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## **Pro Victims Justice through an Enhanced Rights Protection and Stakeholders Cooperation**

### **TRANSNATIONAL EXPERTS MEETING** (*Transnational working group meeting*)

### **MINUTE REPORT**

*Minute Report elaborated by Association Pro Refugiu (coordinator organization)*

The transnational experts meeting (*transnational working group meeting*) was organized on 8-9 March 2018 in Hannover Germany. The event organizer was the partner institution Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony. At the event attended Romanian, Bulgarian, Swedish experts (on behalf of Association Pro Refugiu, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers, Center for the Study of Democracy), as well as local/national German stakeholders with competencies in the justice system, victims of crimes rights protection and assistance.

The meeting was a good opportunity to exchange information, expertise, on the protection of victims' rights in Germany, Romania, Bulgaria and Sweden. Also, during the event, the two publications to be elaborated within the project were discussed (agreements on the content of each publication: the referral victims' assistance mechanism tool in domestic and cross-border cases / Victims' rights booklet).

The first day of the event was focused to interactive presentations / discussions on the victims' rights and assistance mechanism as it exists in each country, and also on the structure of the referral victims' assistance mechanism tool in domestic and cross-border cases that will be developed in the project. The experts and stakeholders agreed that such a tool should contain information on: EU and national legal framework concerning victims' rights; the legal procedures for identifying victims of crimes; indicators for determining that a person is a victim of certain type of crimes; the legal assistance referral process; the criminal procedures in domestic and cross-border cases; a list with the most relevant stakeholders in Romania, Bulgaria, Germany, Sweden with attributions in the justice system / victims' rights protection. The discussions continued to be focused on how this publication will be disseminated, towards which stakeholders (police, local bars, prosecutor offices, local courts, NGOs having as target group victims of crimes). The partners agreed to have a final version of the publication until beginning of autumn 2018 (in EN and in all partners' languages).

The second day of the event was centered on discussions regarding the contents of the victims' booklet, what available materials exist at the present moment, the relevance of victim support services. Concerning the victims' booklet, the partners agreed to have a 20 pages publication in EN and in all partners' languages (RO, BG, DE, SE) containing a general description of the victims' rights and legal procedures based on the Romanian, Bulgarian, German and Swedish legal systems. The publication will be disseminated towards local/national stakeholders that come into contact with victims (in order to further distribute it towards the victims). The partners agreed that the information from the booklet to be incorporated in the App application for mobile phones. The partners agreed to have the material (EN, RO, BG, DE, SE) ready until beginning of autumn 2018. The partners agreed to have also an informative flyer on how to use the application for mobile phone, flyer that can be distributed to institutions & NGOs that can further provide it to victims who want to access the information through this application / phones.

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