



OBJECTIVES & GOALS

The FYDO project is the first European collaborative initiative that aims to train dogs and their handlers to support victims and witnesses in Belgium, France, and Italy.

A team of university researchers will closely observe the work, and the impact of, FYDO dogs on victims and dog handlers to evaluate the benefits of FYDO support in Europe.

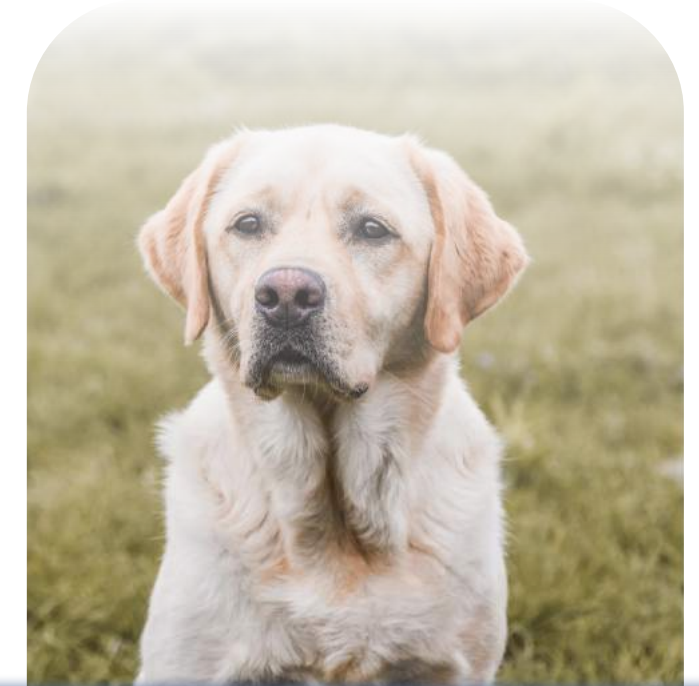
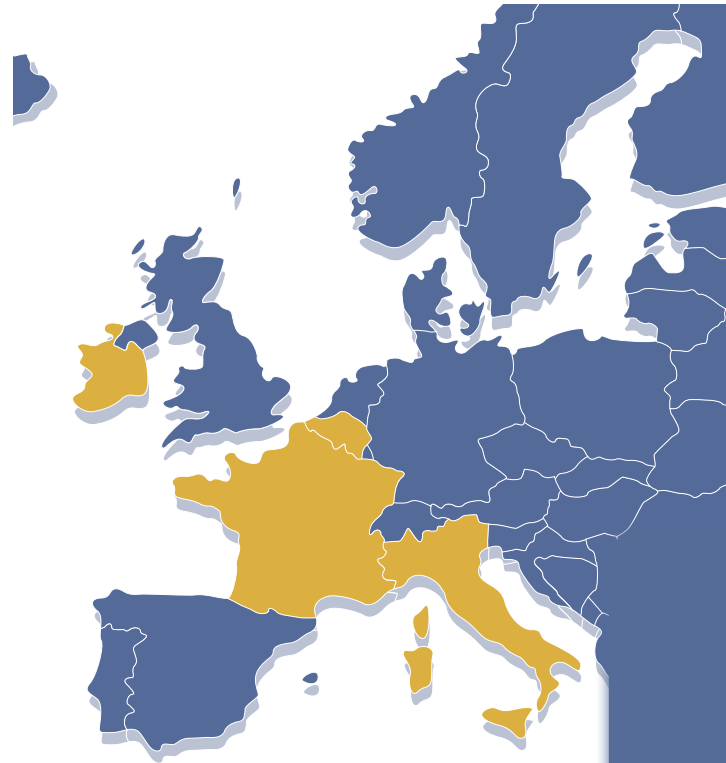
Our long-term vision is:

- to train more FYDO dogs and handlers across Europe;
- to provide access to canine support for every victim who needs it;
- to ensure that FYDO Dogs are permitted to enter any space where their support is needed.

 Victim Support Europe

FYDO  Facility Dogs Europe

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The silent helpers
assisting victims of crime

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Meet FYDO Dogs

FACILITY DOGS (FYDO Dogs) are dogs specifically trained to assist victims of crime in their recovery. FYDO Dogs are trained for 2 years in accordance with Assistance Dog international (ADI) standards. They are selected for work because of their calm empathetic temperament and their ability to provide support in a high stress environment.

A FYDO Dog works in a team with its handler, and provides non-judgmental companionship and emotional support to crime victims and witnesses in stressful situations. Each dog may have more than one handler who may be psychologists, police officers, victim support workers, etc. FYDO dogs are working dogs. When not at work, FYDO dogs live with their handlers in their families. During the evenings and weekends, the dogs relax, go for walks, and play games with their families.

THE DOGS:

- Help reduce stress and anxiety for victims and their families;
- Improve victim participation throughout the justice system;
- Help victims provide coherent statements;
- Enable victims to open-up about their experiences;
- Allow victims to feel safer and more supported during justice system procedures;
- Improve victims' experiences and recovery.



Dog Name: **BRIO**
Dog Breed: **Flat Coat Retriever**
Date of Birth: **04/01/2020**



Dog Name: **LOVE**
Dog Breed: **Golden Retriever**
Date of Birth: **28/01/2019**



Dog Name: **OPHELIA**
Dog Breed: **Labrador Retriever**
Date of Birth: **07/07/2020**



Dog Name: **ORPHEE**
Dog Breed: **Golden Retriever**
Date of Birth: **03/07/2018**



Dog Name: **FLUF**
Dog Breed: **Labrador**
Date of Birth: **08/01/2019**



Dog Name: **SAM**
Dog Breed: **Labrador Retriever**
Date of Birth: **02/11/2019**



How can FYDO Dogs support victims?

- During police and prosecution interviews;
- At Court Hearings;
- During Hospital Examinations;
- During a victim's visit to or stay in specialised victim support services;
- Other situation where victims could benefit from dogs' presence.