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National Conference on the Protection of Victims' Rights in Greece

Launch of Infovictims Website and Information Materials

Information materials were publicly launched during a National Conference held on Wednesday December 1, 2022, at the EPLO premises in Plaka, Athens.

The Infovictims project aims at assisting victims of crime, especially vulnerable victims such as women and children, by providing them information on their rights and support services available to them. The project is funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers.

The National Conference presented the Infovictims Website for Greece (<https://infovictims.gr/el>), the Mobile Application and the Infovictims Brochure, in Greek and English languages. These tools provide simple and clear information to victims about their rights, ways to exercise them, how to report a crime, the numerous services available in Greece for support and protection of victims, and other useful resources.

The National Conference brought together prominent representatives of Hellenic Government, in particular **Mr. P. Theodorikakos**, the Minister of Citizen Protection, and **Ms M. Syrengela**, the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, responsible for Demographic and Family Policy and Gender Equality, Non-Governmental Organizations, experts and policy makers.

Mr. Theodorikakos underlined the importance of the project because it enables, for the first time in Greece, a victim of crime to access all the necessary information in one place: how and where to report the crime, which are the victim's rights and how to claim them. The address of Mr. Theodorikakos is available [here](#).

Ms. Syrengela also indicated that domestic violence constitutes a chronic social problem in Greece and that initiatives like the Infovictims project offer concrete support to victims by providing them useful information on legal procedures and support services, thus encouraging the victims to speak out about their experience.

Furthermore, detailed information was provided to the audience regarding new legislative amendments regarding the adoption of the specialized Protocol for the Forensic Interview of Children Witnesses or Victims of Crime, as well as other important initiatives adopted by NGOs, Agencies and Foundations.

The list of the speakers also included: **Lieut. Sofia Sakka** of the Domestic Violence Department of the Hellenic Police, **Mr. Costas Yannopoulos**, President of the Smile of the Child, **Ms. Sotiria Nika**, Psychologist of the House of the Child-Ministry of Justice, **Dr. Triantafilos Karatrandos**, Researcher of ELIAMEP, **Dr. Antonia Torrens**, Director of KMOP, and **Ms. Katerina Sipitanou** of the Vodafone Foundation.

The Infovictims project is implemented by the EPLO and a consortium of partner organizations from nine EU Member States: Portugal, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Poland, Lithuania and Czech Republic. **Prof. Vasiliki Artinopoulou** is the Scientific Coordinator of the project for Greece.