

# **Civil society and academia**

*Main players for advanced  
victim policies*

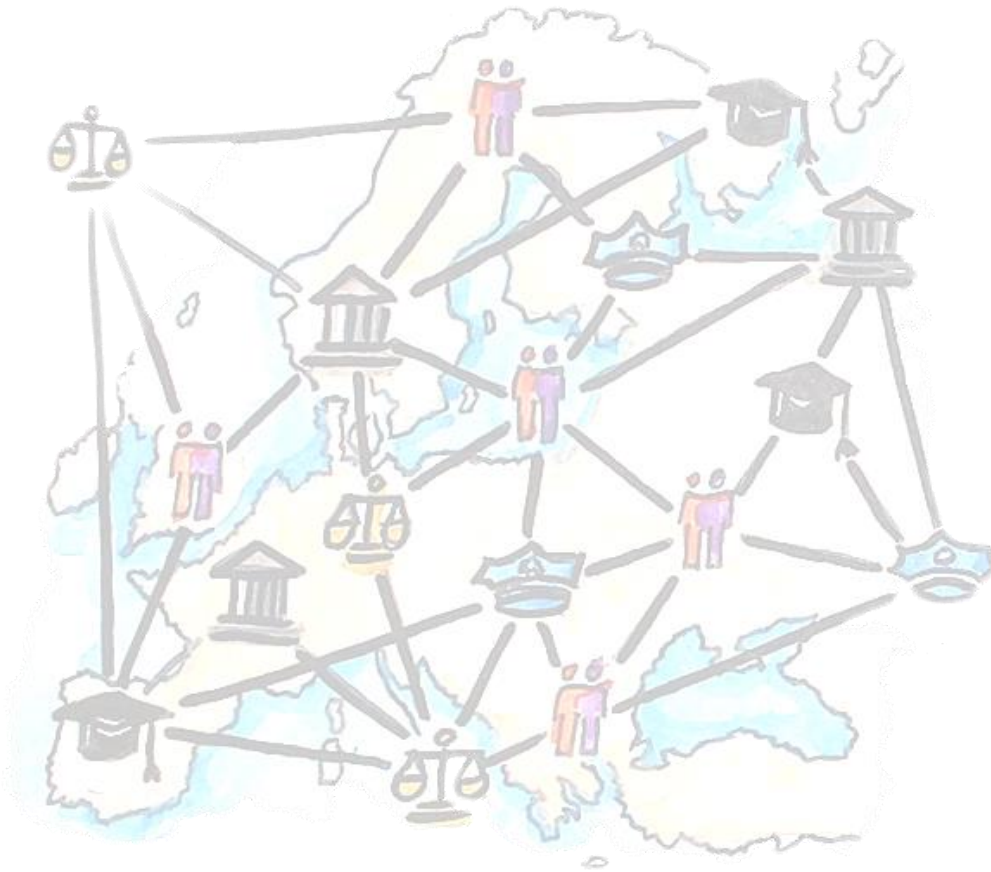
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**THE VOICE  
OF VICTIMS  
IN EUROPE**

