

# GOOD PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING VICTIMS

inside and outside the criminal process

## Report of the training meeting

### *“La nueva directiva 2012/29/UE sobre derechos y protección de la Víctima y su estatuto procesal”*

Held in Seville, Spain, on 7 November 2013, at the University of Sevilla, Paraninfo Hall.



The event has been organized within the research project Good practices for protecting victims inside and outside the criminal process (JUST/2011/JPEN/AG/2901), funded by the European Commission within the program Criminal Justice. Prof. Luca Lupária is the project coordinator.

There has been a big affluence of public (about 100 attendees) and the audience was diversified, formed by judges, lawyers, public prosecutors and several students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Sevilla, that promoted the event with particular effort and constancy.

The attendees have shown a deep interest in the subject, and they have questioned the orators for the entire conference span about the new European provisions on the topic and the possible interaction with the Spanish legislation. The reports have been many and all of them demonstrated a very high level in quality, in research, as well as in the ability to propagate experiences and knowledge developed on the field.

The first morning sessions has been focused on the procedural rights of the victim within the criminal proceedings. The speakers were Luca Luparia, Juan Burgos Ladron de Guevara, Antonio Lorca Navarrete (University of Pais Vasco) and Mar Jimeno Bulnes (University of Burgos). In particular, the matters discussed have been the initiative powers of the victim, restorative justice and criminal mediation and the protection of victims according with the recent Spanish project for a new Code of criminal proceedings.

The second morning session has been focused on the comparison between Italy, France and Spain regarding the treatment of the victim inside the criminal trial. The speakers

were Giulio Illuminati, Silvia Allegrezza and Stefania Martelli (for Italy); Julie Alix for the French legal status and Juan Antonio Martos and Myrian Herrera (University of Seville) for Spain.

In the afternoon, the Spanish criminal judicial system was deeply analyzed in the light of the recent Directive 2012/29/EU. The speakers were Ignacio Ugalde, Antonia Monge Fernandez, Angel Tinoco Pastrana and Carmen Requejo Conde, all from the University of Seville.

The last session has been focused on the practical implications of the protection of victims.

The speakers were Guido Todaro, from the University of Bologna, and several operators of the sector, such as the public prosecutor *Delegado de Víctimas en al Audiencia Provincial de Sevilla*, Enrique Pedrós, the judge specialized in gender violence Francisco Manuel Gutierrez, lawyer Ana Ochoa Casteleiro and the police officer Juan Maria Muñoz.