

Advocacy & Policy Team

VSE Annual General Meeting 2025

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- Regularly **engaged with EU institutions**, including the European Commission, MEPs, Permanent Representations and other stakeholders, **on the revision of the Victims' Rights Directive and other key policy priorities**.
- Responded to **eight EU Consultations** on the Multiannual Financial Framework, the Action Plan Against Cyberbullying, the EU Tourism Strategy, the EU LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy, the EU Civil Society Strategy, the EU Gender Equality Strategy, and the EU Anti-Racism Strategy and the first reaction to the Proposal for the new MFF.
- Responded to **one** UN consultation (Counter Terrorism Strategy) and participated as speaker in **two** UNODC events (**Vienna and Rome**).
- Launched a **pledge calling for the correct implementation of the 116 006 helpline across the EU**, under the title “One Number. One Standard. Equal Support for Every Victim.”
- Signed a **joint statement with the Child Rights Action Group**, putting forward recommendations to the European Parliament Intergroup on Children’s Rights and **one** more on the Action Plan against Cyberbullying.
- **Monitored other legislative files**, including the transposition of the violence against women Directive, the recast of the Child Sexual Abuse Directive, the CSAM Regulation and the new Multiannual Financial Framework.
- Drafted and developed the new **VSE Strategy for 2026 – 2030**, and **hosted 3 consultations with members**.

Events

- Organised meetings with Assistants to EP Rapporteurs, MEPs, and European Commission representatives.
- Organised meetings with the Council of the EU Presidencies (Denmark and Cyprus).
- Attended European Parliament meetings to monitor discussions on ongoing legislative priorities.
- Participated in advocacy meetings with EU NGOs, EU bodies and agencies (EESC, FRA and EUAA) and other civil society organisations to exchange views on ongoing legislative files and policy priorities.
- Delivered contributions in several events to highlight VSE's commitment to victims' rights, including the UNODC European Regional Workshop, the Child-Friendly Justice Network Annual Seminar, FRA Expert Meetings, etc.
- Organised meetings with international delegations from Pakistan and South Korea, as well as the French Interministerial Delegation, to discuss specific topics related to victims' rights.
- Participated in meetings organised under the framework of the EU Victims' Rights Platform.
- Hosted EU NGOs roundtable.
- Successful results for FPA and OG applications.
- Membership to the Civil Society Platform on Anti-trafficking (DG HOME) and the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRA).
- Meeting with the UN ASG and Victims' Rights Advocate.

How did members benefit from your current work?

- Amplified members' voices and priorities at the EU level via the support of the VSE Platforms and the engagement with other organisations.
- Engagement with members for revised Victims' Rights Directive and other EU legislative files.
- Delivery of trainings and interventions for the labour inspectorate (Brussels), EU agencies (CEPOL), equality bodies (Bilbao), project consortia and EU NGOs' annual conferences (Brussels, Athens)
- Supported national advocacy efforts (toolkits, 116 006 Helplines, webinars)
- Supported proposal development in various themes and all VSE events.



Future look on activities January - June 2026

- Follow up on the **last stage of negotiations and early implementation phase of the revised Victims' Rights Directive**, including engagement with EU institutions and Member States.
- Inputs for the new Victims' Rights Strategy and the Anti-trafficking Strategy and following all EU victims' files.
- Approve and initiate the implementation of the **VSE Strategy 2026 - 2030**, guiding VSE's long-term policy and organisational priorities.
- **Monitor and engage on key legislative files** to maximise opportunities for victims' rights and mitigate emerging risks; mainstreaming victims' rights.
- Organise **stakeholder and members' meetings and webinars, and meetings with victims' advocates**, including the EU NGO Roundtables (regular ones) and targeted discussions with institutional partners.
- Continue monitoring **global and EU policy developments** affecting victims' rights and identify opportunities for strategic intervention, ahead of the preparation for the UN Crime Congress.
- Planning and **priority-setting for 2026** activities; **monitoring** the implementation of the new Strategy.
- Other activities TBC in line with evolving policy developments and organisational priorities (e.g. cybercrime, hate crime); operational policy-making and support/advice to institutions and the UN.



THANK YOU!

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