

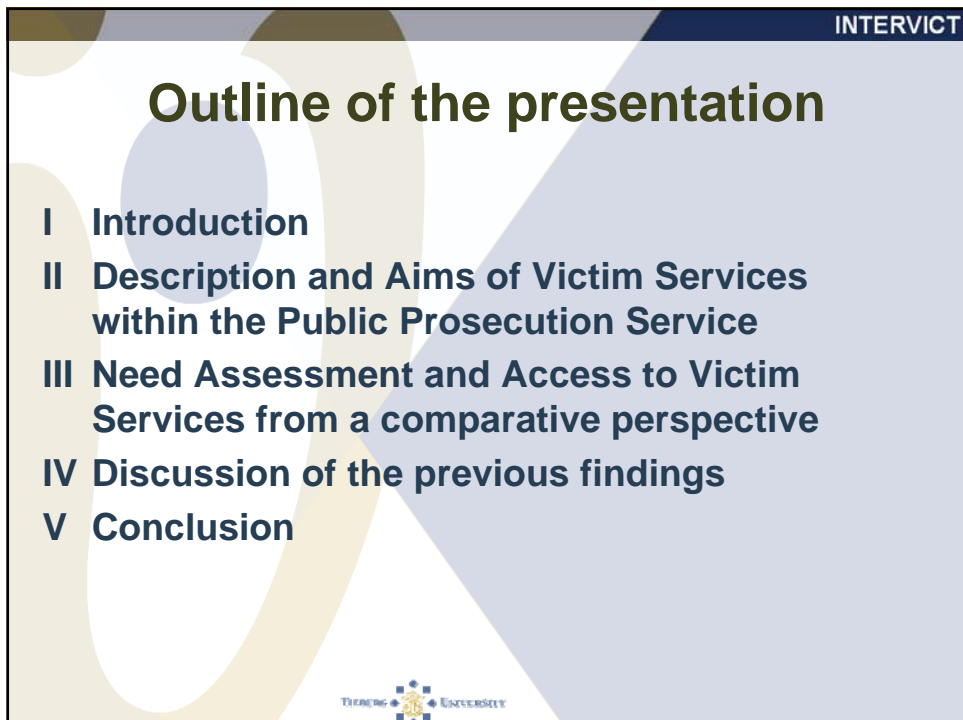
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**Need assessment and
access to victim
services within the
Criminal Justice System:**
*the Netherlands vs. England
& Wales*

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I Introduction

- **Need assessment and access to victim services within the Criminal Justice System from a comparative perspective => in search of the ideal approach.**
- **Background**
 - Interviews Public Prosecution Offices (NL/UK)
 - Legal sources: Prosecutor's Pledge *England & Wales*, Prosecutorial Guidelines *Netherlands*



II Description and Aims of Victim Services within the Public Prosecution Service

Different types of services:

- Information
- Compensation
- Participation
- Victim Impact Statement/Victim Personal Statement
- Meetings with the Public Prosecutor
- Protection
- Special Measures

Aims:

- Instrumental
- Moral
- Therapeutic



II Description and Aims of Victim Services within the Public Prosecution Service

- **Comparative Perspective:**
 - The Netherlands vs. England & Wales
 - Inquisitorial vs. Adversarial
- **Netherlands**
 - Overview available services
 - Aims
- **England and Wales**
 - Overview available Services
 - Aims

III Need Assessment and Access to Victim Services from a comparative perspective

- **Acknowledged victim needs:**
 - Information
 - Possibility to express themselves
 - Compensation
 - Medical and/or psychological support
 - Etc.
- **Individual need assessment vs. General need assessment**
- **Relationship between need assessment and access to victim services**

III Need Assessment and Access to Victim Services from a comparative perspective

- **Comparative Perspective:**

The Netherlands

- **Need assessment**
- **Access to Victim Services**

England & Wales

- **Need assessment**
- **Access to Victim Services**

- **Conclusion**

IV Discussion of the previous findings

- **Differences:**
 - **Organisational differences**
 - **Practical differences**
 - **Inquisitorial vs. Adversarial**
- **Similarities**

⇒ **Practical relevance?**

V Conclusion

- **Summary**
- **Description of the ideal approach**
- **Suggestions for further research**



Questions?

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