

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2021



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Holiday Greetings from VSE

Dear VSE members, partners and friends,

The current pandemic is all about adapting and innovating – we have efficiently redesigned our yearly activities agenda from the ground up to ensure we could still bring the most pressing victims' rights topics to the table.

By all accounts, this year has been a successful year. This would not be possible without the hard work and perseverance of the Board, Brussels Office, members and the volunteers, all of whom have contributed their time and skills to improve and sustain our community of like-minded people.

Looking forward to collaborating with you soon — stay safe.

Best wishes from all of us at Victim Support Europe



- 02.

Looking back at VSE Autumn Conference 2021

Two weeks after VSE's Autumn Conference 2021, we are happy to share the evaluation report and the conference recordings.

VSE's Autumn Conference entitled "Safe Justice for Victims: Transforming Justice Systems/Future Trends" was organised and planned as an in-person event in Belgium, however, due to the deteriorating COVID-19 situation, the event was held online on December 3rd, 2021.

The conference was attended by 103 people, hosted more than twenty speakers from diverse fields and consisted of four main content parts:

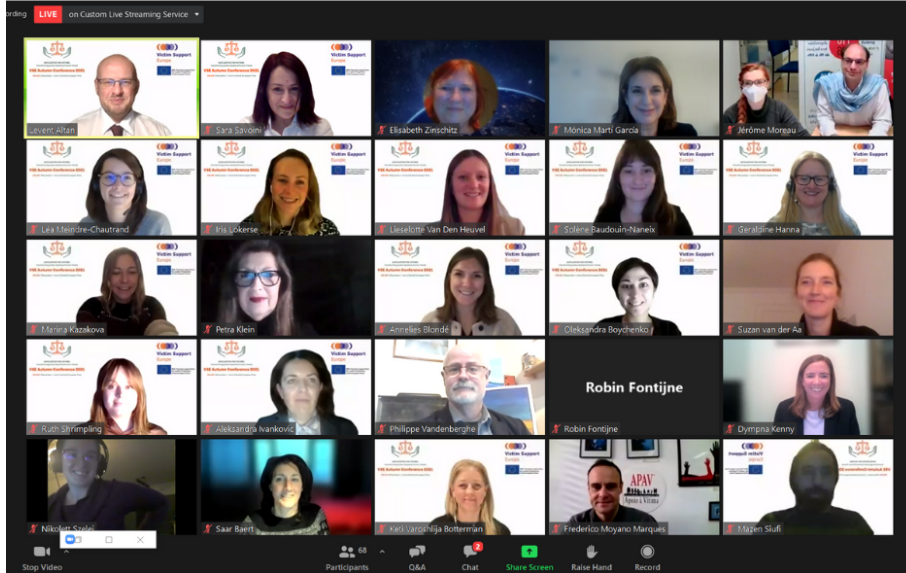
1. Safe reporting as the first step in seeking justice
2. Modern solutions to effectively support victims in criminal proceedings (in two parts)
3. Collaborative working to achieve better justice for victims
4. What can we do to make the criminal justice system work better? (live debate)

Additionally, on the eve of the conference, on December 2nd, a Safe justice workshop was held by VSE for its members which enabled a lively exchange of challenges and solutions with regard to victims' experiences and access to safe justice.

During and after the conference, participants were asked to fill out a short feedback form to share their thoughts on the conference as well as on the safe justice workshop.

[READ THE EVALUATION REPORT](#)

