


Basic information	
<p>2023/0250(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive</p>	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
<p>Rights, support and protection of victims of crime</p> <p>Repealing JHA act 2001/220 2000/0813(CNS) Amending Directive 2012/29 2011/0129(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>1.10 Fundamental rights in the EU, Charter 1.20 Citizen's rights 7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Joint committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		ZARZALEJOS Javier (EPP)	04/09/2024
	FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality		YAR Lucia (Renew)	04/09/2024
	Former joint committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		ZARZALEJOS Javier (EPP)	20/09/2023
	FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality		RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS María Soraya (Renew)	20/09/2023
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council of the European Union			
	European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner
Justice and Consumers		REYNDERS Didier		





Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/07/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0424 	Summary
11/09/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
05/10/2023	Referral to joint committee announced in Parliament		
14/03/2024	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
14/03/2024	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
25/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0157/2024	
10/04/2024	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
11/04/2024	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
25/02/2026	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE784.514 GEDA/A/(2026)002228	

Forecasts	
18/05/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date, 1st reading

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0250(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Repealing JHA act 2001/220 2000/0813(CNS) Amending Directive 2012/29 2011/0129(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 59 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 082-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	CJ01/10/00253

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0157/2024	25/03/2024	
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE784.514	18/02/2026	
Council of the EU				

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2026)002228	18/02/2026		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0424 	12/07/2023	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	SEC(2023)0270 	12/07/2023		
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2023)0246 	12/07/2023		
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2023)0247 	12/07/2023		
National parliaments				
Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	CZ_SENATE	COM(2023)0424	08/11/2023	
Contribution	CZ_CHAMBER	COM(2023)0424	14/11/2023	
Contribution	DE_BUNDESRAT	COM(2023)0424	04/12/2023	
Contribution	PT_PARLIAMENT	COM(2023)0424	20/12/2023	
Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2023)0424	05/01/2024	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES3943/2023	13/12/2023	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
EP Research Service	Briefing	20/11/2023
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Rights, support and protection of victims of crime

2023/0250(COD) - 12/07/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to improve victims' ability to assert their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU (Victims' Rights Directive).

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: [Directive 2012/29/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on victims' rights is the main horizontal instrument for victims' rights. It lays down rights for all victims of all crimes, including the right to information, the right to support and protection based on victims' individual needs, procedural rights, and the right to receive a decision on compensation from the offender at the end of criminal proceedings.

The Commission has assessed how victims have exercised their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU and has published the results of this analysis in an evaluation report. According to this evaluation, the Victims' Rights Directive has, on the whole, brought the expected benefits and had a positive impact on victims' rights, but several shortcomings have been identified in its practical application.

In particular, it was observed that victims were not sufficiently able to assert their rights to access information, support and protection in accordance with their individual needs, to participate in criminal proceedings and to obtain a decision on compensation from the offender in the context of those proceedings.

This revision of Directive 2012/29/EU addresses the shortcomings identified during the evaluation and numerous consultations.

CONTENT: this proposal for a revision of the Victims' Rights Directive has the following specific objectives:

- a **significant improvement in victims' access to information**, particularly through the obligation to set up victim helplines that provide all victims who contact them, including those who do not report a crime, with information about their rights;
- **better alignment of protection measures with victims' needs**, particularly due to the improved individual assessment of victims' protection needs and the enlarged list of protection measures that will be available for victims following the assessment, including protection orders;
- **better support**, particularly through the right to free psychological support for as long as necessary, the right to targeted, multi-agency support for **child victims and rights of persons with disabilities**;
- **more effective participation for victims in criminal proceedings** through the right to administrative assistance at court and the right to remedy;
- **better access to compensation** by (i) strengthening victims' rights to receive a decision on compensation from the offender during the criminal proceeding; and (ii) making it binding for the state to pay the offender's compensation to victims in due time following the judgment on offender's compensation, with a possibility for the state to recuperate it later from the offender;
- the obligation for Member States to provide for the possibility for victims to exercise their right to information and their right of access to justice by **electronic means**;
- the introduction of **specific obligations relating to victims of violence against women and domestic violence**. A provision would be introduced to clarify the link between the proposed revision of the directive on victims' rights and the legislative proposal on violence against women and domestic violence.