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### **From Venice to Pamplona, highlighting the recent developments in legislation on restorative justice**

The Council of Europe Venice Declaration in 2021, unanimously adopted by the Ministries of Justice of the CoE, reinforcing the CoE Recommendation in 2018 dedicated to the role of restorative justice in criminal matters, has encouraged States and regions to develop action plans and legislation to ensure a right to access to appropriate restorative justice services. In Navarra, a northern region of Spain, a new Law on RJ has been approved on March 2023, with the aim of attaining a wide implementation of restorative justice, its principles and methods as a complement or, where suitable, as an alternative to or within the framework of criminal proceedings aiming at desistance from crime, offenders' reintegration and victims' recovery.

The challenges and opportunities of this policies will be described and an open debate will be promoted during the workshop. Last but not least, will be discussed what the Spanish experience could mean for the further development of restorative justice in Germany.

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