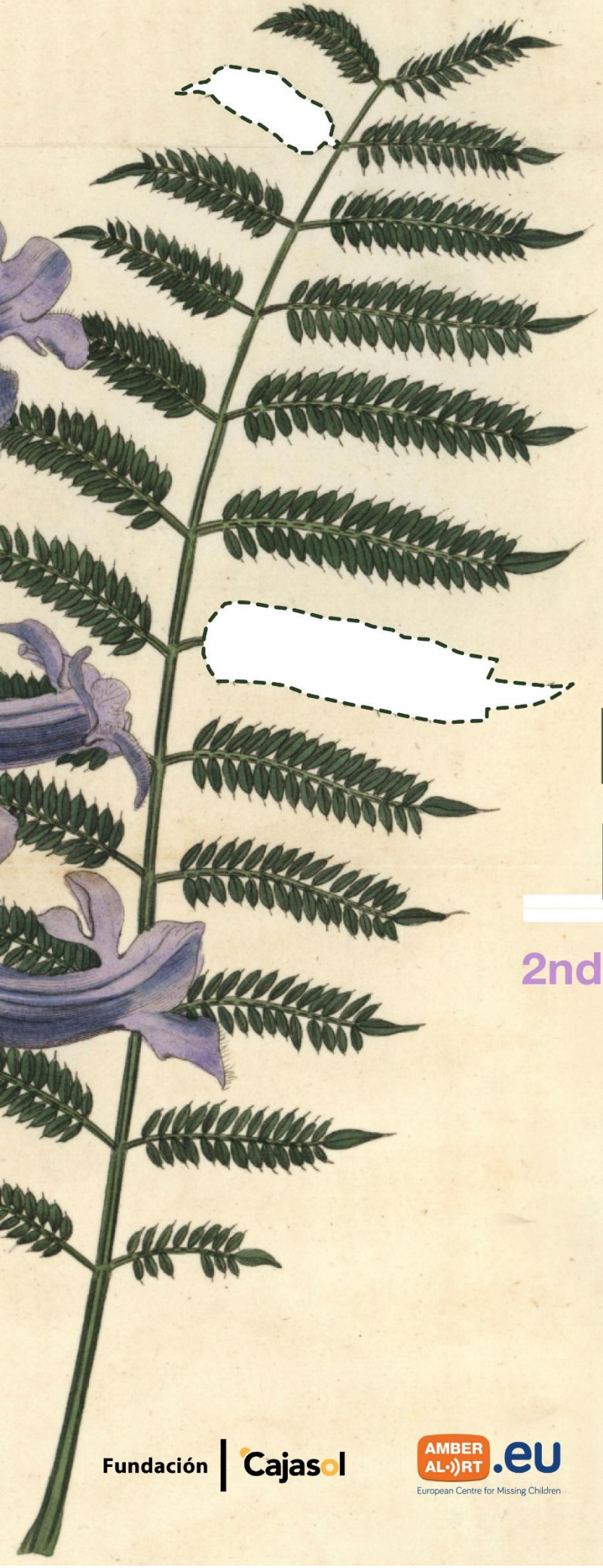

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A UNITED EUROPEAN RESPONSE

2nd International Conference ON **MISSING PERSONS**

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2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSING PERSONS

Seville, 11, 12 and 13 November 2026

United by hope. Towards a 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 advance greater European cooperation and foster more coordinated and effective responses to missing person cases.

Europe has different legislative 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 cooperation mechanisms 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 address the scale of disappearances in Europe, the rights of missing persons and their families, cross-border cooperation, investigation and identification, as well as the role of journalism and media responsibility.

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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Conference host: Patricia Torres, journalist

Thursday 12 November

CAJASOL FOUNDATION
Plaza de San Francisco, 1
ANTONIO MACHADO HALL

08:45 **Registration and accreditation**

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09:00 **Institutional opening**

Regional Government of Andalusia
Cajasol Foundation
QSDglobal Foundation
AMBER Alert Europe

FAMILIES' EXPERIENCES AND EUROPEAN RESPONSES

09:30 **The true scale of missing person cases in Europe**
Definitions, records, classification and the need for comparable information.
Frank Hoen, AMBER Alert Europe
Marcial Bravo, Head of Service and CNDES Coordinator
Paco Lobatón, Vice-President of the QSDglobal Foundation

10:15 **European families' panel: Searching for a loved one in Europe: experiences, obstacles and responses.**
Eric Mouzin, France
Rosa Arcos, Spain
Anthea Langelaan, Ireland
Caterina Migliazza, Italy
Kirsten O'Shaugnessy, United Kingdom
Alberto Encinas, Spain
Family members attending

11:45 **Coffee break**

12:15 **Searching across borders. Protocols, alerts, information exchange and coordination in transnational contexts.**
Izanne de Wit, PEN-MP (video message)
Hugo Prieto, Ertzaintza
Marta Ventas, Mossos d'Esquadra
Irene Pérez González, Spanish National Police
Francisco Manuel Queija, Civil Guard
Sandra Ramos, Polícia Judiciária, Criminal Information Unit, Portugal
Marta Fresnillo, ANAR Foundation

13:30 **Lunch**

15:00 **Found Objects. A theatrical performance**
A play by Queralt Riera
Performers: Helena Kaittani, Cinta Ramírez and Olga Navalón

15:45 **Rights of missing persons and their families. European legal frameworks, guarantees of information, assistance and support for families.**
Anne Marais, ARPD – Assistance et Recherche de Personnes Disparues, France
Katharina Gradischar, Österreich findet euch, Austria
Rossella Accardo, Fondazione Marco e Stefano Maiorana, Italy
Dermot Connaughton, National Missing Persons Helpline, Ireland

Paco Lobatón, QSDglobal Foundation, Spain

17:00 **Coffee break**

17:30 **Reporting to help: journalism and missing persons. Public-service and investigative journalism, appeals, sustained coverage, social media and respect for families.**
Vjosa Cerkini, Kosovo
Ina-Maria Reize-Wildemann, Germany
Ndella Senghore, United Kingdom
Patricia Fagué, France
Chiara Cazzaniga, Italy
Paco Lobatón, Spain

19:00 **Meeting between families of missing persons and the National Centre for Missing Persons (reserved for families of missing persons)**

Friday 13 November

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09:00 **Missing persons and the right to identity**
Mariela Guajardo, ,IOM Missing Migrants, Switzerland
Elena Girón, Red Cross: Restoring Family Links Service
José Carlos Beltrán, National Coordinator of the Forensic Police for Missing Persons Searches

10:00 **Working session: What can we do together in Europe to address missing person cases? Organisations, families, institutions and universities will identify needs and feasible proposals.**

11:30 **Coffee break**

12:00 **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 of International Human Rights Law at the University of Milano-Bicocca

12:45 **Conclusions and next steps. Shared priorities, joint actions and a proposal for follow-up.**

13:30 **Closing ceremony**
Juan Ignacio Zoido, Member of the European Parliament and former Minister of the Interior

Reading of the Manifesto of the 2nd International Conference on Missing Persons

*This programme has been amended due to the strike scheduled for 11 November