# Victim Support Europe

## Who are we?



Set up in 1990 to promote rights and services for all victims of crime in Europe

Network of +/- 60 organisations: NGOs, State, Individuals, Universities

+/- 30 Countries

5000+ staff and volunteers

2 million+ victims supported per year

# What we do? *regular EU-network stuff*

## Policy and advocacy



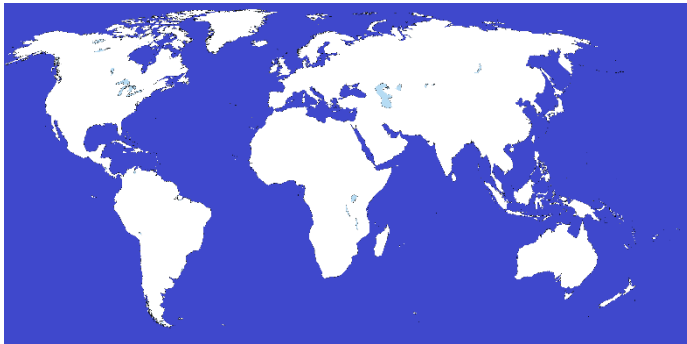
## Exchange of practices and expertise

# What we do?

## *working for victims and member organisations*



Cross-border referral



Capacity building



Service development



# What we do?

*covering gaps in expertise*



## Victims of terrorism



# How we do it?

## Own expertise

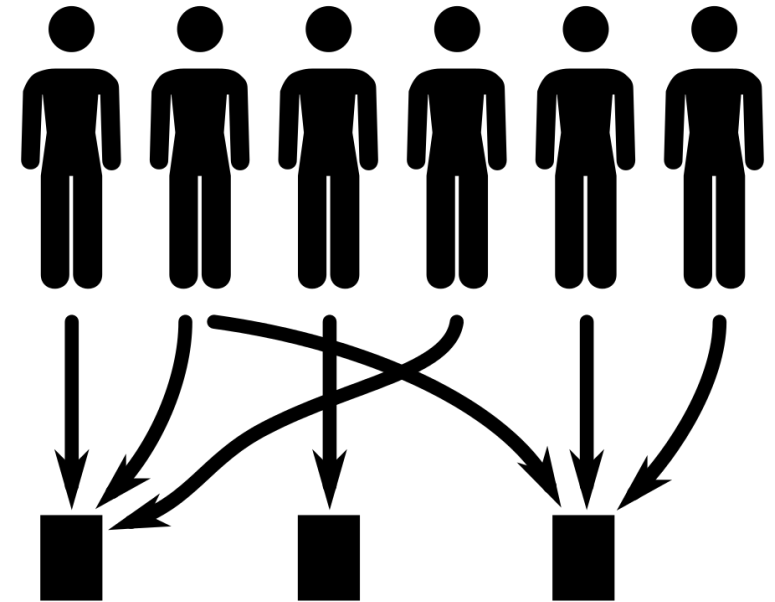
- Staff
- Board
- Members

## Cooperation

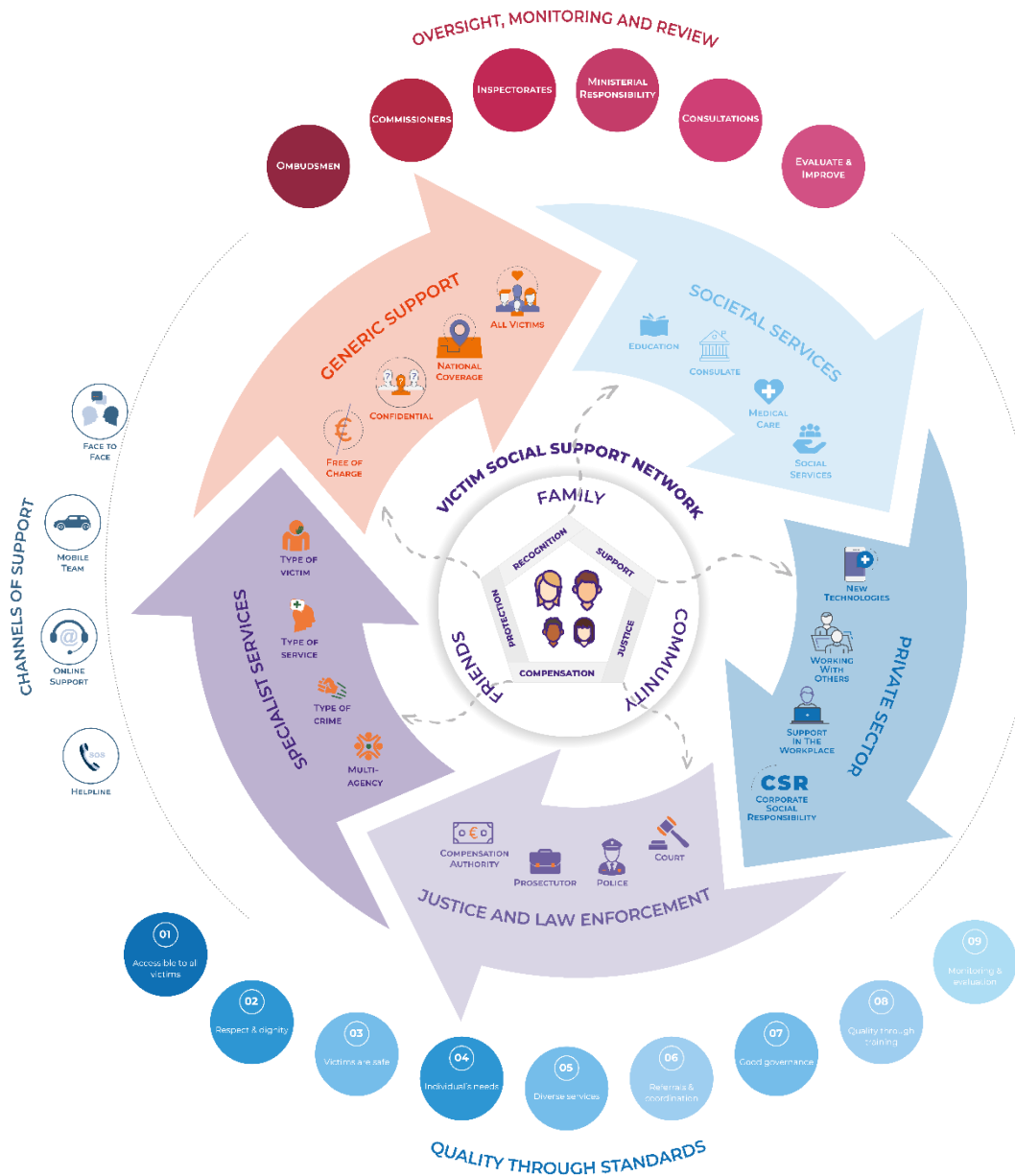
- victims
- members and other service providers
- governments
- EU
- international organisations

