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Il Capo Dipartimento per la Giustizia Minorile, Annamaria Palma Guarnier è lieta di invitare la S.V. alla
Conferenza Europea del progetto “YO.VI. *Integrated Restorative Justice Models For Victims and Youth*”

“A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TOWARDS VICTIM SUPPORT”

Giovedì 21 (ore 15:30 -19:30) e venerdì 22 Maggio (ore 9:00 -16:30), 2015

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Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, calls, certainly not by chance, the Stockholm Programme *"An open and secure Europe serving and protecting the citizens"*, adopted by the European Council in December 2009, which calls for the protection of most vulnerable groups of people. Strategies that enhance the sense of security are a complementary action of fundamental importance to all forms of law enforcement. *Safety* - or the possibility of continued safety – is a dynamic socially constructed belief that contributes significantly to the sense of security experienced by individuals and the community. In fact, when communities' safety is left to the sole responsibility of law enforcement agencies, often results fall short of expectations and the need of protection for victims and the community is left largely unmet.

In Europe, victim support and restorative justice approaches are seen as primary strategies in the effort to increase the sense of security of individuals and communities, as both help reach the combined goals of increasing the level of fairness and non-discrimination in society and innovating in the area of justice interventions. Nevertheless, despite the fact that these two approaches derive from the same cultural matrix, the main players in the two field are still significantly distant.

While the discussion around Restorative Justice has seen various contributions as regards to which strategies can be the most appropriate to improve the interaction between the offender and the victim and to ensure greater involvement of the Community in the restorative procedures, the social responsibility towards crime victims is still struggling to establish itself. This is somehow a paradox when considering how often community liability is called into question in respect of the offender, due to the alleged criminogenic responsibility of society. It follows that victims see their dignity denied not only in the halls of justice, given the prevailing reo-centric approach, but also at a social level due to the lack of concrete actions in support of those who have suffered a crime.

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An increased awareness around these issues and around the need to take the necessary measures to bridge the gap in care between the offender and the victim, have led to the 2012 EU Directive on the protection of victims. The Directive reiterates the need to take appropriate actions to guarantee victims' rights and establish an integrated support System for victims of crimes according to minimum standards.

Firstly, the Directive affirms the right for crime victims to have their dignity recognized and respected, which means that their pain is considered an issue for society. Because of that, they are entitled to receive support and protection, regardless of the crime they have suffered. Secondly, the Directive states that there is a concrete risk of repeated victimization for crime victims due to the proceedings in ordinary justice (contact with the police, rules governing criminal procedure, relationship with lawyers) and in Restorative Justice practices. The Directive therefore requires Member States to take corrective actions in this regard, and to ensure that victims are allowed access to specialized services able to provide a timely intervention, according to adequate standards, in the field of legal, psychological and material support throughout the entire judicial process. The Directive also requires that the Member States ensure appropriate training on victims' needs for officials who are likely to come into contact with victims and encourage cooperation between Member States and coordination of national services of their actions on victims' rights. The EU Member States must implement the provisions of the Directive into their national laws by 16 November 2015.

Over the years, the civil rights movements have been successful in attaining legally established support rights and dedicated services for some "specific victims" (e.g. in Italy victims of organized crime, racket and usury, traffic victims and victims of gender violence). The results achieved in these areas represent a good starting point and a stimulus to go ahead in the effort of giving substance to the rights of crime victims in general based on the Directive. Lessons learned in this area can also guide this process in a meaningful way.

The protection and support to crime victims in Italy is a complex issue especially in the area of Juvenile Justice. In fact, the priority set on child protection and educational instances for young offenders in Criminal Justice entails that victims are formally excluded from criminal proceedings and when they are called in while their involvement victims instrumental to the rehabilitation of young offenders.

The Conference will offer an opportunity to present and discuss the results of the European project Yovi *"Integrated Restorative Justice Models For Victims and Youth"*. The international event will involve researchers and representatives of institutions and organizations working in the fields of juvenile justice, Probation and in victim support in eight European countries. Furthermore, thanks to the contribution of leading experts in the victimology, sociology and Restorative Justice fields, the conference will provide an arena for dialogue and exchange towards the goal of establishing a comprehensive and integrated System of Victim Support Services, which is synergic with Restorative Justice interventions and takes advantage of the experience and expertise victims' associations have gained in the course of their activities.

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Thursday, May 21st 2015 **First session** **15.30-19.00**

15.30 **Welcoming addresses and participants' registration**

16.00 **Opening Ceremony**

Formal welcome of the Italian Minister of Justice, On. Andrea Orlando*

Welcoming addresses*

Cosimo Maria Ferri, Undersecretary of State for Justice
Francesco Cascini, Vice-Head of Cabinet for Justice
Annamaria Palma Guarnier, Head of Juvenile Justice Department
Riccardo Turrini Vita, General Director for Personnel and Training, Penitentiary Administration Department
Luigi Di Mauro, General Director for the Enforcement of Judicial Decisions, Ministry of Justice, Italy
Concettina Ciminiello, Councilor, Equal opportunities, Local Authorities and Security, Lazio Region, Italy
Silvana Mordegli, President of the Italian National Council of Social Workers
Chairman: Isabella Mastropasqua, Senior Manager, Study, Research and International Activities Bureau, Juvenile Justice Department

16.40 **Reconsidering the victims**

Antony Pemberton, Professor of Victimology, International Victimology Institute Tilburg, Tilburg University

17.20 **The Directive 2012/29/EU on Victims**

Luca Lupária, Professor of Criminal Procedure and Penitentiary Law at the University of Milan

17:50 **The state of the art of the implementation of the Directive on Victims in Italy**

Nadia Ginetti, member of the Senate of the Italian Republic and member of the Senate EU Policies and Schengen, Europol and Immigration Committees.

