

Victim In the Picture (VIP)

VIP is an alternative juridical sanction that considers a crime as a conflict situation with three actors involved: delinquent, victim and each one's entourage and the society.

It started as a project in 1995, and is now one of the regular methods in working with delinquents.

There are two similar procedures: one for minors (14-18 y) and one for adults.

The VIP method takes about 20 à 30 h.

To stand still with the impact of the crime in the life of the victim is not always comprehensible for the delinquent. VIP uses group discussion (4 à 8 persons), role play and writing sessions to try to give the delinquent an insight in the victims perception of the situation. The final goal is to start a healing process that facilitates the recovery of the delinquent.

VIP goals (for the delinquent):

- To become aware of the consequences for the victim
- To reinforce empathy
- To stimulate taking responsibility for the victim

Only via:

- Judge (law on probation)
- attorney (law on mediation in criminal matters)
- juvenile judge (minors)