



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### **ERA Seminar - Access to Justice for Victims of Crime in the EU**

10-11 April 2014, Trier

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##### **VSE Annual Conference & General Meeting *Developing Victim Support Across Europe: Quality, Standards and Capacity-building***

14-17 May 2014, Warsaw

##### **Call for Papers - VSE Annual Conference 2014**

If you wish to make a presentation at VSE Annual Conference 2014 please send us your abstract until 16 January 2014.

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*2013 comes to an end and you have received four Newsletters from VSE during the year. We welcome any comments and look forward to next year.*

*We wish you a peaceful Christmas time and a successful 2014!*

*Helgard Van Hüllen, Editor*



### **Huge success for launch of VSE Manifesto 2014-2019**

On 6 November 2013 Victim Support Europe launched its Manifesto for the 2014 European Parliament elections at the European Parliament in Brussels. More than a hundred participants listened to presentations



### **EU policymakers meet justice stakeholders at the Assises de la Justice in Brussels**

The Assises de la Justice conference was held on 21-22 November 2013 in Brussels. The event gathered legal practitioners, judges, academics and EU and national policymakers for a discussion on how to improve EU justice policy. [Read more](#)

given by Viviane Reding, MEPs and representatives from the current and upcoming EU Presidencies. [Read more](#)

## REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS & DEVELOPMENTS ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN EUROPE:



### **ERA organises German-speaking seminar in Trier on access to justice for victims**

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The third ERA seminar about Access to Justice took place on 2-3 December in Trier. The seminar was in German and speakers from Austria and Germany were present. Participants came from all relevant sectors: stakeholders, academics, judges, prosecutors, victim supporters, and therapists. [Read more](#)



### **Slachtofferhulp Nederland organises seminar on best practices in victim support**

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On 31 October and 1 November representatives from six victim support organisations visited the headquarters of Slachtofferhulp Nederland in Utrecht for an exchange of best practices on victim support. The main goal was to share experiences and best practices in the assistance to victims of crime. [Read more](#)



### **Weisser Ring Germany hosts third seminar on EU directive for victims of crime**

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WEISSER RING Germany offered three seminars in 2013 on the EU Directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime. The first seminar was held in July in Augsburg, and was followed by a second seminar in October in Göttingen. A third seminar was held in November in Mainz. [Read more](#)



## New Victim Code in England and Wales enters into force

A new legislative package granting victims of crime enhanced rights came into force on 10 December in England and Wales. The Parliament in London approved the new Victims' Code in October. [Read more](#)



## European Court of Human Rights rules on release of ETA prisoner

The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has ruled that the Spanish Government should release Ines del Rio, a former member of terrorist group ETA. [Read more](#)



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## VSE CEO meeting in Brussels brings organisations together

Victim Support Europe hosted a meeting with leaders of victim support organisations on 5-6 November in Brussels. This event was a great opportunity for VSE members to exchange and learn about innovative projects about victim support. [Read more](#)

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### [About Victim Support Europe](#)

Victim Support Europe is an umbrella organisation which currently counts with 34 national and regional victim support organisations throughout Europe.

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