

# LEVENT ALTAN

Executive Director, Victim Support Europe



Levent Altan has been Executive Director for VSE since 2014. In that role he is responsible for providing overall leadership, strategic direction and management of the organisation.

Levent began his career in 2001 in the UK Ministry of Justice before moving to the Home Office and the Cabinet Office under Prime Ministers Blair and Brown. Having previously worked in the European Commission for three years, Levent returned in 2009, to work as a national expert tasked with writing an EU Directive on victims' rights.

Over the next three years, he developed the European Union's policy on victims' rights, leading the development and negotiation of the EU Directive which establishes minimum rights for victims of crime in 26 Countries across the European Union

Subsequently, Levent worked as Principal Legal Advisor at Milieu Ltd, a multi-disciplinary consultancy, where he led a team running various multi-country projects on justice and home affairs.

Levent has worked and spoken extensively on victims' rights across Europe and globally, providing expertise to national governments as well as the UN, Council of Europe and European Union.

He is a founding member of Victim Support Asia, INVICTM - the International Network Supporting Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence, a member of the victim focus group for the Northern Ireland police investigation – Operation Kenova, and an expert on the French Scientific Committee overseeing the establishment of France's national memorial to victims of terrorism.