

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN – Towards a more effective rights protection and access to judicial procedures for victims of crimes

Protection of women victims of violence (JUSTICE FOR WOMEN)

Roundtable

Center for the Study of Democracy, 5, Alexander Zhendov Str

5 November 2019

AGENDA

- 10:00 *Opening*
Dr Maria Yordanova, senior fellow, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 10:05 *Presentation of Guidelines for financial compensation in cases concerning women victims of crime; current issues in countering violence against women*
Miriana Ilcheva, senior analyst, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 10:30 *First contact with women victims of violence: protection under the Domestic Violence Protection Act and in the criminal procedure. The importance of empathy. Interviewing victim witnesses. Case study.*
Inspector Penka Stoyanova, Security Police, National Police General Directorate, National Co-ordinator on Domestic Violence with the Ministry of the Interior
Inspector Desislava Victorova, Crimes against the Person sector, National Police General Directorate
- 11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 *Holistic approach towards the needs of women victims of crime. Assessment of physical and psychological trauma. Case studies.*
Diana Videva, member of Managing Board, Demetra Association
Milkana Meskin, Pirogov Emergency Hospital
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 *Challenges in the proceedings on violence against women. Assessment of physical and psychological trauma and awarding of just compensation. Case-law*



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Judge Daniela Alexandrova, deputy chair, head of Third Civil College, Sofia Regional Court

Prosecutor Vassilena Anastasova, Sofia Regional Prosecutor's Office

14:30 *Coffee Break*

14:45 *Discussion*

Moderator: **Dr Maria Yordanova**, senior fellow, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

15:30 *Closing*



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