Compensation to crime victims

National information and online forms concerning Directive 2004/80/EC

General information


The directive applies between all Member States of the European Union.

The directive requires that each EU Member State sets up a national scheme of compensation to all victims of violent, intentional crime. According to this law all victims of violent, intentional crime have access to the national compensation scheme in the Member State on whose territory the crime was committed.

To help victims of violent, intentional crime have access to compensation in cross border cases, the directive sets up a system of cooperation between national authorities:

- Persons who fall victim to crime while being abroad (in an EU Member State in which they do not live) can submit the application to the **assisting authority** in the State which they live (Please select "Assisting authorities" in the search tool below).

- The assisting authority translates and transmits the application to the **deciding authority** in the Member State where the crime was committed (Please select "Deciding authorities" in the search tool below). The deciding authority is responsible for assessing the application and paying the compensation.

The assisting and deciding authorities communicate among each other in the **languages they have accepted**. To find information about the accepted language(s) you should look at the Member State of the authority to which the information relevant to the case (e.g. application, decision or other communication) is sent.

Please select the relevant country's flag to obtain detailed national information.

The assisting and deciding authorities are helped by the national **Central Contact Points** (Please select "Central contact point" in the search tool below) whose role it is to promote cooperation between the authorities, give assistance and seek solutions in cross border situations.

The European e-Justice Portal provides you with information concerning the application of the directive and a user-friendly tool for filling in the forms.

Related links

Compensation to crime victims in the European Union

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Compensation to crime victims - Germany
The compensation claim and any relevant supporting documents may be sent in all the official languages of the EU. Authorities may also exchange information (Articles 7 to 10) in all the official languages of the EU.

Application forms for compensation

Compensation claim form for crime victims

Information on compensation claim form for crime victims

**Compensation to crime victims - Estonia**

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

Estonian

Application forms for compensation

The form for applying for compensation is available on the [website of the Social Insurance Board](http://www.socialinsurancelboard.ee).

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**Compensation to crime victims - Ireland**

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

English and Irish

Application forms for compensation

This link [http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/WP15000110](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/WP15000110) will bring you to the page on the website of the Department of Justice and Equality which concerns the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

Application forms in respect of fatal and non-fatal injuries can be accessed via a link at the bottom of the page.
Compensation to crime victims - Greece

Languages for the transmission of applications
Application forms for compensation
Languages for the transmission of applications
The official language for submitting the application and exchanging information, particulars and supporting documents is Greek.
Application forms for compensation
The application form for compensation to victims can be accessed via the website of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, at the following link:
http://www.ministryofjustice.gr/site/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=rytwEr1HmLM%3d&tabid=151

Compensation to crime victims - Spain

Languages for the transmission of applications
Application forms for compensation
Languages for the transmission of applications
Spanish.
Application forms for compensation
Form for sending a compensation claim in cross-border situations
Form for sending decisions regarding a compensation claim in cross-border situations

Compensation to crime victims - Croatia

Languages for the transmission of applications
Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Applications and requests will be accepted in Croatian.

Compensation request forms are available on the website of the Ministry of Justice, in both Croatian and English.

Link: https://pravosudje.gov.hr/o-ministarstvu/djelokrug-6366/iz-pravosudnog-sustava-6372/podrska-zrtvama-i-svjedocima/6156

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Compensation to crime victims - Cyprus

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

Greek and English

Application forms for compensation

Application forms and information on compensation are available, in Greek and English, at the offices of the department of Social Insurance Services or on its website: http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/sid.

You can either deliver your application form in person or send it by post to the following address: Social Insurance Services (Ypiresi as Koinonikd Asfaiione) Leoforos Lordou Vironos 7, 1465 Nicosia, Cyprus.

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Compensation to crime victims - Lithuania

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

The languages of communication are Lithuanian and English.

Application forms for compensation

The application forms for compensation must be in Lithuanian.

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Compensation to crime victims - Luxembourg

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

In accordance with Article 11(1), Luxembourg accepts the following languages:

- Luxembourgish,
- French and
- German.

Application forms for compensation

In Luxembourg, people seeking compensation are not required to complete a specific form. Victims of a crime simply need to send a letter giving the date, place and details of the crime.

They should enclose copies of any documents in support of their compensation claim (copy of the police report, any court decisions that may have been handed down, supporting documents proving their total incapacity for work, permanent disability, increase in outgoings or reduction in income, and documents describing their disability, to ensure that they receive effective and adequate compensation from the offender).

Compensation to crime victims - Malta

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

The languages in which applications are accepted are Maltese and English.

Application forms for compensation

The application form for compensation can be found at this link: https://eforms.gov.mt/pdfforms.aspx?fid=pjd010e

Compensation to crime victims - Netherlands

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

The languages in which applications are accepted are Maltese and English.
Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

Applications can be submitted in any language.

Application forms for compensation

Dutch-language application form for victims

Dutch-language application form for surviving relatives

English-language application form for victims

English-language application form for surviving relatives

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Compensation to crime victims - Austria

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

Under Articles 11(1)(a) and (b) of Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims, claims may be sent in German and English.

Application forms for compensation

Form for request for support under the Austrian Victims of Crime Act (Verbrechensopfergesetz, VOG)

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Compensation to crime victims - Sweden

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

Swedish or English.

Application forms for compensation

Forms in Swedish:
Compensation to crime victims - Northern Ireland

Languages for the transmission of applications

Application forms for compensation

Languages for the transmission of applications

English Language

Application forms for compensation

Link to:

Criminal Damage Compensation Form Notice of Intent

Criminal Injury Compensation 2009 Scheme

http://www.justice-ni.gov.uk

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