

Policy & Advocacy Team

VSE General Meeting 2024

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European Parliament 2024 Elections:

- Developed a dedicated **Elections Webpage** for streamlined access to resources;
- Published an **MEP Candidates Pledge** to promote victims' rights;
- Released a **Victims' Rights Toolkit** and a **Safety Tipsheet** to support candidates and the public.

Exchanges and engagement with EU Institutions:

- Sent **Welcome Letters to key EU Officials**, including the Presidents of the Commission, Parliament, and EESC;
- Developed a **briefing for MEPs, pledge signers and political advisors**, on victims' rights in the EU and VSE Priorities;
- **Monitoring** of updates on EU Victims' Rights Legislative files;
- Exchanges with **Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)** officials from the Netherlands, Hungary, Germany, Spain, Ireland and Estonia in regards to the ongoing Revision of the 2012 Victims' Rights Directive (VRD);
- Participated in **target consultations with MEPs** and a **Greens/EFA LIBE Members Networking and Strategic Meeting**;
- Publication of a **Joint Statement** with EU NGOs following the publication of the Council's General Approach on the VRD Revision.

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Engagement on Child Victims' Protection files:

- Membership **Children's Rights Action Group (CRAG)**;
- Engaged in **target consultations on the Recast Directive of Child Sexual Abuse** with MEPs Saskia Bricmont and Isabel Serra;
- Released a **Briefing** on the ongoing revision of the **EU Child Sexual Abuse Directive (CSA)**;
- Intervention on the **Right of child victims to compensation** in the ECLAG Workshop on the Recast Directive of Child Sexual Abuse;
- Active participation in **events on child vulnerabilities, transition to adulthood and victimisation** organised by Save the Children, PICUM, Missing Children Europe and CRAG.

Other activities:

- Participation in **2 international UN Conferences, hosting side events**, on Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime;
- Provided **input on UNODC Resolution 17/2025**, on Challenges, Lessons Learned and Best Practices to ensure Equal Access to Justice for all individuals;
- Council of Europe **Inputs on the Guidance for CSO Participation in COE Intergovernmental Committee work**;
- Input on the **European Union Drugs Agency Consultation in Lisbon**.

How did members benefit from your current work?

- Amplified members' voices and priorities at the EU level.
- Engagement with members for revised Victims' Rights Directive and continued monitoring of EU Victims' Legislation.
- Supported national advocacy efforts (toolkits, MPP).
- Informed on trends and developments in Brussels and through our engagement/networking with the UN.
- Visibility as part of a European leading umbrella organisation.
- Engagement with Permanent Reps in Brussels.
- Briefings.





Future look on activities Dec – May 2025

- Prepare engagement for **trilogues of revised Victims' Rights Directive**;
- **Monitor global and EU policy** developments related to victims' rights;
- In-house **evidence collection and analysis of the progress** done regarding the implementation of the **EU Victims' Rights Strategy (2020 - 2025)**;
- Advocate for the adoption of the **new EU Victims' Rights Strategy**;
- Organise key **stakeholder meetings** with EU Institution and partner EU NGOs;
- Participation in the European Commissions' **Victims' Rights Platform**;
- Respond to EU Launched **Public Consultations**;
- **Influence the new college of commissioners** to focus on victims and adopt our approach on national frameworks (i.e. Safe Justice and Effective Communication);
- Develop **multimedia solutions to promote policies**;
- **Policy Analysis** based on mainstreamed specific rights;
- A **memorandum supporting advocacy effort of VSE and its members** to influence the EU in the post-elections phase and make victims' issues central and cross-cutting in all policy areas;
- **ECHR/ECJ** case law monitoring.



THANK YOU!

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