## Leadership

- Centre of Expertise for victims of terrorism
- INVICTM
- Victim Support Asia



# A National Framework for Victim Support Services



# Who does it?



TYPE OF VICTIM



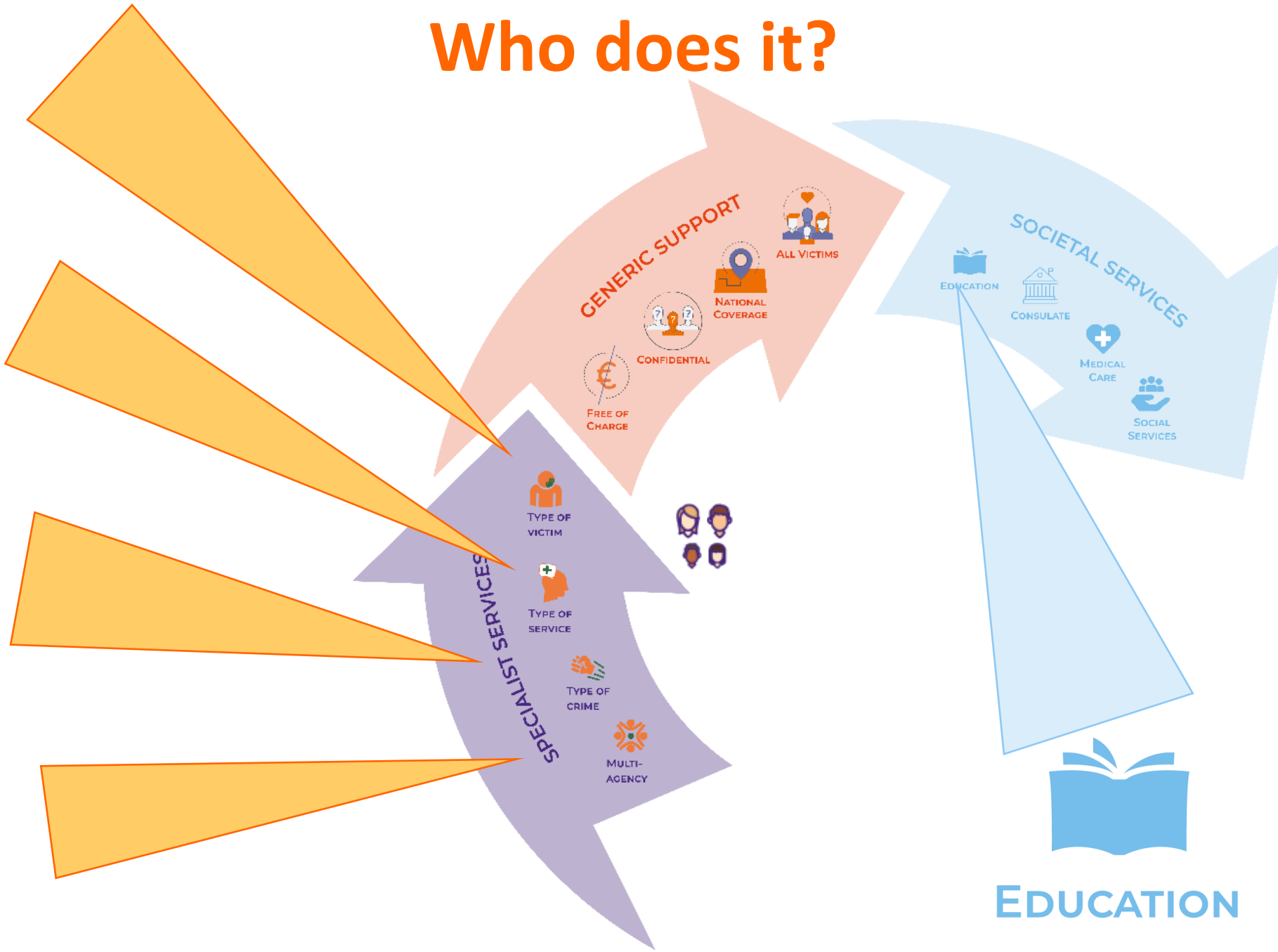
TYPE OF SERVICE



TYPE OF CRIME



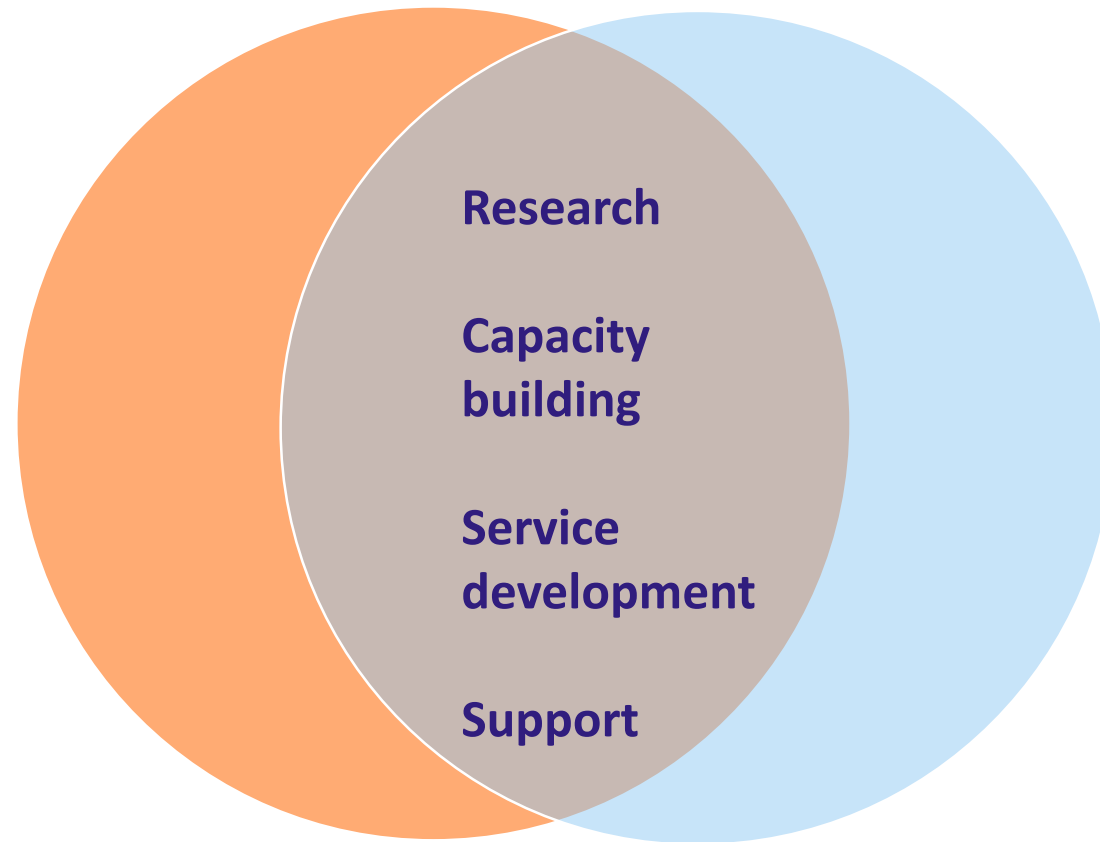
MULTI-AGENCY



  
**EDUCATION**



# How do we work together?



■ VSE

■ Academia

# How we have cooperated in the past

## *Research*

### VOCIARE project:

26 EU national reports (- UK and Denmark)

+/- 800 survey respondents

130+ interviews with victim support professionals

1 synthesis report

Antony P. member of the Steering Committee

Several universities conducted national research: LU, ES

For all reports, go to:

<https://victimsupport.eu/about-us/our-projects/vociare/>



**VOCIARE**

Victims of Crime  
Implementation Analysis  
of Rights in Europe



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# How we cooperate now

## *Service development*



### CREST

Partners include:

- Information and Technology institute of Greece
- Sheffield Hallam University
- National University of Ireland Maynooth
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Vienna University
- University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration and Legal Affairs in Bavaria
- VSE

### COURTHOUSE DOGS

Partners include:

- University College Cork, Ireland
- Federico II University in Naples, Italy
- VSE



# If we don't work together

- Duplication and miscommunication
- Loss of knowledge
- Lack of consultation
- Risk of misunderstanding and confrontation
- Failing victims

# THANK YOU!

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