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STAND UP FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

17th of November 2022 | time: 9.30 – 12.30

Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union

Rue du Marteau 9, 1000, Brussels

Hate crimes constitute a major problem in the European Union because of both their diffusion and the specific impact they have on victims, vulnerable groups and local communities where they occur. Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council on establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, provides an important framework in which hate crimes can be effectively countered, if applied to the specific manifestations of hate crimes. The *Stand Up for Victims' Rights* project set out to enhance the system of support for hate crime victims, promote their rights and encourage reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents in the three partner countries - Austria, Croatia and Italy -, where specific support services for hate crime victims remain limited.

The project is centred on three main strands of activities:

- **Cooperation and networking** at both the national and European levels, forging formal links between civil society organisations (CSOs) engaged in providing victim support services and public institutions, with the aim of improving collective understanding of the problem, identifying the challenges it poses and appropriate solutions or remedies.
- **Capacity building** of service professionals and sentinels such as lawyers, law enforcement, social services workers and civil society organisations active in promoting and protecting rights of vulnerable groups.
- **Awareness** raising initiatives targeting persons directly victimised, witnesses and the public through the production and dissemination of information materials on recognising hate crimes, reporting to both institutional and CSO stakeholders, existing support services, how they can be accessed and types of support offered etc.

This event will present and discuss with panellists, some of the challenges hate crime victim support services face in the partner countries and the recommendations meant to overcome the difficulties encountered and provide effective and qualified professional support for hate crime victims.

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AGENDA

9.30 - 10.00

Registration, Welcome coffee

10.00

Welcome Address: Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU

ROUND TABLE

“Supporting hate crime victims: challenges and recommendations on how to improve support services”

Moderator: Miren Spek (*Victims and Witness Support Service Croatia*)

10.15 - 12.00

Udo Enwereuzor (*COSPE, Italy*) - Stand Up for Victims' Rights - Key Policy Recommendations from the project partners: Austria, Croatia and Italy

Samira Rafaela Co-chair ARD(*European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup*) - Hate crime victims' support as part of combating racism, xenophobia and related intolerance

Tommaso Chiamparino (*Policy officer - High Level Group on combating hate speech and hate crime*) - Policy initiatives to improve hate crime victim support in Member States

Leven Altan (*Victims Support Europe, Brussels*) - Challenges in supporting victims across the EU

Stephan Kees (*VBRG, Germany*) - Enhancing hate crime victim support: lessons from the EStAR project

12.00 - 12.30

Discussion and Q&A

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