor from Université Libre de Bruxelles and by a Professor from the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine)
- **Revision of the Council of Europe Recommendations on Victims' Rights** – presentations by a representative of the Council of Europe and by a Professor from KU Leuven
- **EU-UN cooperation on victims of terrorism** – presentation by a representative of 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** – presentations by a representative of the Criminal Procedural Law Unit, DG Justice and by a representative of the EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism
- **Questions and answers** (30 minutes)

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

17:30 **End of event**