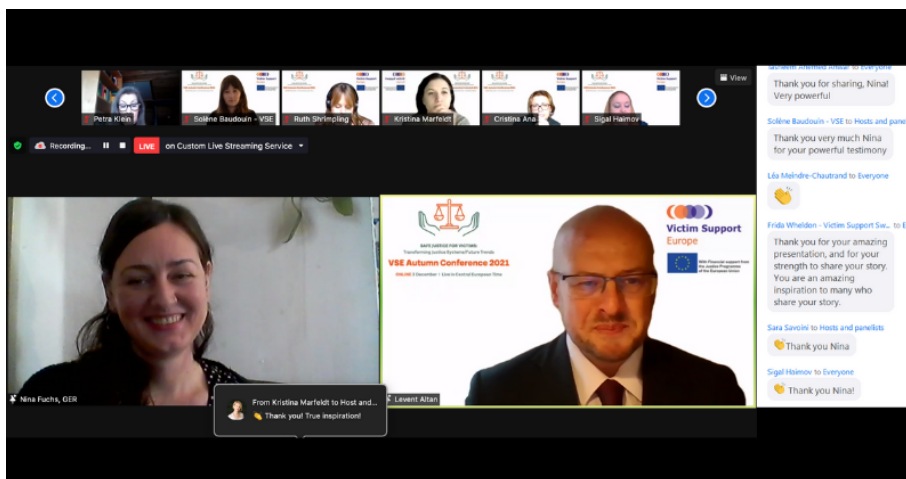
The RECORDING of VSE Autumn Conference 2021 is now available on [VSE's YouTube channel](#).



Victims for Justice | Make Your Voice Heard

Today, we would like to share the story of Nina Fuchs (Germany), who delivered [a powerful speech](#) at VSE's Autumn Conference 2021. Nina is an incredibly clear, strong, and focused woman who has managed to free herself from the victim role in order to raise her voice for those who don't have a voice.

[READ NINA'S STORY](#)



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**VSE and France Victimes released a new
film to inform victims about available
support services**

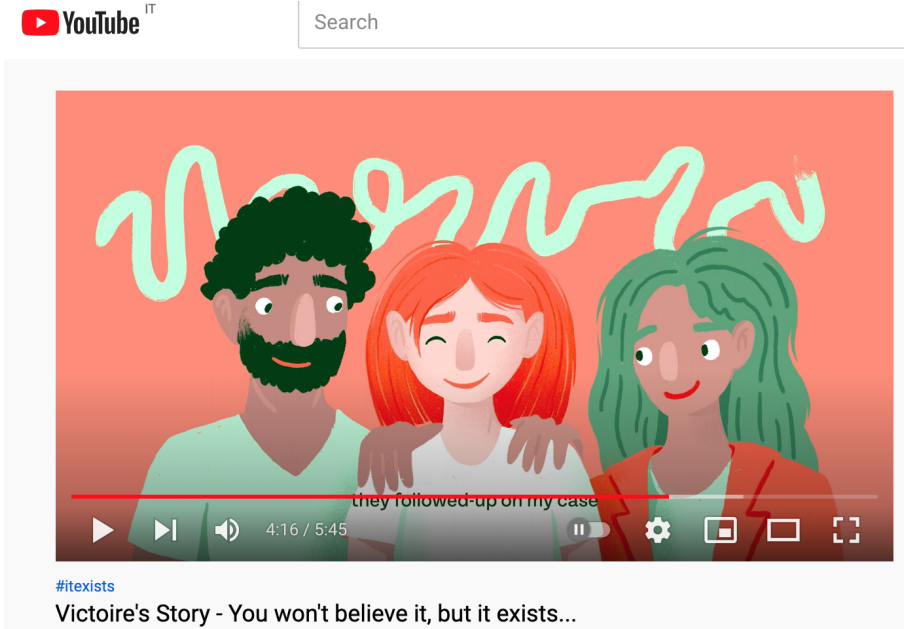
We continue our information campaign "You won't believe it, but it exists" to raise awareness of victim support services around the EU. This month, in collaboration with France Victimes we have released a new film

["Victoire's Story".](#)

Victoire, victim of domestic violence, contacted [France Victimes](#) to find support in her worsening situation. Discover in this [video](#) how their services, both legal and psychological, changed her life!

"The staff at the association talked to me with such kindness and they were so professional. At last, I was heard. At last, someone spent time explaining the choices that were available."

Find out more about the campaign on [our website](#).



The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top left is the YouTube logo. To its right is a search bar with the text "Search". Below this is a video player showing an illustration of three people: a man with a beard and curly hair, a woman with red hair, and a woman with green hair. The video title is "Victoire's Story - You won't believe it, but it exists...". Below the video player is the hashtag "#itexists".

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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 64 national member organisations, providing support and information services to more than 2 million people affected by crime every year in 32 countries.**

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