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We promote **socio-economic progress** and the **rule of law worldwide**. Our programmes **inform, connect** and ultimately **empower** people around the world.



## TRUSTLAW



We work with the world's best law firms to help NGOs and social enterprises further their impact through free legal assistance and ground-breaking research.



## TRUST CONFERENCE



We convene thought leaders, decision makers and activists to take real action in the fight against modern slavery and advance human rights.



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We cover stories overlooked by the media, putting human rights at the top of the news agenda, and triggering a debate that leads to better informed societies.



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We promote the highest standards in journalism by training and mentoring reporters around the world to cover news accurately and impartially.



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## WHAT WE DO

TrustLaw is the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono service that connects NGOs and social enterprises with the best law firms and in-house legal teams around the world.

TrustLaw was created to spread the practice of pro bono to drive social change.

Our free legal service enables NGOs and social enterprises to streamline operations, expand into new countries and scale their impact. This helps them to focus on their mission without spending valuable resources on their legal needs.

We are the largest global pro bono network with over 4,500 members across more than 175 countries. We work with hundreds of legal teams representing over 100,000 lawyers who generously provide free legal support to thousands of NGOs and social enterprises.



## TRUSTLAW: A GLOBAL NETWORK

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## TYPES OF LEGAL SUPPORT

NGOs and social enterprises can apply for free legal assistance in a variety of areas including:

- **Structuring:** Selecting the right legal entity for your NGO or social enterprise. Establishing a new legal entity/office overseas, Which form of entity is best suited to your organisation? What are the tax implications? Shareholders' agreement with parent entity
- **Staffing:** Employment and volunteer agreements. Do you have employees, volunteers or interns at your organisation? Do you have a HR policy? Do you have any concerns about your employment contracts?
- **Funding:** Partnership or funding agreements.
- **IP and brand protection:** Trademark registration, copyright, patents and licensing. Do you have a brand, idea, invention or written work you want to protect? Do you use intellectual property and do you have the right permission to use it?
- **Advocacy:** Research on laws in multiple countries, comparing best (and worst) practices.



# HOW IT WORKS

## JOIN THE NETWORK





## COMPARATIVE LAW RESEARCH

Our research programmes often compare and analyse laws across a number of jurisdictions to highlight best practices and identify areas for reform.

### Comparative Law Research on the rights and protection of victims in criminal proceedings

**Fundación Carmen Pardo-Valcarce** joined Trustlaw to conduct a comparative study of several EU Member States (Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, England & Wales, and Spain) to understand how they have implemented the EU Directive in national legislation, in respect of the rights and protections of particularly vulnerable victims in criminal proceedings.

The aim of the report was to identify and analyse the specific measures adopted in each country to assist victims with specific protection needs (such as people with disabilities), as required under Chapter 4 of the EU Directive. Two international law firms, **White & Case** and **WilmerHale**, conducted the research.





**DOES YOUR ORGANISATION NEED PRO  
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