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**Fourth Training Seminar**

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**“Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism”**

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**DRAFT FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

The fourth training seminar under Component III organised under the EuroMed Justice III Project of the European Commission, funded by the European Union, was held on 16-18 December 2014 in Madrid, Spain.

The participants were members of the delegations of the following ENPI South Partner countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

The meeting was opened by the Project Team of the EuroMed Justice III Project, who welcomed the participants. The meeting was closed by Andrés Salcedo Velasco, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project.

Andrés Salcedo and José María Fernández Villalobos, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project, then made a presentation on the EuroMed Justice III Project, the main topics suggested for discussion, the work programme and the methodology applied during this seminar.

Thy also presented the work carried out during the first two phases of the project in this field.

The main body of this training seminar consisted of five thematic introductions followed by discussions, as well as a tour de table, one practical activity and two workshops led and moderated by the PT experts.

The first thematic presentation on “What does a comprehensive regulation on the legal status of victims include? The architecture of the regulation” was made by Andrés Salcedo and José María Fernández Villalobos.

The second one on “What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards the victims of terrorism”, was presented by Silvia Miralles, Coordinator of the Compensation Department, Directorate-General Support to victims of terrorism, Ministry of the Interior, Spain.

The third presentation addressed the issue of “What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards child victims” and was given by Pietro Forno, Deputy Prosecutor, Public Prosecutor Office, Vulnerable Persons Department, Milan (IT).

The fourth thematic presentation was delivered by Eugenia Fernández Hernández, Prosecutor, Adviser to the Directorate-General for International Judicial Cooperation, Spain and dealt with “Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention for gender-related violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism: the Spanish experience”.

The last presentation on “The French system of protection of women victims of gender-based violence. The French courts’ experience” was delivered by Hélène Davó, Senior judge and French Liaison Magistrate in Spain.

All these presentations were followed by a lively debate.

One practical activity was held in the framework of this seminar, i.e. Practical approach to the current situation in the ENPI South Partner countries.

Then a Tour de table took place on the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards victims, taking into account their different particularities.

Finally, the PT led and moderated a workshop aimed at elaborating a comparative table of the current situation in the ENPI South Partner countries concerning the legal status of victims.

Considering the objectives of this seminar and taking into account the recommendations made during the different working sessions and discussions, the participants are of the opinion that this seminar has achieved the expected results, i.e. it has given them the opportunity:

- To examine over a period of three days, and from an international angle, the different topics on the agenda.
- To keep abreast of the current situation and future developments in each Mediterranean Partner regarding the topics covered by this seminar and to have a fruitful debate on the state of play in this field in the ENPI South area, whilst presenting their respective experience and legal framework.
- To be made familiar with the architecture of a comprehensive regulation on the legal status of victims according to the international standard.
- To get a better insight into the current situation in this field in the ENPI South Partner countries.
- To elaborate a comparative table of the current situation in the ENPI South Partner countries concerning the legal status of victims.
- To examine the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards the victims of terrorism.
- To get a better insight into the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards child victims.
- To learn about the Spanish experience of a comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention for gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism.
- To learn about the French courts' experience as regards the French system of protection of women victims of gender-based violence.
- To be made familiar with the content and functioning of the project's website.
- To receive the suggested reading documentation list related to the topics examined as support to facilitate the discussion and debate during the training seminar.
- To provide them with an overall approach concerning the final versions of the publications drawn up in the framework of the EuroMed Justice III Project that are now available on the project website.
- To be informed of the TAEX instrument and of the possibility that they, the participants, could suggest to their NFP the gaps to be filled or the needs for further Technical Assistance requests, as a follow-up of this Euromed Justice III Project training seminar, should they consider them useful and linked to the work developed during the seminar.

Participants present during the reading of this document agree with the conclusions of the seminar.

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