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COMPONENT III CRIMINAL AND PENITENTIARY LAW

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”

Madrid (ES), 16 - 18 December 2014

AGENDA

Monday 15 December 2014

19.30 – 21.00 Dinner for the representatives of the Mediterranean Partner countries.

Tuesday 16 December 2014

09.00 – 09.15 **Registration of participants**

09.15 – 09.30 **Welcome speech**

Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project, Barcelona (ES).

- 09.30 – 09.45 **Presentation of the EuroMed Justice III Project. Main topics suggested for discussion, the work programme and the methodology that will be applied during the seminar.**
- Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project, Barcelona (ES).*
- 09.45 – 10.45 **Presentation of the work developed during the first two phases of the Project.**
- Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*
- 10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 – 13.30 **What does a comprehensive regulation on the legal status of victims include? The architecture of the regulation. (I)**
- Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*
- Debate
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.00 **What does a comprehensive regulation on the legal status of victims include? The architecture of the regulation. (II)**
- Debate
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.30 **What does a comprehensive regulation on the legal status of victims include? The architecture of the regulation. (III)**
- Debate
- End of the day**

Wednesday 17 December 2014

09.30 – 11.00

What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards the victims of terrorism? (I)

Silvia MIRALLES, Coordinator of the Compensation Department, Sub-Directorate General of support to victims of terrorism and citizens' support, Directorate-General Support to victims of terrorism, Ministry of the Interior, Spain.

Debate

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30

What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards the victims of terrorism? (II)

Tour de table

Debate

13.30 – 15.00

Lunch

15.00 – 16.00

What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards child victims. (I)

Pietro FORNO, Deputy Prosecutor, Public Prosecutor Office, Vulnerable Persons Department, Milan (IT)

16.00 – 16.15

Coffee break

16.15– 17.00

What are the material, procedural and penitentiary solutions to the needs identified in this regulation as regards child victims. (II)

Debate

End of the day

Thursday 18 December 2014

- 09.30 – 11.00 **Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism: the Spanish experience. (I)**
- Maria Eugenia HERNÁNDEZ FERNÁNDEZ*, Prosecutor, Adviser to the Directorate-General for International Judicial Cooperation, Spain
- Debate
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.45 **Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism: the Spanish experience. (II)**
- Debate
- 12.45 – 13.30 **Elaboration of a comparative table of the current situation in the ENPI South Partner countries concerning the legal status of victims.**
- Workshop**
- Moderated by *Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*, *José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS* and *Dania SAMOUL*, Co-ordinator of the EuroMed Justice III Project.
- Debate
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.00 **The French system of protection of women victims of gender-based violence. The French courts' experience.**
- Hélène DAVO*, Senior Judge, French Liaison Magistrate in Spain.
- Debate
- 16.00 - 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 16.45

Plenary session, debate, conclusions.

José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS

16.45 – 17.00

Closure of the seminar.

Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO

End of the seminar

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The project

The EuroMed Justice III project funded by the EU with a budget of € 5 million over the period 2011-2014 (extended until March 2015), follows the success of EuroMed Justice I and II such as the development of a Euro-Mediterranean area of cooperation in the field of justice by supporting the development of the partners' capacity and backing the modernisation of justice, including an improved access to justice.

This project is being implemented by a consortium led by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) and composed of FIIAPP (*Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas*), IRZ (*Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit*) and SOFRECO (*Société Française de Réalisation d'Etudes et de Conseil*). EIPA Barcelona is the Programme Management Unit for the EuroMed Justice III Project.

The beneficiaries of this project are the ENPI South countries: the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Israel, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, Palestine, the Syrian Arab Republic (formally part of the project even if there is a partial and temporary suspension of the EuroMed Justice III project in terms of Syrian participation), the Republic of Tunisia and Libya, as new ENPI South Beneficiary Country of the Project.

The EuroMed Justice III project addresses in particular issues related to the themes of Access to justice and legal aid, Resolution of cross-border family conflicts and Criminal and penitentiary law.

The project activities mainly consist in carrying out Working Groups (1st phase) and in organising Training sessions and Study visits covering the 3 components of the project (2nd phase and extension period). Research Reports and Handbooks were produced during the 1st phase and training materials were presented during the second phase of the project.

The training seminar

This seminar takes place under the third main component of the project "Criminal and Penitentiary Law". Most experts consider that training is the core issue in any process of change affecting well-functioning institutions and good governance. A complete training, balanced and plural, is a prerequisite if the justice administration wants to be respected and worthy of respect. For this reason, this second phase and the extension period of *the EUROMED JUSTICE III Project* will play a relevant role through the training activities in order to contribute to the strengthening of the Euro-Mediterranean justice area.

During the implementation phase of the EMJ III so far we observed that the regulation on victims is one of the most relevant topics where there is room for improvement. During the activities carried out so far, the discussions showed that one of the most relevant actions that could be started is establishing a comprehensive legal status on this matter. This seminar will not be a conceptual seminar, but rather a very technical seminar. It should make it possible to obtain a comparative overview of relevant EU MS regulations; the aim is to offer the ENPI SPC the opportunity to compare their system with a very concrete EU – EU MS regulation. This seminar will be an exercise of technical assistance with a view to creating and improving the concrete domestic regulation.

