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## Conference

# Standards for Victims of Terrorism

## Developing standards for assistance to victims of terrorism in the EU

### Programme

10 and 11 March 2008 – Tilburg University, Tilburg, the Netherlands

Cobbenhagen Building, Auditorium



### Monday, 10 March 2008

09.00 - 10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00 - 12.00 *Opening session*

*Chair day 1, Professor Jan van Dijk, research director INTERVICT, Tilburg, the Netherlands*



10.00 - 10.05 Welcome  
Chair day 1, Professor Jan van Dijk

10.05 - 10.15 Introduction to the EU Project  
Professor Ivo Aertsen, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium

10.15 - 10.30 Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Dutch Minister of Justice

10.30 - 11.00 The Terrorism Threat in Europe  
Professor Alex Schmid, director Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV), University of St Andrews, UK

11.00 - 11.30 Miguel García-Herraiz Roobaert, subdirector of the General Department of International Affairs for Terrorism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

11.30 - 12.00 The Role of Compensation  
Kenneth R. Feinberg, Special Master of the Federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 and managing partner and founder of The Feinberg Group, USA

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Workshops\*

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 - 17.00 Workshops\*

17.15 - 18.15 Closing session: report of the main findings of the workshops by the chairs of the workshops to the plenary

18.15 – 19.30 Reception



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### **\*Information regarding the workshops:**

The workshops will be dedicated to the four main themes incorporated in the draft standards. A member of the project's steering committee will chair the session and one of the researchers of the literature review will give an introduction to the theme, after which one of the participants will deliver a short commentary on the subject. Participants will be invited to comment on the content of the literature review and the draft standards. There will be two cycles of the workshops enabling participants to attend two themes. The chairs of the workshops will report back to the plenary the main outcomes of the debate.

- **Workshop 1 Access to Justice and Administration of Justice**
- **Workshop 2 Restorative Justice**
- **Workshop 3 Compensation**
- **Workshop 4 Continuing Psycho-Social Assistance**

More information about the workshops will be available in the literature review. This review will be available on this website as of February 2008.

The workshop on compensation will, in addition to a general discussion, provide further details on the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, presented by Ms. Biros, the administrator of the Fund.

The fight against terrorism has received increased awareness due to recent worldwide and large-scale terrorist acts. Only since then has some attention been directed specifically to victims of terrorism. Existing legal instruments of international bodies like the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations concerning victims of terrorism are relatively abstract or include victims of terrorism under the broader heading of victims of crime in general. In addition, policies and legislation relating to victims of crime or victims of terrorism vary widely on the domestic level. Against this background, the European Union commissioned a project that aims to develop more extensive standards for the aid and assistance of victims of terrorism at European level. The study provides the basis from which more extensive standards could be derived. It will focus particularly on developing standards in the field of continuing assistance, access to justice, administration of justice and compensation to victims of terrorism. Moreover, the possible role of restorative justice principles and practices in dealing with victims of terrorism will be addressed.



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**Tuesday, 11 March 2008**

9.30 - 10.00 Coffee

*10.00 - 12.00 Opening session*

*Chair day 2, Professor Letizia Paoli, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium*

10.00 - 10.05 Moment of silence

Commemoration on the occasion of the Fourth European Day for the Victims of Terrorism

10.05 - 10.30 Primary and Secondary Victims of Terrorism

Dr. Basia Spalek, victimologist, University of Birmingham, UK

10.30 - 11.00 The role of restorative justice for victims of terrorism in Israel

Professor Uri Yanay, School of Social Work and Social Welfare, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

11.00 - 11.30 The role of restorative justice and victims of terrorism from a practitioners' point of view

Mr. Brendan McAllister, director of Mediation Northern Ireland

11.30 - 12.00 Developing interactive processes to manage the aftermath of terrorist attacks

Donna Hicks, associate Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

*13.30 - 15.00 The victims' perspective*

13.30 - 14.00 Victims of terrorism and the media

Testimony of John Tulloch, victim London metro bombing in 2005

14.00 - 14.30 Testimony of Michael Buback

Son of Siegfried Buback, late federal Attorney General in Germany, killed by terrorist of the Red Army Faction (RAF) in 1977

14.30 - 15.00 Testimony of Jo Berry

Daughter of Sir Anthony Berry, late Member of Parliament in the United Kingdom of England, killed by Irish Republican Army (IRA) in 1984

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break

*15.30 - 17.30 Closing Session*

15.30 - 16.00 Franco Frattini, Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security, on the occasion of the Fourth European Day for the Victims of Terrorism

16.00 - 16.30 Statements by key organisations

Every NGO interested may address the audience, thereby presenting the organisation's opinion on the draft standards.

16.30 - 17.00 Discussion and endorsement of the Declaration on assistance to victims of terrorism

17.00 - 17.30 Closing remarks by Professor Ivo Aertsen



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