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

Key players			
European Parliament	Joint Committee Responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE <a href="#">Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>		20/09/2023
	<a href="#">Women's Rights and Gender Equality</a>	 <a href="#">ZARZALEJOS Javier</a>	20/09/2023
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		 <a href="#">PISAPIA Giuliano</a>	
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		 <a href="#">BRICMONT Saskia</a>	
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Committee for opinion

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

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### Key events

12/07/2023	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2023)0424</a>	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	<a href="#">A9-0157/2024</a>	
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)		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0250(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Repealing JHA act 2001/220 <a href="#">2000/0813(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2012/29 <a href="#">2011/0129(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 082-p2; Rules of Procedure EP 58
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	CJ01/9/13321

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2023)0424</a>	12/07/2023	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SEC(2023)0270</a>	12/07/2023	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2023)0246</a>	12/07/2023	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2023)0247</a>	12/07/2023	EC	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE756.047</a>	13/11/2023	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES3943/2023</a>	13/12/2023	ESC	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.048</a>	18/12/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.885</a>	19/12/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.880</a>	08/01/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.883</a>	08/01/2024	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0157/2024</a>	25/03/2024	EP	

Additional information		
Research document	<a href="#">Briefing</a>	20/11/2023

## Rights, support and protection of victims of crime

**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 offenders compensation to victims in due time following the judgment on offenders 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.

Transparency					
PISAPIA Giuliano	Shadow rapporteur		LIBE	04/03/2024	Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
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PISAPIA Giuliano	Shadow rapporteur		LIBE	27/11/2023	Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur		LIBE	16/11/2023	European Forum for Restorative Justice
CARVALHO Maria da Graça	Shadow rapporteur		FEMM	08/11/2023	European Women's Lobby Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres
BRICMONT Saskia	Shadow rapporteur		LIBE	08/11/2023	European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights Victim Support Europe Age platform End FGM European Network Intersex Europe La Strada international Redress - Holly Huxtable Picum Wave
ZARZALEJOS Javier	Rapporteur		LIBE	11/10/2023	Asociación Víctimas del Terrorismo
TOLLERET Irène	Member	09/01/2024		Victim Support Europe France Victime	
WALSH Maria	Member	10/11/2023		Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change	