

WEBINAR

Hate Crime Victims' Participation in Criminal Proceedings

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Are you a criminal justice professional working to enhance your national hate crime victim support structures, a specialist support provider working on hate crime victim support or a researcher/expert in the field of criminal law and hate crime?

If so, join us for a webinar discussion on hate crime victim participation in criminal proceedings!

Hate crime victims who chose to participate in criminal or civil proceedings, must feel safe and supported each step of the way. They should have the opportunity to present the harm they have suffered, receive compensation and have the confidence that their procedural rights will be safeguarded. Therefore, hate crime victims need assistance in navigating the justice system. Regardless if the prosecution leads to conviction it is imperative that hate crime victims have meaningful access to justice and can participate in the criminal proceedings.

With the aim of promoting hate crime victims' active participation and adequate support provision during the criminal proceedings during the webinar experts and practitioners will provide insights into victims' participation rights in different types of jurisdictions, provision of legal aid in criminal proceedings and international litigation. It will look at how hate crime victims should be supported during these proceedings, as well as offer professional perspectives and experiences on navigating the criminal justice system.

Webinar Hosts & Moderation

- **Ms. Jane E. Lawson**
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The EStAR project is implemented by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) together with the Association of Counseling Centers for Victims of Right-Wing, Racist and Antisemitic Violence in Germany (VBRG). Through a victim-centered approach, the project provides tools for improving protection and services for hate crime victims and builds capacity of criminal justice and victim support experts and practitioners.

Guest Speakers

Ms. Suzan van der Aa

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