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Victim Support Europe and France Victimes to host VSE Annual Conference 2026 in Paris

PARIS, France, 2–3 June 2026 — Victim Support Europe (VSE), together with France Victimes, is pleased to announce the **Victim Support Europe Annual Conference 2026 (VSEAC2026)**, taking place on **2–3 June 2026 in Paris** at Espace Saint-Martin. Under the theme **“The Frontliners: Functional, Funded, Future-Ready”**, the conference will bring together leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and researchers from across Europe and beyond to explore how victim support services can remain effective, sustainable, and resilient in the years ahead.

Recognised as one of the largest and most influential gatherings for the global victim support community, the annual conference provides a platform for exchange, collaboration, and innovation among organisations working to support victims of crime and trauma.

The 2026 edition takes place at a significant moment for Europe: the **adoption of the revised Victims’ Rights Directive**. This milestone reinforces the European commitment to strengthening the rights of victims and improving the support structures available across the European Union.

VSEAC2026 will use this opportunity to reflect on the progress achieved, identify ongoing challenges, and strengthen cooperation across victim support systems. The conference places particular emphasis on translating legislative commitments into effective, sustainable services for victims.

Over two days, the programme will focus on the **operational realities of victim support** organisations — examining governance, staffing, service delivery, funding models, innovation, and staff wellbeing. Rather than focusing solely on policy discussions, the conference is designed as a practical forum for sharing solutions and learning from real-world experience.

Participants can expect a dynamic programme featuring:

- Practical case studies from national victim support systems
- Interactive workshops and hands-on labs focused on organisational management and service delivery
- Discussions addressing challenges, lessons learned, and recovery strategies

- Exploration of innovations such as digital services, artificial intelligence, and trauma-informed practices

Each conference day will examine two core dimensions of effective victim support systems: **running victim support organisations well** — including governance, coordination, training, financing, and accountability — and **delivering victim support services well**, with sessions focused on accompaniment, accessibility, innovation, and long-term support for victims.

The conference will also mark the **40th anniversary of France Victimes**, highlighting four decades of work advancing victim support services in France and internationally.

Beyond the conference sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to network and exchange ideas in informal settings. On the evening of 2 June, conference participants are invited to join a special river cruise reception aboard the Poseidon Paris, offering panoramic views of Paris by night in a festive atmosphere with music and lighting. The cruise will provide a unique setting for continued discussions and networking among participants.

Located in the heart of the French capital, **Espace Saint-Martin** provides a modern and flexible venue ideally suited to the conference’s interactive format. Its bright halls and adaptable meeting spaces support both plenary sessions and collaborative workshops, while its central location allows participants to experience the cultural richness of Paris during their stay.

VSEAC2026 will welcome participants from across **Europe** as well as international speakers and organisations from regions including **New Zealand**, the **United States**, and **Asia**, offering a global perspective on the future of victim support.

Together, participants will explore how to build **high-quality, victim-centred services that are operationally strong, financially sustainable, and prepared for the future.**

For more information or to register, visit <https://2026.vse-conference.eu/>

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