



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2020



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FROM THE EDITORS

Dear VSE members, partners and friends,

This year has been a tough year so far, but we learned a lot. Right now, our victim support community is stronger than ever. We are lending a hand and uplifting each other in new ways. We work together - many of us remotely - to ensure victims and employees in need receive support. We keep managing planned meetings and activities online, we run our projects overcoming the new challenges, we are busy with various awareness-raising efforts and advocacy work! We are grateful to our [VSE family](#) for rising to the challenge in these unprecedented times.

This year was also a historic year for the European Commission and EU policy development on the whole: the Commission published two very important strategies: the [gender equality strategy](#) and the [EU victims' rights strategy](#), plus, a number of consultations. We welcome those developments and look forward to making those strategies a reality in practice in the years to come.



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VSE NEWS SINCE THE LAST UPDATE

Introducing our new board members!

On 27 August 2020, the VSE Annual General Meeting was held online with delegates representing our member organisations. Among the important agenda topics there was the election/re-election of the

Executive Board members for the next three years.

2020 VSE Executive Board Election Results

Victim Support Europe **ONE VOICE ONE CAUSE 2020**

Congratulations to:

We are pleased to announce the names of the newly elected and re-elected VSE Executive Board Members.

Geraldine Hanna
VSE Vice President
(Victim Support Northern Ireland)

Petra Klein
VSE Treasurer
(Weisser Ring Germany)

Gábor Veisz
VSE Executive Board Member
(Fehér Gyűrű, Hungary)

Silvia Taravan
VSE Executive Board Member
(Rete Dafne, Italia)

The election of Members of the Executive Board took place on 27 August 2020 at the online Annual General Meeting.

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Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska appointed as the first EU coordinator for victims' rights

On the 22nd September, at a high-level video conference, the Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders introduced the Commission's newly appointed Coordinator for Victims' Rights – Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska. We welcome the EU Coordinator Mrs. Janicka-Pawlowska, and we look forward to our cooperation going forward.

With the first-ever EU Victims' Rights strategy, the new EU-wide Victims' Rights Platform and the Coordinator for Victims' Rights, the Commission has shown clear commitment to carry this important work on.



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Our ERASMUS+ KA2 – PROTECT project proposal approved

The project PROTECT aims at promoting the respect of the victims' rights through the implementation of restorative practices paths. In doing this, the project intends to improve the skills and competences of the trainers/operators of the victim's support organisations involved in the project. The objective is to facilitate the implementation of restorative justice paths, spreading the meaning of reparation and promoting the assumption of responsible attitudes towards victims, society, and community rules.

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Our application for the project INFOVICTIMS III was approved by the European Commission

INFOVICTIMS III is the third version of INFOVICTIMS and aims at developing new and updated informative materials for victims of crime and to expand such materials to the other EU Member States besides the MS included in the previous editions. Ultimately, INFOVICTIMS III intends to contribute to increasing the available information for victims of crime on the functioning of the criminal justice system, their rights and ways to exercise them.

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VSE is leading a new project on facility dogs

The aim of the FYDO Project is to coordinate FYDO (Facility dogs) service for vulnerable victims in three European countries – Belgium, Italy and France and ensure appropriate victim support and satisfaction. Service will be provided in different surroundings – police, fire departments, and victim support organisations, both for victims go through the judicial process and those who need support outside of proceedings. VSE will be the coordinator in this project.

Partners: Canisha (BE); Viaduc 67 (FR); Dog4life Onlus (IT); University College Cork – National University Of Ireland, Cork (IE); Hachiko vzw (BE); Handi'Chiens (FR)

Coordinated by: Victim Support Europe.



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LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Victim Support Europe's Annual Report 2019 is now available online!



2019

Annual report.



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NEWS FROM VSE MEMBERS

CROATIA: The creation of the Interactive Map of Social Service Providers for Victims of Violence in the Republic of Croatia has been finalised.

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CROATIA: The first training of police officers of the Police Administration of Split-Dalmatia was held as one of the activities of the project "Cross Violence".

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DENMARK: Despite minor local Corona outbreaks, Victim Support Denmark have resumed their activities.

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FINLAND: New record in clients at Victim Support Finland (RIKU).

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FRANCE: Opening of the trial of the terrorist attacks of 7, 8 and 9 January 2015.

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PORTUGAL: The Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV) celebrates 30 years of its existence this year and joins the "STRONG" initiative - a song to raise awareness against violence.

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SCOTLAND: Victim Support Scotland Turns 35.

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SCOTLAND: Victim Support Scotland shows support for new hate crime legislation.

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COMING UP EVENTS

VSE Annual Conference 2020



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**BRIDGING
HIGH-TECH
AND
VICTIM SUPPORT
SERVICES**

Victim Support Europe
Annual Conference 2020
ONLINE 19 November

REGISTER ONLINE

Expand your technical know-how, meet fellow innovators and learn about the latest trends in tech for the benefit of victims of crime from experts in social, justice, police, health, web, social media and more. A day of unexpected gear and approaches, idea exchanges, partnership opportunities and aha-moments!

FULLY ONLINE & FREE!

There are 2 options to participate in our conference:

1. You can join the online event in ZOOM. For this, you will need to register first: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/registration/>

This option will give you an opportunity to interact with other conference participants in a conference chat.

2. You can watch our conference live, it will be streamed on VSE's Facebook page and YouTube Channel. No registration required.

Please, check our conference website (<https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>) for future updates on speakers, topics and social events.

