



RiVi project - Rights of Victims of Survived Bodily Harm: Improved Access to Clinical Forensic Examinations

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS RAISING EVENT

The event is part of the EU-financed RiVi project on “Rights of Victims of Survived Bodily Harm: Improved Access to Clinical Forensic Examinations”. The aim is to sensitize professionals who are the first contact points for victims of violence **on victim’s rights** with a focus on **gender-based violence against women** as well as on the important role of **clinical forensic examinations** in case the criminal offence will be brought to court. Additionally it is not only to explain how to carry out the technical examination, documentation and storage, but also about the need of a **patient-centred conversation** based on trust and safety. The person exposed to violence should be strengthened, supported and informed about appropriate support structures so she or he is able to take further decisions. In that context it is highly important to promote already well-established **good practices** of professional clinical forensic examinations demonstrating how it can work.

Venue: Online Event

Date: 26th of November 2020; 10:00 – 15:00 (Austrian time, CET)

The event is public and accessible without participation fee.

Accessing the event: Registered participants have received **2 Zoom links via Email:** 1 link for the plenary session, 1 link for the selected afternoon workshop.



AGENDA

- 09.55 – 10.00 Log in with Zoom link for plenary session (see Email)
- 10.00 - 10.15 **Welcome**
Agnes Taibl (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Austria, coordinator of the RiVi project)
- 10.15 - 10.45 **Victims of crime and the legal regulations of their rights according to the Directive 2012/20/EU**
Michal Malacka (Faculty of Law at Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic)
- 10.45 - 11.15 **Victims of violence from a women's rights perspective**
Sabine Mandl (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Austria)
- 11.15 – 11.45 Break
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Clinical forensic examination**, including recognizing symptoms and signs of violence, collecting evidence and how to do documentation (e.g. photographs)
Kathrin Yen (University Hospital Heidelberg, Germany)
- 12.15 – 12.45 **How to communicate and support women who have experienced violence?** A client-centred conversation, including referral to victim support structures.
Ruth Mason (Women's Aid England)
- 12.45 – 13.15 **Good-Practice example: ProBeweis – How it can work.**
Michael Klintschar (Hannover Medical School, Germany)
- 13.15 – 13:45 Break and switch to Zoom link for selected workshop (see Email)
- 13.45 – 14.30 In the following workshops participants can discuss the topics presented with the respective experts.
Workshop 1: Victims' Rights with Michal Malacka and Sabine Mandl
Workshop 2: Clinical forensic examination and how it can work with Michael Klintschar
Workshop 3: Client-centred conversation and support with Ruth Mason
- 14.30 – 14:35 Switch to Zoom link for plenary session (see Email)
- 14.35 – 15.00 **Closing Session**
Short summary of key messages from the workshops