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European Perspective on Rights for Victims of Crime

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What about victim's rights in EU ?

Development of victim's rights

- ❑ Tampere conclusions (1999)
- ❑ The Hague Program (2004)
- ❑ The Stockholm Program (2009)

Roadmap for strengthening
procedural rights of suspected or
accused persons in criminal
proceedings
(November 2009)

Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings

- Translation and Interpretation
- Information on Rights and Information about the Charges
- Legal Advice and Legal Aid
- Communication with Relatives, Employers and Consular Authorities
- Special Safeguards for Suspected or Accused Persons who are Vulnerable
- A Green Paper on Pre-Trial Detention

In response to the aims set in the Roadmap were adopted the following directives

- ❑ Directive 2010/64/EU on the right of interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
- ❑ Directive 2012/13/EU on the right to information in criminal proceedings;
- ❑ Directive 2013/48/EU on the right to access to a lawyer

Roadmap for strengthening rights and
protection of victims, in particular in
criminal proceedings
(June 2011)

- Establish procedures and adequate facilities for the purpose of respecting the dignity, personal and psychological integrity and privacy of the victim in criminal proceedings;
- Facilitating access to justice for victims of crime, including promoting the role of support services for victims;
- Design appropriate structures and procedures designed to prevent victimization secondary and repeated;
- Promote the provision of interpretation and translation services to victims in criminal proceedings;
- Where appropriate, encourage them to actively participate in the proceedings criminal;
- strengthen the rights of victims and their attorneys to receive timely information on the procedures and their outcome;
- Encourage the use of restorative justice and alternative methods of resolution of disputes which take into account the interests of the victim;
- pay particular attention to minors, as part of the group of victims more vulnerable, and always keep in mind the best interests of the child;
- Ensure that the United States provide training to all professionals concerned, or will encourage the provision;
- Ensure that the victim get adequate compensation

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- Directive 2012/29 that replaces after ten years, the Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA and that was able to give a response to most of the points mentioned in the roadmap;

To this results, we must add:

- Directive 2011/36/EU on the Prevention and Punishment of trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA;
- Directive 2011/99/EU on the European Protection order.

The new strategic guidelines

- When and Where?
- What they could look like?

Thank you for your attention