

Development, Innovation, Knowledge Management Directorate

VSE Annual General Meeting 2025

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BeneVict (Implementation of Victims' Rights Directive):

- Finalisation of cost-benefit analysis report;
- Finalisation of technical report.

BRIDGE (Capacity building):

- Kick-off meeting in Brussels, October;
- Recruitment of national teams in LT and LV, November.

LINK (Access to justice for victims with disabilities)

- Finalisation of the Model Multidisciplinary Cooperation System;
- Finalisation of the technical report;
- End of project: June.

2Gether4Victims (GBV and domestic violence):

- 3 study visits to: Germany (June), France (September) and Portugal (November);
- 2nd phase of podcast recording completed.

EUCVT DEMOS (Victims of terrorism)

- 190+ trained through the hybrid training course;
- Online training course launched and made available on the EUCVT hub;
- EUCVT Guidance Document on Responding to the Needs of Victims of Terrorism published;
- EU CVT Guidance Document translated in French, German and Spanish;
- 6 Webinars organised;
- Final Conference organised: September.

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DISRUPT (Human trafficking - Child sexual exploitation):

- Dissemination graphic novel and manual;
- Final Conference organised (March);
- End of project: June.

INVERT (Human trafficking - Labour exploitation):

- Social media campaign;
- Piloting of Company focused and victim focused risk indicators for labour trafficking;
- Validation reports on Company focused and victim focused risk indicators;
- Final conference to mark the end of the project;
- End of project: September

Breaking Barriers (Human trafficking):

- Final Activity Report for law enforcement agencies and general public drafted.

LITIGATE (Strategic litigation for victims with disabilities):

- National and European trainings for persons with disabilities, legal professionals, and NGOs/Victim Support Organisations;
- Mentoring programme to boost capacity in initiating and conducting strategic litigation activities;
- International Symposium to mark the end of the project;
- End of project: October 2025.

CROSSING PROTECT (Cooperation between victim support and restorative justice):

- Training event in Klaipeda, Lithuania;
- Development of the first draft of the referral guidelines;
- Two online training hotspots organised;
- Three Working Group sessions organised.



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IMPACT (Capacity building):

- Research phase completed with the main outcome being 3 Community Needs Assessment reports;
- First study visit to the Netherlands, September;
- Work on solutions for healthcare professionals in Estonia: work on digital PAKE body map and trainings initiated
- Work on the National Victims' Rights Strategy in Malta: first strategy draft completed;
- Work on the victimisation survey in Portugal: draft questionnaire completed.

IAPHP (Harmful practices):

- Final project Training Report;
- Final project Awareness Session Report;
- End of the project:

Montenegro Victim Support (Capacity building):

- Methodology for the Needs Assessment designed;
- The online questionnaire for the relevant institutions designed, with the aim of mapping the existing victim support services in Montenegro.

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INVICTUS (Capacity building):

- Community Needs Assessment (CNA) reports and validation workshops across the six INVICTUS implementing countries—Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Italy, and Portugal;
- 6 workshops for the development of action plans;
- Workshop on capacity building tools in Zagreb on Nov 20-2, 2025

No-Oblivion (War Crimes and Universal Jurisdiction):

- Preparation and delivery of sustainability plan;
- Universal Jurisdiction Roundtables;
- Remembering Through Art - Livestream Event;
- Creation of the Universal Jurisdiction Guiding Tree and presentation during webinar;
- Podcasts and short videos;
- National dissemination event;
- Final dissemination report.

Project proposals



VSE-led proposals:

- **CERV-2025-DAPHNE:** Proposal aimed at collecting an evidence base to advocate for the elimination of cross-examination in court for child victims of crime supported through Barnahus.
- **TSI 2025 Flagship technical support project:** Proposal aimed at the (second stage - proposal already approved) establishment, implementation and strengthening of a national system for victim support in Latvia and Lithuania.
- **CERV-2025-CHAR-LITI:** Proposal aimed at increasing awareness and knowledge of legal professionals and practitioners working in CSOs, national human rights institutions, Equality bodies, Ombuds-institutions about EU law and existing remedies and redress mechanisms to enforce the rights of victims of crimes at national and European level.
- **e-Justice:** Proposal aimed at developing operational, technical, and training infrastructures that enable consistent delivery of high-quality services, including innovative online and live training solutions with recognised accreditation.

VSE co-submitted 23 proposals under the following calls:

Horizon Europe **(15)**, AMIF **(1)**, CHAR-LITI **(4)**, e-Justice **(2)**, and CERV-EQUAL **(1)**, covering topics such as gender-based violence, sexual crimes, human trafficking, radicalisation and extremism, cybercrime and online hate speech.

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OSPNEY (Protection of Public-Facing Professionals):

- Kick-off meeting in the UK, December;
- Analysis of legislation, ethics and policies on protection from online harms;
- Synthesis of existing knowledgebase about online harms against Public-Facing Professionals.

Breaking Barriers (Human trafficking):

- Final Activity Report for law enforcement agencies and general public drafted.

CROSSING PROTECT Cooperation between victim Support and restorative Justice):

- Working group on referral between VS and RJ services;
- Training event in Poland (May/June);
- 2 Online training hotspots to be organised.

2Gether4Victims (GBV and domestic violence):

- Piloting of the Individual Needs Assessment and the Organisational Self-Assessment tools by partners and external organisations;
- Spring school - in-person training event, March/April;
- Roll-out of online training modules;
- Finalisation of the EU research report.

Montenegro Victim Support (Capacity building):

- Submission of the Draft and Final Institutional Needs Assessment Report with Recommendations for establishing a Comprehensive National Victim Support Framework in Montenegro.



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IMPACT (Capacity building):

- Webinar with La Maison de Femmes, 5 December.
- Further capacity-building activities - webinars, trainings and study visit.
- Finalisation of the Victims' Rights National Strategy in Malta and its validation by victims and key stakeholders.
- Data collection phase of the victimisation survey in Portugal.

BRIDGE (Capacity building):

- National kick-off meetings in Latvia and Lithuania (December);
- Mapping of stakeholders (November – January).

INVICTUS (Capacity building):

- Development and piloting of tools for individual needs assessment, referral and info provision;
- Online training on effective communication;
- Field visits in piloting countries;
- Raising awareness and advocacy campaign.

Structural changes of the team

In late 2025, the **VSE Project Team** has been transformed into the **Development, Innovation and Knowledge Management Directorate**

The goal of this new Directorate is to expand the scope of work with responsibility for:

- strengthening fundraising;
- project management;
- business development;
- driving innovation (particularly through digital platforms);
- ensuring that knowledge generated by the organisation is systematically captured, shared, and leveraged.



How do members benefit from your current work?

- **Identification and communication of project opportunities** and support of members' project partnerships' creation through VSE's network;
- **Increased level of participation** of members in VSE-led projects;
- **Increased opportunities** for members **to join projects** under new programmes, both within and outside of the EU;
- **Improved strategic coordination** and **shared approach** with members when identifying and pursuing project opportunities;
- Higher availability of **project development** and **implementation templates, guidelines** and **checklists** to members;
- Availability of **new resources** developed through projects, e.g. reports, papers, methodologies, tools, videos;
- Opportunities to **join advisory board groups, communities of practice, and working groups** to share expertise, exchange knowledge and learn from shared experiences.





THANK YOU!

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