



**FUTURE OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
Live Debate

Online 22 February | European Day for Victims of Crime  
14:00 - 16:00 (CET)

**On the European Day for Victims of Crime, Victim Support Europe is organising an online webinar debate on the "Future of Justice for Victims in the European Union". We kindly invite you to join this online event that will take place on Tuesday 22 February 2022, between 14:00 and 16:00 CET.**

With this event, we aim to take the debate forward and explore the fundamentals of achieving a safe justice system. We have a duty to protect the victims of crime, improve the level of service that they can expect from the criminal justice system and raise the quality of support that they receive. **It is essential on a practical level to ensure that in operational terms we have the most effective justice system possible.** After all, we can secure convictions and bring down rates of crime only if victims have the confidence to report crimes to the police and engage with prosecutors to make sure that their testimony is heard in court. For both those reasons and at every level, we must do better.

As things stand, too many victims feel that the criminal justice system does not deliver justice for them. Too many feel let down by the system, which compounds the pain and suffering from the original crime. That must change. Our task is to improve the service and support that victims receive from the point at which a crime is reported right through to their experience in the courtroom.

The debate will firstly outline the principles of safe justice and its application in practice will be, followed by a live testimony of Nina Fuchs - a showcase of the structural and systematic discrimination that victims of sexualised violence are exposed to by the judiciary. Building on a victims' perspective in accessing justice and the practical barriers they face, we will conduct the debate on the following key discussion points:

- Tackling underreporting of crimes;
- Ensuring victims' access to information, support and protection throughout the criminal justice process;
- Ensuring active participation of victims in the criminal justice process;
- Availability of reparations and remedies for victims.

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**Seek Justice  
Ensure Victims' Rights  
Inspire Hope**

  
Victim Support  
Europe

We aim to ensure that all victims of all crime, no matter where in the EU or in what circumstances the crime took place, can fully rely on their rights.

**Right to:**

1. respect and recognition
2. understand and be understood
3. be heard
4. receive information
5. reimbursement of expenses
6. protection
7. access victim support services
8. interact with trained professionals
9. compensation
10. cross-border assistance

  
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## Agenda

Time	Topic
14:00 – 14:05	<p><b>Welcoming words</b></p> <p><b>Geraldine Hanna</b> <i>President, Victim Support Europe</i></p>
14:05 – 14:15	<p><b>The key principles of safe justice and their application in practice</b></p> <p><b>Levent Altan</b> <i>Executive Director, Victim Support Europe</i></p>
14:15 – 14:35	<p><b>Live Testimony</b></p> <p><b>Nina Fuchs</b> <i>Executive Director, Kein Opfer e.V.</i></p>
14:35 – 15:45	<p><b>Webinar debate</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Geraldine Hanna</b> <i>President, Victim Support Europe</i></p> <p><u>Panel speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Antony Pemberton</b> <i>Professor, Leuven Institute of Criminology, KU Leuven</i> <i>Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR)</i></p> <p><b>Frida Wheldon</b> <i>Development Director Legal Affairs, Victim Support Sweden</i></p> <p><b>Ingrid Sanders</b> <i>Confidential Information Officer, Belgian Federal Police</i></p> <p><b>Tim Chapman</b> <i>Chair of Board, European Forum for Restorative Justice</i></p> <p><u>Key discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling underreporting of crimes</li> <li>• Ensuring victims' access to information, support and protection throughout the criminal justice process</li> <li>• Ensuring active participation of victims in the criminal justice process</li> <li>• Availability of reparations and remedies for victims</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p><b>Geraldine Hanna</b> <i>President, Victim Support Europe</i></p>

## Join the debate

The live debate will be hosted on ZOOM. We kindly ask to **register** in advance for this event [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Victim Support Europe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

The event is organised as part of the [Conference on the Future of Europe](#). The Conference provides the opportunity for European citizens to debate on Europe's challenges and priorities and to put forward recommendations. Everyone is welcome to join the debate and express their opinion upon registration [here](#).

This event is part of the **Safe Justice for Victims - VSE Action Week 2022**, that will run from 21 to 25 February 2022. You can find the campaign timeline and more information about the Action Week on the dedicated [webpage](#).

If you have any further questions regarding the event or if you would like to contribute to the Safe Justice for Victims - VSE Action Week 2022, you can contact VSE Communications Assistant Lieselotte Van Den Heuvel on the following email address: [vseoffice2@victimsupporteurope.eu](mailto:vseoffice2@victimsupporteurope.eu).