18.00 **A comprehensive strategy towards integrated victim support services. The European Perspective**

Caterina Chinnici, Member of the EU Parliament

18.30 **Institutional remarks**

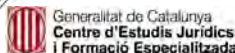
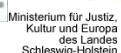
Valeria Fedeli, Vice-President of the Senate of the Italian Republic

19.00 General discussion and closing of the day

20.30 *Social Dinner*

(*) The Minister and the Authorities have been invited to participate

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Friday, May 22nd 2015 Second session 9.00–16.30

09.00 **Welcome coffee and participants' registration**

09.30 **The YOVI project: Integrated Restorative Justice Models for Victims and Youth**

Raffaele Bracalenti, President of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research

10.00 **National integration strategies to implement the provisions of the Directive**

Participants from:

Ireland: Ursula Fernee, Regional Manager/National Victim Services Co-ordinator, Probation Service;

Germany: Johannes Sandmann, Head of Unit, Correctional facilities, penal system, social services, Ministry of Justice, Culture and Europe, (Schleswig-Holstein);
Joachim Tein, Deputy Head of Unit, Alternative Sanctions, Ministry of Justice, Culture and Europe, (Schleswig-Holstein);

Estonia: Edvard Remsel, Major of State Police, Crime Investigation Department, Investigating of crimes of domestic violence and how police is dealing with victims of crime in criminal proceedings;

Spain: Marc Ceron, Deputy Director General of Probation and President of the Confederation of European Probation (CEP);

Romania: Mihaela Tomita, university Professor, expert in Probation and Victim Support;

Italy: Alessandro Padovani, Director of the Don Calabria Institute;

Portugal: Susana Castela, Department of Probation and Prison Services.

Conduct the interviews:

- Paolo Salerno, Journalist of Rai Radio Uno
- Paolo Giulini, Clinical Criminologist, expert in penitentiary, mediator, mediation trainer lecturer at the Faculty of Psychology, Catholic University, Milan
- Raffaele Bracalenti, President of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research

12.20 General discussion

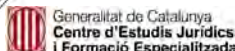
13.00 *Lunch break: buffet*

14.00 **YOVI Guidelines for integrated victim support**

Isabella Mastropasqua, Senior Manager, Study, Research and International Activities Bureau, Juvenile Justice Department

Frederico Moyano Marques and Rosa Saavedra, Senior Advisers, Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV)

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14.40 **Different perspectives: discussing the YОВI EU Guidelines**

Giovanni Fiandaca, Professor of Criminal law, Faculty of Law, University of Studies of Palermo, Dems - Department of European Studies and International Integration

Susanna Vezzadini, Professor of Criminology and Victimology, University of Studies of Bologna, Faculty of Political Science "R. Ruffilli"

Chairman: Antony Pemberton, Professor of Victimology, International Victimology Institute Tilburg, Tilburg University

15.20 General discussion

16.30 Closing remarks

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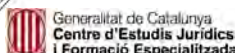


This International Conference has received the endorsement by the **Italian National Council of Social Workers**. Social workers who participate in the event will receive Credits for Continuing Professional Development (**10 credits**).

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Un convegno europeo si interroga su come restituire dignità alle vittime nella Giustizia e nella Società

La Conferenza sarà l'occasione non solo per presentare gli esiti del progetto Yo.Vi - *"Integrated Restorative Justice Models For Victims and Youth"*, finanziato dalla Commissione Europea, e le linee guida Europee per la partecipazione delle vittime nei percorsi di Giustizia Riparativa che il progetto ha redatto, ma soprattutto per riflettere su come le nuove e importanti norme sui diritti minimi delle vittime nell'UE (direttiva 2012/29/UE) che i Paesi membri devono recepire entro il 16 Novembre 2015, possano essere attuate nel diritto nazionale e declinate nello specifico contesto italiano a partire dalle esperienze di altri 7 paesi: Spagna, Romania, Germania, Irlanda, Paesi Bassi, Portogallo, Estonia.

Grazie al contributo di eminenti esperti nel settore della vittimologia, della sociologia e della *Restorative Justice*, la Conferenza intende favorire una riflessione su come avviare la costruzione di un modello complessivo e articolato di servizi di assistenza e ascolto alle vittime, in grado di muoversi sinergicamente ai servizi della Giustizia Riparativa e di valorizzare il patrimonio di esperienze e competenze che le associazioni delle vittime hanno maturato nel corso delle loro attività.

Le lingue di lavoro della conferenza sono l'Italiano e l'Inglese. Sarà disponibile la traduzione simultanea.

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