

## VSE Newsletter #1 2017

We are publishing our 1st newsletter in 2017 two weeks after the first anniversary of the Brussels terrorist attacks. On 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Europe was again shocked by a horrible attack in London where four people have lost their lives and over 50 others were injured. Yesterday once again we are shook up by attacks in St Petersburg. Tragic events like these remind us how important it is to work closely together to support victims across Europe and beyond. In 2017 we are expecting to strengthen the existing ones and to establish new partnerships and cooperations in Europe and all around the world. Find out what's new in VSE and its network.



### *The main story*

Our main event in the next 2 months is VSE Annual Conference and

The Conference is a major international event which brings

Annual General Meeting which will take place in Dublin on 17-19 May. The theme of this year's conference is '[Victims of Crime: Rights, Needs & Responses](#)', and it is co-organised by [Advocates for Victims of Homicide \(AdVIC\)](#), the [Victims Right Alliance](#), in conjunction with [Victim Support Northern Ireland](#).

The Victim Support Europe Conference will offer you the opportunity to network and learn from people working with victims of crime from around the world. You will forge new connections and reignite old ones, which will facilitate the sharing of information and best practice once you return home from the conference.

together key players working with victims of crime. Between 200 and 250 people attend this event annually from victim support organisations, to NGOs, psychologists, academics, government officials, police, prosecutors, judges and lawyers. The most important event in your calendar this year will take place in the beautiful 300 year old [Royal Hospital](#) in Kilmainham, in Dublin.

The programme is still in a preliminary stage, and we advise you to check the [website](#) regularly for updates. We look forward to meeting old friends and new at the Conference. To join the event you can register [here](#)

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITIES

First quarter of 2017 was very busy. VSE had numerous activities and participated in various conferences and seminars. Below is an overview of our activities in first three months of 2017. Consult links for more information.

- [European Day for Victims of Crime, 22 February - series of actions and events by VSE members all around Europe](#)
- [VSE presents Members' videos on Victim Support and Victims' Rights](#)
- [Remembering victims of the Brussels attacks and VSE's work to help them](#)
- [European directive adopted in Dutch Senate](#)
- [Belgrade – workshop with victim support providers](#)
- [VSE received the annual Alberto Jiménez-Becerril Foundation award](#)
- [Victim Support Europe study on cross-border victimisation](#)
- [VSE & V-Europe in front of the Belgian Parliamentary Research Commission on the Brussels attacks](#)
- [Lorne Cook from Associated Press brings March 22 victims stories](#)
- [Vice-President of Victim Support Europe speaks at EU Remembrance Day for Victims of Terrorism](#)

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

In 2017 Victim Support Europe has 44 members from 26 countries. If you are interested in VSE membership, please consult our [become a member](#) pages. Below you can find most recent updates about the activities of VSE members



- [Supporting Justice launching UK national victim review web](#)
- [INAVEM is preparing for changes](#)
- [Neighbourhood Watch Training – blog from VS Malta](#)
- [Bílý kruh bezpečí answered over 8000 calls to 116 006 line](#)
- [Increase in services at Victim Support Finland](#)
- [Overview of the activities of White Circle Croatia](#)
- [Report on practices - Portugal](#)
- [Associazione LIBRA Onlus involved in project related to organized crime](#)
- [Slachtofferhulp's symposium – Assess and protect](#)

- [New project in APAV - Affection through science](#)
- [Overview of recent activities in Offerraadgivningen i Danmark](#)
- [First national victimization survey in Russia](#)
- [AdVIC presented a Bill to Senate](#)
- [The President of the Portuguese Republic visited APAV](#)
- [Mayor of London published the new Police and Crime Plan for London](#)
- [Overview of the activities of White Circle Croatia](#)
- [Swiss Federal Act on Compulsory Social Measures and Placements prior to 1981](#)
- [White Ring Hungary's project](#)



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## UPDATES ON VSE PROJECTS

- [Vociare project](#)
- [Victim support services in Serbia](#)

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