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VSE Annual Conference 2020 - EXCITING SIDE EVENTS

All side events will take place live in Microsoft Teams



<https://vse-registration.typeform.com/to/W0orRV8G>

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Side Event A

Live Mixed Presentation

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Software And Hardware For The
Benefit Of Victim Support Services

Side Event B

Live Mixed Presentation

THEME

Self-Help Technologies For
Victims Of Crime

Side Event C

Live Mixed Presentation

THEME

Providing Information To Victims
Of Crime In The Web

Side Event D

Live Mixed Presentation

THEME

Online Training Tools For The
Benefit Of Victims

During the conference day a number of side events featuring dozens of speakers are arranged alongside the main conference program.

The side events are working along four thematic lines:

1. Software And Hardware For The Benefit Of Victim Support Services
2. Self-Help Technologies For Victims Of Crime
3. Providing Information To Victims Of Crime In The Web
4. Online Training Tools For The Benefit Of Victims

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VSE Annual Conference 2020 – [SPEAKERS](#)

Not only are our conference speakers renowned innovators and industry leaders from the world of tech, web and victim support, their sessions are full of actionable insights, designed to aid your professional development.

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'WELCOMING REMARKS'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

João Lázaro
President of Victim Support Europe

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Welcoming Remarks
'VICTIMS' SUPPORT AND PROTECTION IN A DIGITAL ERA'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska
Commissioner's Coordinator for Victims' Rights

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'OUR APPROACH TO RESPONSIBILITY'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Marco Pancini
YouTube Government Affairs and Public Policy Director for Europe

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'THE FUTURE OF THERAPY: VIRTUAL REALITY'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Charlie Pearmund
Managing Director, Virtual Bodyworks, Spain

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'THE JEWISH SECURITY APPLICATION – THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO REPORT HATE CRIME'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Dan Klein
Head of Communication, The Security and Crisis Centre by the EJC (SACC) by EJC, Belgium

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'USING TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF VICTIMS WITHIN POLICE SETTING'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Andy Rhodes
Chief Constable, Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary HQ, UK

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'VICTIMS IN THE COURTROOM: SUPPORT THROUGH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY'
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Eneli Laurits
District Prosecutor in North District Prosecutor's Office, Estonia

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'FROM INFORMATION TO COMMUNICATION: HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT VICTIMS REALLY GET IT?'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Frederico Moyano Marques
Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV)

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ONLINE 19 November

'TECHNOLOGY IN THE COURTROOM USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF VICTIMS'
More on: <https://2020.vse-conference.eu/>

Henrik Engell Rhod
Chief Judge at the District Court on Bornholm, Denmark

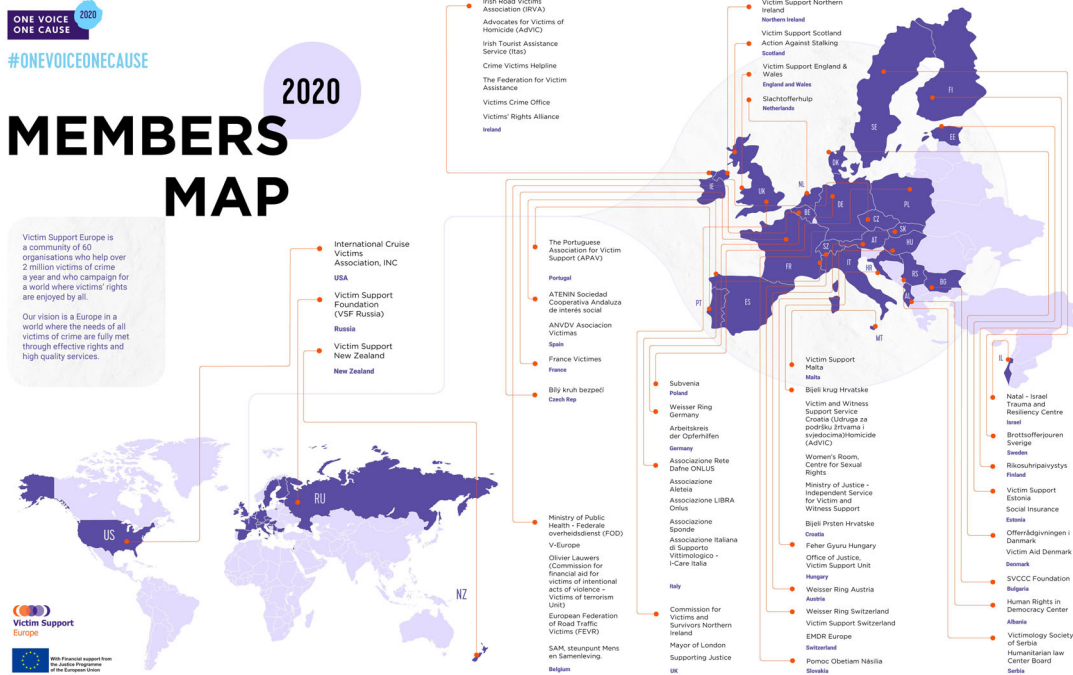


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VSE NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled to welcome two new members to our victim support family: [International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe](#) (headquartered in the Netherlands) and ['NGO Klaipėdos socialinės ir psichologinės pagalbos centras'](#) (Lithuania).

We look forward to working together with you as we continue to expand our global reach to strengthen the rights and services for all victims of crime in Europe and beyond.



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About Victim Support Europe

Victim Support Europe is the leading European umbrella organisation advocating on behalf of all victims of crime, no matter what the crime, no matter who the victim is. VSE represents 61 national member organisations, providing support and information services to more than 2 million people affected by crime every year in 31 countries.

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