

# Next steps

Victim Support Europe Action Plan 2013

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**Strengthen the rights and services for all victims of crime in Europe by:**

- promoting the establishment and development of **victim rights and services** throughout Europe;
- actively influencing and engaging in the development of **European public policy** to highlight the needs of victims and other people affected by crime;

## Strengthen the rights and services for all victims of crime in Europe by:

- ensuring that new legislation takes the **needs of victims** and other people affected by crime into account and that their wishes and priorities are reflected;
- guaranteeing that services delivered to victims of crime are tailored to meet the **individual needs of the victim.**

## Strategic priorities:

1. Promote and coordinate the development of **quality services for victims of crime** throughout Europe
2. **Advocate and represent** the rights of victims of crime in Europe

## 1. Promote and coordinate the development of quality services for victims of crime by:

- supporting the **development of new and existing** VSE member organisations
- developing the **exchange of information, best practice and good models** for service delivery among VSE's member organisations

## 1. Promote and coordinate the development of quality services for victims of crime by:

- developing **closer networks and cross-border** capacity of VSE's member organisations
- improving **operational capacity** of VSE
- **strengthening** VSE's **identity**, both internally and externally

## 2. Advocate and represent the rights of victims of crime in Europe by:

- **raising the awareness** regarding the needs and interests of victims and witnesses of crime in Europe
- **extending our networks** with external criminal justice agencies, European countries and other interested parties working with victim and witnesses of crime

## Action Plan 2013 focused on:

- **maintaining and expanding** networks with external agencies
- **assisting the implementation** of the EU Directive
- producing an **EU Policy Handbook** on how victims' rights can be implemented in practice



## Action Plan 2013 focused on:

- developing a **Manifesto** for improving and fulfilling European victims' rights;
- arranging **study visits** between VSE member organisations
- Conducting a **public event in Brussels**

**Thank you!**