

## International Conference *Visegrad Group 1989 - 2019: On the Road to restorative justice?*

**Date:** October 3, 2019

**Venue:** Letenská 5, Anglo-American university, Prague 1

**Co-organizers:** Probation and Mediation Service, Anglo-American University

*The conference is held under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.*

### **Content:**

The conference will provide for an expert platform for the Visegrad Group countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) to discuss the status quo, challenges and advancements related to the development of restorative justice in Europe and in the V4 region in the last 30 years. The conference will also mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the communist regime in Central and Eastern Europe.

### **Program:**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Welcoming and opening panel**

- **Andrea Matoušková**, Director General, Probation and Mediation Service
- **Marie Benešová**, Czech Minister of Justice
- **Lubomír Lízal**, Anglo-American University President
- **Howard Zehr**, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice (text/video message)
- **Helena Válková**, Czech Commissioner for Human Rights, Member of the Parliament
- **Edit Törzs**, Executive Director, European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ)
- **Willem van der Brugge**, Secretary General, Confederation of European Probation (CEP)

**9:40 Plenary Session**

**1. EuroAtlantic Bloc: Restorative thinking and practice: the importance, best practice and RJ development in an international context**

- **Lars Otto Justad, Edit Törzs**, Norwegian mediation service Konfliktraadet, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Belgium: *Restorative justice developments in Europe and in Norway*
- **Ivo Aertsen**, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Belgium: *Restorative justice in prisons: Mission impossible?*
- **Carollann Braum**, Anglo-American University, USA/CZ: *Comparison of legislative and constitutional mandates/directives on RJ programmes in USA and New Zealand*
- **Maria Lindström**, Confederation of European Probation (CEP), Sweden: *Restorative justice from Swedish Perspective.*

11:00 - 11:25 Coffee break

## 11:25 Plenary Session

### 2. Visegrad Group Bloc: On the Road to restorative justice?

- **Marek Tkáč**, Probation and Mediation Service: *15 minutes of restorative justice in the Czech Republic: The story about people and the power of belief*
- **Samuel Burský**, Ministry of Justice, Slovakia: *Probation, mediation and alternative measures in Slovakia*
- **Anna Matczak**, Hague University of Applied Sciences, Poland/The Netherlands: *The trajectory of restorative justice in Poland: Achievements and challenges*
- **Tünde Barabás**, National Institute of Criminology, Hungary: *Restorative Justice in penal matters in Hungary*

12:25 - 13:25 Lunch (provided at the conference venue)

### 13:25 - 14:40 Workshops 1 - 3 (parallel start)

Workshop 1 - **Ivo Aertsen, Natalie Van Paesschen**, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Moderator (Forum for restorative justice and mediation), Belgium: *Victim-offender mediation in prison: Towards a practical implementation*

Workshop 2 - **Petra Masopust Šachová**, Faculty of Law, Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic: *Development of restorative justice – what's next?*

Workshop 3 – **Ludmila Marková, Zdeněk Bořil (U Matter 2 Team, project Fragile Chance II)**, Probation and Mediation Service, Prison Service of the Czech Republic: *Victim impact training for offenders*

14:40 - 15:00 Coffee Break

### 15:00 - 16:15 Workshops 4 - 6 (parallel start)

Workshop 4 - **Lars Otto Justad, Edit Törzs**, Norwegian mediation service Konfliktraadet, EFRJ: *Basic principles of restorative justice and their application in practice*

Workshop 5 - **Tomáš Kellner**, Probation and Mediation Service (project Why me? II): *Multidisciplinary cooperation as an instrument of effective victim support*

Workshop 6 – **Martina Krajičková**, Probation and Mediation Service: *Family conferences with young offenders - Czech experience*

16:15 - 16:45 Coffee break

### 16:45 - 17:30 Special Projects (parallel start)

Project 1 – **Jan Tomášek**, Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention: *There is never enough good news: The effectiveness of RJ from the perspective of criminological research*

Project 2 - **Carollann Braum, Ana Hernandez Blackstad**, AAU: *Restorative Justice on campus (AAU experience)*

Project 3 – **Andrea Matoušková, Gabriela Slováková, Dagmar Doubravová**, Probation and Mediation Service, Prison Service of the Czech Republic, RUBIKON Centrum: *Yellow Ribbon Run project*

17:45 Closing Speech - **Andrea Matoušková, Marek Tkáč**

18:00 – 18:20 Concert of the Prison Band „Wsedě (Behind Bars)“

**18:20 - 18:35 Book Launch:** *Restorative approaches to solving crime* by Petra Masopust Šachová

**18:35 on** – free program in Cafe des Taxis

*The program is subject to change*

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