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‘Victims of road traffic offences’

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The EU-project ‘Victims of road traffic offences’ is supported by the Justice Programme of the European Union. With this project, KU Leuven, Moderator and Rondpunt will try to gain more recognition for victims of road traffic offences.

**Our target group**
- Victims of road traffic offences
- Victim-volunteers
- Professionals working with these victims

**Our goals**
- Gaining recognition for victims of road traffic offences
- Developing clear information
- Improving effectiveness and accessibility of support
- Preventing secondary victimisation
- Facilitating multidisciplinary cooperation
- Strengthening victims and victim-volunteers

**The three main topics**

**Information & support**
Victims of road traffic offences have limited knowledge about their rights and its implementation. To improve their knowledge, we will invest in clear information by creating a blueprint of a practical guide and a leaflet about their rights adapted according to their needs.

Besides developing clear information, we would like to improve the effectiveness and the accessibility of victim support through sharing good practices of cooperation and referrals between professionals and professional and self-help groups. We will also develop basic training materials about the needs and rights of road traffic victims for victim-volunteers and professionals within victim support.

**Interdisciplinary cooperation on policy level**
Earlier research showed that there is a lack of interdisciplinary cooperation between police, victim support, medical sector, insurance companies, justice authorities and self-help groups of victim-volunteers. To facilitate this, we will look for good practices in different European countries. The used methods will be shared and poured into a blueprint. Furthermore, we will develop basic training materials and a manual for victim-volunteers and professionals working in victim support.

**Restorative justice**
The accessibility of restorative justice practices, such as mediation, for those involved in traffic accidents is not always guaranteed. We will depart from the needs of victims for communication with the other party. The experiences of victims and offenders, which will be shared through digital story telling, and good practices from different European countries will help us to develop instruments like a manual and training materials for Restorative Justice in road traffic offences. Later on, we will organize workshops for victim associations on this topic.