

ECLAN Annual Conference

Stronger Victims' Rights in EU Law? Assessment and prospects.

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Brussels - European Commission
Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170



8:00 - 9:00

Welcome coffee

9:00 - 9:30

Opening remarks

Prof. Anne Weyembergh and Dr. Julia Burchett, ULB

Ana Galego, Director General of DG Justice, European Commission

9:30 - 12:00

Session I - State of play

9:30 - 10:30

Panel 1 - The protection of victims' rights in EU law

Chair: Prof. Katalin Ligeti, University of Luxembourg

Eu legal instruments for the protection of victims' rights

Dr. Cristina Saenz Perez, Lecturer in law, University of Leeds

The case-law of the CJEU

Prof. Adam Łazowski, University of Westminster

The EU Strategy on Victims' Rights (2020-2025)

Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska, EC Coordinator for victims' rights

10:30 - 10:45

Q&A

10:45 - 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 11:45

Panel 2 - The contribution of regional and international instruments to EU framework for the protection of victims' rights

Chair: Prof. Robert Roth, University of Geneva

**Council of Europe instruments and the case-law of the ECtHR:
what influence on EU law?**

Prof. Lorena Bachmaier Winter, Complutense University of Madrid

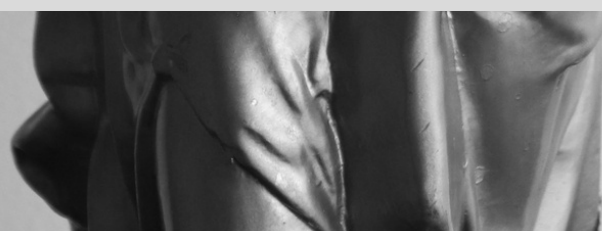
**The place of victims of crime within the international criminal justice:
what lessons to be learned for EU law?**

Prof. Vaios Koutroulis, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Dr. Marie-Laurence Hébert-Dolbec, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

11:45 - 12:00

Q&A



12:00 - 15:45 **Session II - Main challenges**

12:00 - 12:40 **Panel 1 - The need to ensure coherence between the various EU measures and instruments in the EU tool box**

Chair: Prof. Robert Kert, University of Vienna

The articulation between horizontal and sectorial protection instruments: the case of victims of human trafficking

Dr. Amy Weatherburn, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

The remaining diversity of national legal systems for the protection of victims and the needed effectiveness of transnational cooperation mechanisms. Reflection about the interactions between the various fields involved and between harmonisation and mutual recognition

Prof. Anne Weyembergh, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Dr. Julia Burchett, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

12:40 - 12:50 **Q&A**

12:50 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 - 15:00 **Panel 2 - The needed balances: selected challenges**

Chair: Prof. Gintaras Švedas, University of Vilnius

Towards a better consideration of undocumented victims in the EU? The need to restore the equilibrium in favour of their rights and protection in the face of the current prevalence of the security dimension of migration law

Louise Bonneau, Advocacy Officer at PICUM

Victims' rights and defence rights in criminal proceedings: an asymmetric protection? The academic perspective and the defense lawyers' perspective

Prof. Kristine Strada-Rozenberga, University of Latvia

Laure Baudrihayé-Gérard, Fair Trials

15:00 - 15:15 **Q&A**

15:15 - 15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45 - 18:00 **Session III - The prospects**

15:45 - 16:45 **Panel 1 - Towards a greater role for EU actors and better protection of victims' rights in times of crisis ?**

Chair: Prof. Araceli Turmo, University of Nantes

The current lack of role of EU actors: what perspectives?

Ladislav Hamran, President of Eurojust

The protection of victims of international crimes: the case of the victims of the Russian aggression against Ukraine

Prof. Tetiana Anakina, Complutense University of Madrid

The protection of victims of crime during the COVID-19 pandemic

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

16:45 - 17:00 **Q&A**

17:00 - 18:00 **Round table discussion: what EU model for the protection of victims of crime?**

Richard Sonnenschein, European Commission DG Just (TBC)

Saskia Bricmont, MEP (Greens) (TBC)

Representative of the Council of the European Union

Levent Altan, Executive director of Victim Support Europe (VSE)

Petra Klein, Vice-President of Victim Support Europe (VSE)

Maryse Alié, Lawyer at the Brussels bar