During this seminar we are going to share the international experts' opinion and the participants' approach on these topics from their own perspective, experience and respective competences. Through an in-depth and detailed discussion, we will know the current situation related to the topics under discussion.

Thanks to this seminar, we will get to know the different features prevailing in the region and we will learn from each other through the different experiences and views of the participants. The focus of the seminar will be a discussion on how to improve a **comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism.**

The working method

As already mentioned, this seminar will be of a technical nature and participants should be aware that they are the main players as they will be able to share their respective experience and views related to the topics under review. We will also have the opportunity to discuss the international legal framework in this field from an international angle.

We expect the experts participating in this seminar to have an in-depth knowledge/experience of the topics under discussion and to be able to provide us with a detailed vision of the current situation in their respective countries. We also expect them to have previously prepared themselves for the discussion in order to achieve the most fruitful results.

In this context and to ensure a good preparation, the Project Team will send the participants, at least two weeks before the date of the seminar, the agenda and the list of the relevant documents on the topics addressed. These documents will also be made available on the EuroMed Justice III project website for the participants to download them.

We should not forget that although it is the expert who will determine the framework of the presentation, the objective of the training seminars is not just a transfer of knowledge, but rather to give the participants the possibility of sharing their experience and viewpoints on the issues addressed. This methodology will

then enable them to take advantage from the experience of the other colleagues and, in our opinion, the working atmosphere should facilitate relationships between the participants. In this respect and in order to trigger the debate, workshops will be introduced in the different training seminars depending on the topics being discussed.

The quality of the various sessions will be assessed by means of evaluation forms distributed to the participants at the end of the seminar. After each training seminar, its results will be evaluated by the participants, including the subjective perception that they have both about the contents and the trainers.

Experts

Four (4) experts from each ENPI South partner country are expected to attend each training seminar.

Target group: policy makers from the Ministry of Justice, representatives of Councils for the Judiciary, Supreme Court, Prosecution Office and representatives of Bars Societies or highly specialised NGOs; judges, attorneys or experts in procedural law, trainers from judicial training institutions or equivalent institutions.

More particularly, for this seminar it would be advisable that the participants, in so far as possible, have expertise/competence or experience on international/procedural/ criminal/penitentiary/administrative law relating to victims.

The experts should have the appropriate profile, a comprehensive knowledge and vision, and a sound experience in this field. They should also be willing to make an effective contribution to the training seminar.

The quality of the experts proposed is the main guarantee that our joint efforts during the seminar will allow us to get an overview of the situation in the fields addressed and to exchange useful, reliable and accurate information.

Documentation

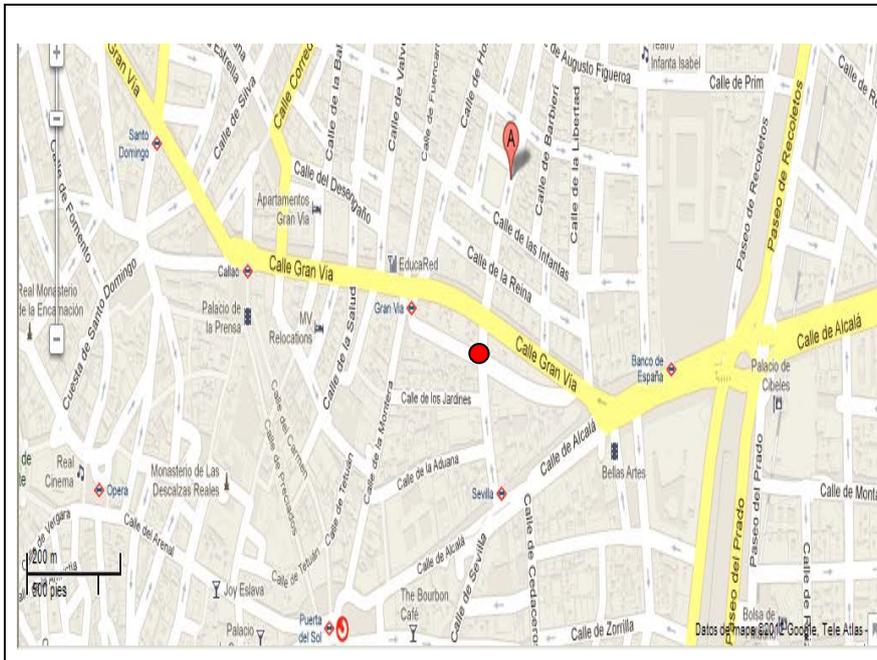
A list of the basic documentation that is available online on the project website will be sent in advance to the participants. This will be, among others,

- Relevant international documentation on the topic produced by the European Union, the Council of Europe, the United Nations, etc.
- Other documents, possibly those provided by the participants of the ENPI South partner countries.
- Working documents
- Reading documents.
- Etc.

Working languages

English, French and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation during the whole seminar.

Venue and accommodation



The seminar will take place at:

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