



FUTURE OF EU VICTIMS RIGHTS

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Challenges with current Victims Directive

Failure to
implement

Vague drafting

Exemptions to
obligations

Missing/ no
change in
obligations

National
difficulties

- Funding
- Co-ordination
- Lack of knowledge, skills, tools
- Lack of systemic, strategic and long term change

Solutions

EU Mechanisms for Change

- Leadership/Political commitment
- Law
- Funding
- Knowledge/Tools

Shift in approach and thinking

- Strategy/ Leadership
- Individual rights, localised, ad hoc, intermittent, short term
- Strategic, systems based, co-ordinated nationally and locally, evidence based (data), monitored

Strategic/Oversight Mechanisms

- Strategy/ Leadership
- Co-ordination platform, community needs assessment
- Coordination tools, rules
- Oversight – internal, external, complaints mechanisms
- Data/Research

Vague language and lack of detail, exemptions, missing obligations and rights

Safe Justice

- Reporting
- Respect – skills – empathy, comms
- Needs assessment – wider scope, more operational
- Minimisation of secondary victimization – personal behavior, structures and procedures
- Safety – Privacy and protection measures
- Participation – accompaniment, legal assistance, expenses
- Restorative justice
- Offender Compensation

Communication Systems

- Receive, understand, act upon
- Core principles – simple, accessible, timely, repeated, consistent, correct, relevant, appropriate
- Implement in a systematic, coherent, innovative way across all orgs with new tech
- Who needs to communicate, what needs to be communicated

National Victim Support Framework

- Systemic not individualized
- Victim resilience
- Social network capability
- Must exist and be accessible
- Generic, specialist, police, courts...
- Channels of support – 116006
- Referral – obligatory, opt-out, coordinated
- Systems of co-operation not coordination
 - Community needs assessment
 - Standards
 - Scientific basis - principles
 - Co-operation agreements

Thank you!

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