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## TRANSNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Date of the event: **22 May 2026**

9.00 – 9.30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
9.30 – 9.40	<b>Welcome speech</b> <i>Ms. Ruth Nordström</i> , President Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers & Chief Attorney at Skandinaviska Människorättsadvokaterna AB (Sweden)
9.40 – 9.50	<b>Presentation of the project Addressing the gap in multidisciplinary cooperation to enhance the protection of victims' rights (CEPOV): objectives, activities, results achieved</b> <i>Ms. Gabriela Ionescu</i> , Steering Committee member, Association Pro Refugiu (Romania)
9.50 – 10.05	<b>Major challenges that contribute to insufficient access to legal assistance for victims of crime in pre-trial and trial procedures in Sweden</b> <i>Ms. Ruth Nordström</i> , President Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers, Chief Attorney at Skandinaviska Människorättsadvokaterna AB
10.05 – 10.20	<b>Major challenges that contribute to insufficient access to legal assistance for victims of crime in pre-trial and trial procedures in Romania</b> <i>Mr. Paul Pop</i> , Associate Professor PhD & Vice-Dean Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (Romania)
10.20– 10.35	<b>Major challenges that contribute to insufficient access to legal assistance for victims of crime in pre-trial and trial procedures in Germany</b> <i>Ms. Daniela Lutz</i> , Social Worker, SOLWODI Counselling Center in Augsburg, Germany <i>Ms. Natalia Chakroun</i> , Lawyer, Specialist Consultant in Psychotraumatology, Board Member at Nebenklage e.V



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10.35– 10.50	<p><b>Major challenges that contribute to insufficient access to legal assistance for victims of crime in pre-trial and trial procedures in Italy</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Lorenza Grossi PhD, University Roma Tre (Italy)</i></p>
10.50 – 11-00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00–11.50	<p><b>Breaking barriers: strategies to improve access to legal aid for victims of crime (panel discussion)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Natalia Chakroun</i>, Lawyer, Specialist Consultant in Psychotraumatology, Board Member at Nebenklage e.V (Germany)</li> <li>• <i>Mr. Paul Pop</i>, Associate Professor PhD &amp; Vice-Dean Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (Romania)</li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lorenza Grossi</i> University Roma Tre (Italy)</li> <li>• <i>Vanja Berggren</i> GAPF (organization that works to combat honor-related violence)</li> <li>• <i>Tove Filén</i>, National Centre for Knowledge on Men's Violence Against Women</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ruth Nordström, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers</p>
11.50– 12.00	Questions & Answers
12.00 -13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00 – 13.40	<p><b>Effective communication with vulnerable victims: understanding cognitive, psychological and neurodevelopment differences</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Gabriel Eriksson</i>, Psychologist, Samariterhemmet</p>
13.40 – 14.10	<p><b>The division of roles between the Prosecutor and Victim's counsel/lawyer in the investigation phase and trial</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Lisa dos Santos</i>, Prosecutor Södra åklagarkammaren (Swedish Prosecution Authority), Stockholm</p>
14.10 – 14.30	<b>Coffee break</b>



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14.30 – 15.15	<p><b>Improving initial and continuing training programs for lawyers, judges and prosecutors to ensure a more comprehensive response to the needs that victims have during legal proceedings</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Paul Pop</i>, Associate Professor PhD &amp; Vice-Dean Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (Romania)</li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lorenza Grossi</i> University Roma Tre (Italy)</li> <li>• <i>Ms. Dr. Simone Emmert</i>, Professor, Legal Expert, Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm (Germany)</li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lisa dos Santos</i>, Prosecutor Södra åklagarkammaren (Swedish Prosecution Authority), Stockholm</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ruth Nordström, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers</p>
15.15– 15.45	<p><b>The importance of multi-disciplinary cooperation to facilitate an effective referral mechanism to assist victims of crime. How to enhance cooperation between lawyers/bars associations, judiciary bodies and other public/private support providers (social services, NGOs, etc.)</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrea Oleandri</i>, Co-Executive Director, Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights</p>
15.45 – 16.10	<p>Questions &amp; Answers</p>
16.10 -16.40	<p><b>Substance use disorders and the criminal process: a neuroscientific perspective on victims and offenders</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Fred Nyberg</i>, Professor, Uppsala University</p>
16.40– 16.50	<p>Questions &amp; Answers</p>
16.50 – 17.00	<p><b>Final remarks / end the event</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Ruth Nordström</i>, President Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers &amp; Chief Attorney at Skandinaviska Människorättsadvokaterna AB (Sweden)</p>