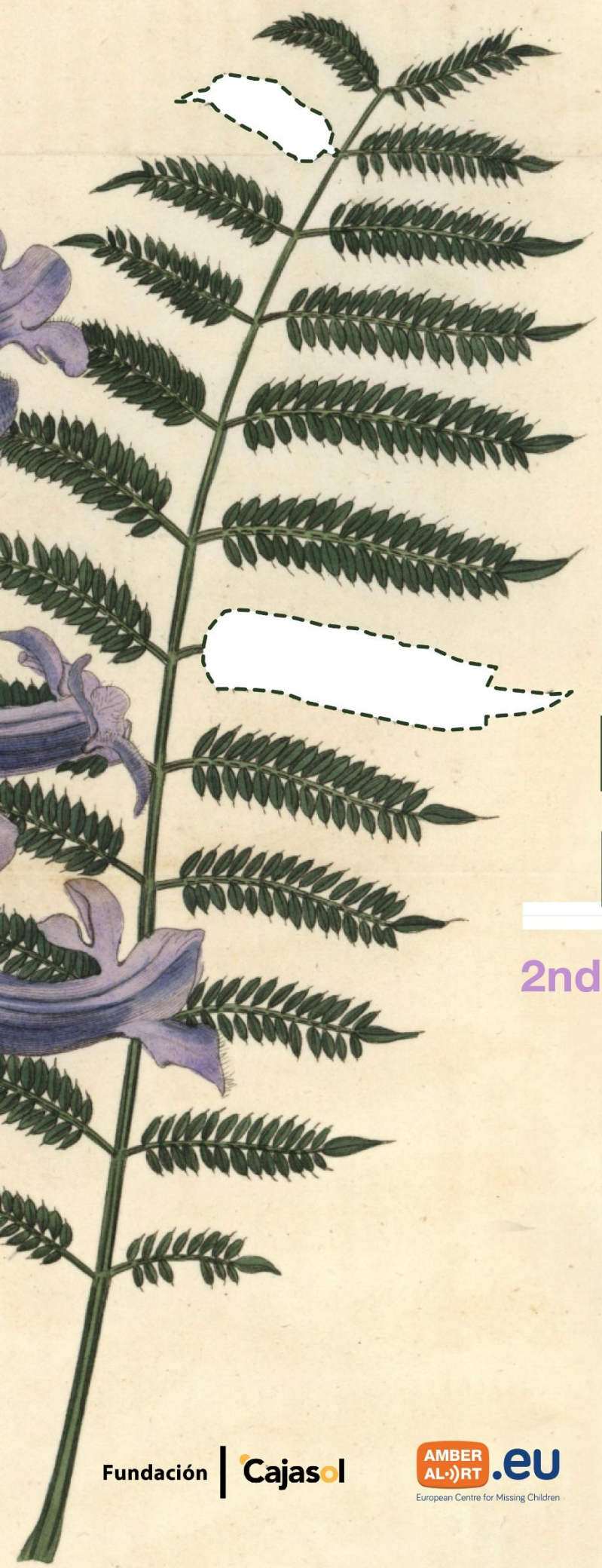

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11-13
NOVEMBER '26

A UNITED EUROPEAN RESPONSE

2nd International Conference ON **MISSING PERSONS**

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2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSING PERSONS

Seville, 11–13 November 2026

United by hope. A united european response

Following the 1st International Conference on Missing Persons, held in Seville in November 2024, the European Foundation for Missing Persons QSDglobal is organising this second edition to foster greater **European cooperation and encourage more coordinated and effective responses to missing person cases.**

Europe has different legal frameworks, registration systems, search protocols and models of support for families. Understanding these approaches, sharing experiences and identifying common needs are essential steps towards improving information exchange and developing mechanisms for cooperation between countries.

Over three days, Seville will bring together families of missing persons, European organisations, public institutions, law enforcement agencies, legal professionals, researchers, universities and the media. The programme will examine the scale of disappearances in Europe, the rights of missing persons and their families, cross-border cooperation, investigation and identification, and the role of journalism and media responsibility.

The conference aims to **strengthen ties between organisations and institutions, identify shared priorities and promote collaborative initiatives** that can continue beyond the event.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11 November

CONFERENCE OPENING

FUNDACIÓN CAJASOL
Plaza de San Francisco, 1
AUDITORIUM

CONFERENCE OPENING

16:30–17:00 **Registration and accreditation**

17:00–17:30 **Official opening**
Regional Government of Andalusia, Fundación Cajasol and QSDglobal Foundation, with AMBER Alert Europe participating as a partner organisation.

17:30–17:45 **Coffee break**

17:45–18:15 **Found Objects. A theatrical performance**
A play by Queralt Riera
Performers: Helena Kaittani, Cinta Ramírez nta Ramírez and Olga Navalón

18:30 **Closing of the the session**

Thursday 12 November

FAMILIES' EXPERIENCES AND EUROPEAN RESPONSES

FUNDACIÓN CAJASOL
Plaza de San Francisco, 1
ANTONIO MACHADO ROOM

09:15 **Data and the ata and the true scale of missing person cases in Europe**
Definitions, records, classifications and the need for comparable information.
AMBER Alert Alert Europe
National Centre for Missing Persons (Spain)
QSDglobal Foundation

10:00 **European families panel: Searching for a loved one in Europe:** experiences, obstacles and responses.
Eric Mouzin, France
Rosa Arcos. Spain
Anthea Langelaan. Langelaan. Ireland
Caterina Migliazza, Italy
kirsten O´shaugnessy, United Kingdom
Family members attending

11:30 **Coffee break**

12:00 **Searching across borders.** Protocols, alerts, information exchange and coordination between law enforcement agencies, organisations and families.
Law enforcement agencies
Third-sector organisations
Families

13:00 **Rights of missing persons and their families. European legal** frameworks, rights to information, assistance and support for families.
Missing People. United eople. United Kingdom
ARPD – Assistance et Recherche de Personnes Personnes Disparues. Disparues. France
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Stefano and Antonio d Antonio Maiorana Foundation. Italy
QSDglobal Foundation. Spain
National Missing Persons Persons Helpline. elpline. Ireland
Bezvests.lv. Latvia

14:00 **Lunch**

15:30 **Reporting to Reporting to help: journalism and missing persons.** Public-service and investigative journalism, appeals, sustained coverage, social media and respect for families.
Paco Lobatón, Spain
Vjosa Cerkini, Kosovo
Ina-Maria Reize-Wildemann, Germany
Ndella Senghore, United Kingdom
Patricia Fague, France

16:30 **Missing persons and the right to he right to identity**
IOM Missing Migrants. Switzerland
Red Cross: Restoring Family Links service

17:30 **Close of the day**

Friday 13 November

FAMILIES' EXPERIENCES AND EUROPEAN RESPONSES

ANTONIO MACHADO ROOM

09:00 **Working session: What can we do together in Europe when people go missing?** Organisations, families, institutions and universities will identify needs and feasible proposals.

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Missing persons and families: the challenge of a global and European response.** Rights, public responsibility and cooperation between countries.
Gabriela Citroni
Former Chair-Rapporteur and member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and Adjunct Professor ct
Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

11:45 **Conclusions and next steps. Shared priorities, joint actions and a proposed follow-up process.**

12:30 **Closing session and reading of the Manifesto of the 2nd International Conference on Missing Persons**

*Preliminary programme – some confirmations pending