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VSE ACTIVITY NEWS

VSE Annual Conference 2022 – Event Report, Pictures and Videos!



With great joy we look back at [VSE Annual Conference 2022](#) in Malta 'The Age of Resilience'. You can find the pictures that were taken during the conference and the recordings of the panel sessions on the conference website. Feel free to share your picture on your favourite social media channels through the sharing buttons on each picture!

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Supporting victims one step at a time: redemptive potential of the EU Directive on Combatting Violence Against Women



'The Brussels Times' spoke with Aleksandra Ivankovic, Deputy Director of VSE, about the [European Commission's](#) long-awaited proposal for a Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, the EU Member States' implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive and the economic implications thereof.

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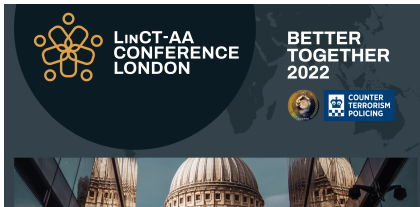
Victim Support Europe at the UNODC Regional Conference "Improving response to

trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation, especially women and girls, through addressing demand in South-Eastern Europe”

VSE's Project Manager Antonio De Martin spoke at the UNODC regional Conference “Improving response to trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation, especially women and girls, through addressing demand in South-Eastern Europe” held in Dubrovnik, Republic of Croatia, from 11-12 May 2022.

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Victim Support Europe at the 2022 Leaders In Counter-Terrorism Alumni Association Annual Conference



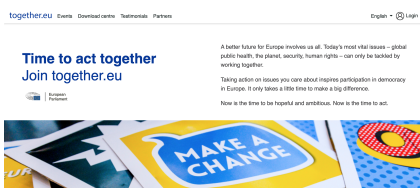
VSE's Executive Director Levent Altan spoke at the LinCT-AA conference 2022, an annual meeting of the world's leading counter-terrorism and security experts. Amongst the issues discussed at the 2022 conference were international intelligence gathering, Protect Duty, radicalisation in prisons and Extreme Right Wing Terrorism.

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Still Time to be Part of Victims' Rights Communicators Network

In spring 2022, Victim Support Europe (VSE) launched the Victims' Rights Communicators Network (VRComNet) to jointly explore approaches to advancing a positive victims' rights narrative in Europe. Victims' Rights Communicators Network (VRComNet) is a group of experts in communication working on victims' rights from VSE member and partner organisations.

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Victim Support Europe has joined together.eu to better communicate victims' rights

Victim Support Europe has joined [Together.EU](#) – a network launched by the ‘Civil Society Outreach Unit’ of the European Parliament for Civil Society Organisations on communications aspects. Since the European Elections 2019, the ‘Civil Society Outreach Unit’ of the European Parliament acts as a contact point for more than 200 pan-EU Civil Society Organisations and other multiplier networks on communications related activities.

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Codice Rosa, First Aid for victims of violence, at the VSE Annual Conference 2022 in Malta

The experience of the Tuscan [Codice Rosa](#), a project that ensures effective coordination between various institutions to provide appropriate support to victims of violence, was part of the panel sessions at [Victim Support Europe's 2022 Annual Conference 'The Age of Resilience'](#) held in Malta on May 11-12.

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VSE PROJECT NEWS

FYDO Project | 2nd partner meeting, Grosseto, Italy



Facility
Dogs
Europe

Over the past 18 months, [Victim Support Europe](#) has led a unique European project funded by the European Justice Programme, which aims to train and place assistance dogs to work with vulnerable victims of crime on their journey to justice: [Facility Dogs in Europe \(FYDO\)](#). On 5-6 May, the partners of the Facility Dogs Europe (FYDO) project met in Grosseto, Italy, for the second partner meeting of the project.

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[AREV Project](#) | Training sessions “How can a medical doctor help a victim of violence?”



As part of the AREV project, training sessions "How can a medical doctor help a victim of violence?" were held in Toila and Narva-Jõesuu in Estonia for medical professionals, during which the tools for documenting the injury of a victim of violence and risk assessment of intimate partner violence were introduced, as well as different ways to support patients in the system of assisting victims.

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Project PROTECT | Exchanging good practices on restorative justice and promoting the victims' rights protection



On March 15 was the start of a 3-day joint training event for restorative justice and victims' rights practitioners, organised under the [Protect Erasmusplus project](#), kindly hosted by [APAV | Associação Portuguesa de Apoio à Vítima](#) in Lisbon. VSE Executive Director Levent Altan presented an overview of the EU Victims' Directive & the EU Strategy on Victims' Rights (2020 - 2025). The project aims at exchanging good practices on restorative justice and promoting the victims' rights protection.

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Project INFIVICTIMS III | SAVE THE DATE: Infovictims III Final Conference will take place on September 19th in Lisbon!



The Infovictims III Final Conference will take place in Lisbon, on September 19th, at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The conference will be the closing event of the Infovíctimas III Project, promoted by APAV - Portuguese Association for Victim Support, between the years 2020 and 2022.

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VSE POLICY & ADVOCACY NEWS

EU public consultations with regard to victims' rights legislation

Regularly, the European Commission launches public consultations on laws and policies that are currently in development. VSE continues to respond to the public consultations in the field of victims' rights, with as highlight the upcoming revision of the Victims' Rights Directive. Please find below a brief summary on this consultation, as well as more information of the recently launched consultation on child sexual abuse and exploitation.

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NEWS FROM VSE MEMBERS

ALBANIA: Release of Research study “Justice system – as precursor in the protection of rights of victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence” – Tirana district court”

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CROATIA: A Pilot Project for Establishing a Referral System for Victims of Crime

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ITALY: RETE DAFNE ITALIA launches a strategy to establish victims support services in 76 Italian provinces and in 10 metropolitan cities

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MALTA: Due to a high demand for our services, Victim Support Malta are looking to recruit freelance Counsellors, Family Therapists and Psychotherapists for our SPOT and CVSA services

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PORTUGAL: Latest news from the Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV): Seminar 'Infovictims III - Innovation to humanise the justice system for victims' / The 1st Transnational Training Event in the scope of the "Project PROTECT - sharing good practices on restorative justice and promoting the protection of victims' rights" / New awareness campaign on domestic violence against men: "To speak is a sign of strength" and more.

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SCOTLAND: 10 Reasons to Volunteer with Victim Support Scotland

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VSE NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled to welcome a new member from Georgia to our victim support family - Restorative Justice and Rehabilitation Center – Georgia.



Restorative Justice and Rehabilitation in Georgia is a newly established NGO.

Their goals are:

- Promoting and strengthening the construction of state institutions;
- Introducing restorative justice / law programs, popularise restorative justice principles and apply them in practice;
- Supporting the re-socialisation and reintegration of persons in conflict

with the law: through vocational education, employment, social entrepreneurship, psycho-rehabilitation programs;

- Protecting the interests of victims of crime, promoting their involvement in legal proceedings and psycho-rehabilitation;
- Protecting the rights of persons in conflict with the law and lobbying for their interests;
- Protecting the interests of juvenile defendants and convicts;
- Protection and prevention of juveniles under the age of 14;
- Crime prevention.

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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 70 national member organisations,

providing support and information services to more than 2 million people affected by crime every year in 33 countries.

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