



Victim Support through Alignment of Remedies



## Mutual Exchange and Learning Event of the ViSAR project

*Support for victims of domestic violence:  
Recent developments in Greece and Cyprus*

Wednesday 18 February 2026

**In person:** European Public Law Organization (EPLO), 2 Polygnótu & Dioskouron, Plaka, Athens,  
105 55, Greece

**Online:**

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### Agenda

14:00-14:15 pm	Registrations
14:15-14:30 pm	<i>Welcome – Introduction</i> <b>Artinopoulou Vasiliki</b> , Professor of Criminology, Department of Sociology, Panteion University – Director of Institute on Crime & Criminal Justice, European Public Law Organization (EPLO) – Scientific Coordinator for the ViSAR project
14:30-14:45 pm	<i>Presentation of the ViSAR project &amp; the Second Work Package: Findings from focus group discussions with criminal justice professionals and victim support organizations</i> <b>Maria Pouloupoulou</b> , Project Manager, EPLO & <b>Konstantinos Panagos</b> , Assistant Professor of Criminology and Penology, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), Researcher of the ViSAR project
14:45-15.45 pm	<i>Exchange of best practices regarding the legislative framework and support services for victims of domestic violence in Cyprus and Greece:</i> <b>1. Speaker:</b> Iro Michael, <b>SPAVO</b> - Head of the Immediate Assistance Center: “From the Legislative Framework to Daily Practice: ΣΠΑΒΟ’s Experience in Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence”



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	<p>2. <b>Speaker:</b> Tania Masia - <b>Cyprus Children’s House</b>, Director of Education and Innovation, Hope For Children CRC Policy Center: “Specialization, Technology &amp; Support Against Child Sexual Abuse – The Barnahus Model in Cyprus”  <b>Intervention:</b> Fotis Tegos- "<b>Children’s House</b>" Thessaloniki, Head, Independent Office for the Protection of Minor Victims</p> <p>3. <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Andri Andronikou – <b>Woman’s House SPAVO</b>, Scientific Director: “The Woman’s House as an Innovation in the Multisectoral and Interdisciplinary Management of Gender-Based and Domestic Violence Cases”</p> <p>4. <b>Speaker:</b> Angela Ioakeim - <b>Social Welfare Services of Cyprus</b>, Social Services Officer: “The Role of the Social Welfare Services and the Family Counsellor in Cases of Domestic Violence.”</p> <p>5. <b>Speaker:</b> Police Inspector Stella Charalambidou – <b>Cypriot Police</b>, Family Violence and Child Abuse Unit of the Sub-Directorate for the Management of Vulnerable Persons’ Cases: “Presentation of Statistical Data and Experiences of Cypriot Police Representatives Regarding Victims and Perpetrators of Domestic Violence, as well as the Challenges They Face”  <b>Intervention:</b> Police Officer 2nd Class Ioannis Balatsos – Hellenic Police</p> <p>6. <b>Speaker:</b> Rea Limnatitou - <b>Cyprus Judicial School</b>, Director of the Cyprus Judicial School &amp; Former President of the Cyprus Court of Appeal: “Raising Judges’ Awareness on Domestic Violence Issues: Understanding Victims’ Behavior”  <b>Intervention:</b> Ioulia Argyropoulou - <b>National School of Judicial Officers of Greece</b>, President of the Court of Appeal (Court of Appeal of Thessaloniki) &amp; Lecturer at the National School of Judicial Officers of Greece</p>
15:45-16:15 pm	<i>Break- Light Lunch</i>
16:15 -16:30 pm	<p><i>The importance of cooperation between state institutions and civil society in Greece and Cyprus: Presentation of Model Cooperation Agreements.</i>  <b>prof. Trygve Ben Holland, HfÖV, Germany, ViSARs project partner (online)</b></p>





16:30-17:00 pm	<p><i>Presentation of the AI platform</i>  <b>AGENFOR</b> representative, Italy, ViSARs project partner (online)</p>
17:00-17:50 pm	<p><b>Open discussion on: Support for victims of domestic violence in Greece. Recent developments and a comparative overview with Cyprus.</b>  <i>Moderation: Artinopoulou Vasiliki, Professor of Criminology, Department of Sociology, Panteion University – Director of Institute on Crime &amp; Criminal Justice, European Public Law Organization (EPLO) – Scientific Coordinator for the ViSAR project &amp; Konstantinos Panagos, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Penology, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), Researcher on the ViSAR project</i></p>
17:50-18:00 pm	<p>Completion of activities</p>



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