If you have fallen victim to a crime, you have a number of rights. This can be within the proceedings against the offender (criminal proceedings) or with regard to compensation, protection and assistance. These rights differ among the different Member States of the European Union (EU).

In recent years, the situation of victims of crime and the protection of their rights has received increased attention both on the level of the European Union (EU) and of its Member States. Via this page of the Portal, you can find information both on EU and Member State law.

Please consult relevant subpages to find more information on:

- **compensation** as a victim of crime and on related procedures, including national compensation schemes in each EU Member State
- **victims of crime in criminal proceedings**
- **rights of victims of crime in criminal proceedings** - complete factsheets on the rights of victims in criminal proceedings, covering all EU Member States
- **Mutual recognition of protection measures** - information on the right to continue to benefit from protection measures when moving to another Member State

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