



Victim Support Europe

STRATEGY 2026 - 2030

Shaping VSE's Future: A Five-Year Roadmap



Making change happen for every victim.



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A European Voice for All Victims: Growth and Impact

- 35+ years advocating for victims' rights and services.
- Network grown from 17 members (1990) → 80+ organisations in 35 countries (2025).
- Supported 11+ million victims; reached 1.6 million people through campaigns.
- Influenced EU & Council of Europe policies, delivered 17+ trainings, 14 webinars, and 9 workshops.

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Building on Our Progress

- Evidence-based approach integrating members' expertise and victims' lived experiences.
- Platforms for victims and youth engagement strengthen advocacy and innovation.
- Focus now on translating knowledge into practical, systemic reforms.

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A European Voice for All Victims: Growth and Impact

- Strategy positions victims at the centre of policy, services, and advocacy.
- Ethical technology and AI used to strengthen prevention, early detection, and adaptive support.
- Ensures agile responses to evolving victim needs across Europe.

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Evolving Risks that Shape Victims' Realities

- Digital & AI-enabled crimes: Cybercrime, online exploitation, AI-generated abuse.
- Gender-Based Violence & Child Exploitation: Persistent systemic gaps.
- Organised crime & societal threats: Hate crime, extremism, disinformation, polarisation.
- Resource constraints: Fragmented, short-term funding limits support.
- Implementation gaps: Rights exist on paper but are unevenly applied.

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Vision, Mission, Values

- **Vision:** Europe where all victims' needs are fully met.
- **Mission:** Drive systemic change, deliver services, build VSE's sustainable capacity.
- **Values:** Respect, compassion, commitment, community, collaboration.

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Working Principles

- Evidence-based, rights-driven, and victim-led.
- Strategic, coordinated, long-term, and adaptable.
- Based on best practices, tailored to national contexts.

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Targeted Action & Comprehensive Care

- **Inclusive Support:** Core frameworks for all victims.
- **Specialised Responses:** Tailored interventions for trafficking, terrorism, cybercrime, and GBV.
- **Evidence-Based Projects:** Research, collaboration, and learning strengthen capacity.

5.1 Balanced Strategy

- **Strong Foundation for All:** Rights, services, protections for every victim.
- **Specialised Responses:** Address high-risk or vulnerable groups.
- **Priority Setting:** Focus on impact, gaps, urgency, and systemic benefit.

5.2 Core Policy Framework

- National Victim Support Frameworks & 116 006 helplines
- Safe Justice & Victim-Centric Approaches
- Sustainable Funding & Mainstreaming Rights
- Effective Communication & Data Protection
- Cross-Border Networks & Partnerships

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Strategic Priorities 2026–2030

1. Implement EU victims' laws effectively.
2. Mainstream victims' rights across sectors.
3. Amplify victims' voices and engagement.
4. Maximise access to high-quality support.
5. Pursue victims' issues globally.
6. Strengthen resilience & responses to terrorism/mass victimisation.
7. Build VSE's organisational capacity, influence, and partnerships.

Every victim matters. VSE stands ready to listen, act, and lead—creating a Europe where victims are informed, empowered, and supported.