

Final Campaign Event

MORE THAN WORDS:

TURNING COMMITMENT INTO REAL CHANGE FOR VICTIMS

Residence Palace, Brussels 28 November 2025 Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power















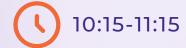


09:00-09:30 Welcome Coffee



09:30-10:15 **Opening**

- Najla Nassif Palma | UN Victims' Rights Advocate
- John Brandolino | Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (recorded opening speech)
- Michael McGrath | EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law, and Consumer Protection (recorded opening speech)
- Roxana Mînzatu | European Commissioner for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness (recorded opening speech)
- Alessandra Giraldi | Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Rosa Jansen | President of Victim Support Europe



Panel Session: Voices That Turn Words Into Reality – The Power of Victims' Advocates to Reform

Introduction by: Levent Altan | Executive Director, Victim

Support Europe

Moderator: Larisa Spahic | Victim Support Europe

- Cath Hill | VSE Victims' Advocates Platform. Project lead for the Bee the Difference research project with the UK National Emergencies Trust and trustee for UK charity Survivors Against Terror.
- Moubajel Lehmann | VSE Victims' Advocates Platform.
 Advocate for victims of forced marriage, human trafficking, cults and honour-based violence.
- Ruth Maxwell | VSE Victims' Advocates Platform, Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal Consultant & Victims' Representative. Founder of the 'Not Consent' Exhibition.
- 11:15-11:45 **Coffee Break**
- 11:45-12:00 Pro Bono for Impact
 - Niels De Waele | A&O Sherman
- 12:00-13:00 Panel Session: From Declaration to Delivery: Institutional Voices on Victim Support

Moderator: Anna Giudice | UNODC

- Irvin Waller | University of Ottawa, Emeritus Professor, Criminology (Video Message)
- Gema Varona Martinez | President of the World Society of Victimology (Video Message)
- Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska | Coordinator for Victims' Rights, European Commission
- Michaela Moua | EC Coordinator on combating racism
- Maria R. MOLLICA, LL.M. | Team leader Stop violence against women, European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, Gender Equality Unit
- Marie-Cécile Rouillon | Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child.
- Bartjan Wegter | EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator



- Pamela Morinière | International Federation of Journalists, Head of Campaigns and Communications department and Gender expert.
- 13:15-14:00 Panel Session: From Words to Support: Frontline Best Practices

Moderator: Levent Altan | Victim Support Europe

- James McCulloch | Chief Executive of Manaaki Tāngata |
 Victim Support
- Bart Claes | Avans University, professor victimology / criminology
- Arastalis Chouldry | Founder of NECX
- Sandra Demeester | Director of Hachiko
- 14:00- Lunch, Inspiration Speech & Raffle

"Leading Through Crisis: A Story from New Zealand": James McCulloch | Chief Executive of Manaaki Tāngata | Victim Support

