

**REGIONAL POLICY MEETINGS
THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME SUFFERED IN PRETRIAL AND IMMIGRATION
DETENTION**

The Hague 26–27 September 2019

DAY 1: PRETRIAL DETENTION

12:00–13:00 *Registration and lunch*

13.00–13.30 Welcome address and introductions – Fair Trials

13.30–14.00 **Detention and violence – What does it mean to be a victim in detention?**

- Mr Mykola Gnatovskyy, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment of the Council of Europe (CPT)

14.00–14.30 **Regional standards on victims' rights**

- Ms Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, Team Leader, European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG-JUST)
Presentation of the existing regional standards on victims' rights and their implementation throughout Europe.

14.30–14.45 *Coffee break and organisation of breakout sessions*

14.45–16.15 **Breakout sessions**

Group 1: Access to information on victims' rights and access to a lawyer for victims of violent crime suffered in pretrial detention

- Introduction by Mr Simon Creighton, Vice-president of the European Prison Litigation Network (EPLN)

Group 2: Access to evidence for victims of violent crime suffered in pretrial detention

- Introduction by Ms Cécile Marcel, President of the Observatoire International des Prisons France (OIP)

Group 3: Access to victim support services and to compensation for victims of violent crime suffered in pretrial detention

- Introduction by Ms Aleksandra Ivanković, Deputy Director of Victim Support Europe (VSE)

16.15–16.45 *Coffee break and preparing for reporting*

16.45–17.45 **Reporting on breakout sessions and Q & A**

Rapporteurs from each breakout session will present the main issues discussed, followed by a general discussion.

17.45–18.00 Closing remarks – Fair Trials



DAY 2: IMMIGRATION DETENTION

- 9.00–9.30 Welcome address and introductions – REDRESS
- Introduction to the VVCD project and structure of the meeting
- 9.30–9.45 **Presentation of the March 2019 European Commission report on “Strengthening victims’ rights: from compensation to reparation”**, Ms Joëlle Milquet, Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission
- 9.45–10.30 **The EU legal framework and the implications for victims’ rights in immigration detention**
Discussion between Ms Joëlle Milquet, Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission, Mr Joao Lázaro, Director of Victim Support Europe (VSE) and Professor Conny Rijken, University of Tilburg
- 10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00–12.30 **Breakout sessions**
- Group 1: **The specificities of immigration detention, vulnerabilities and challenges for accessing victims’ rights in detention**
- Introduction by Professor Conny Rijken, University of Tilburg
- Group 2: **Preventing violence: the effectiveness of the National Preventive Mechanism and/or other oversight mechanisms in the context of immigration detention**
- Introduction by Ms Ana Racu, Member of the UN Committee Against Torture
- Group 3: **The challenges of the use of complaint mechanisms in the context of immigration detention**
- Introduction by Ms Marta Gionco, Advocacy Officer at PICUM
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- 13.30–14.45 **Reporting on breakout sessions and Q & A**
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- 14.45–15.00 Closing Remarks – REDRESS
- 15.00–15.30 *Coffee & Check-out*

