

Voices for Justice in Romania



Easy-to-read document

1. About the project

People with disabilities are sometimes victims of crime.

This means other people sometimes abuse them in different ways.

Victims with disabilities do not get justice as much as other people.

That must change.

We want to make changes with the project

VOICES FOR JUSTICE:

Communicating with Victims of Crime with Disabilities.

Many organisations work on the project.

They are called partners.

The partners come from 7 European countries:

- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czechia
- Lithuania
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

We use a very important document in our project.

It is called **The European Union's Victims' Rights Directive**.

This Directive gives rights to all victims with disabilities.

One of the rights is the right to information.

This means that victims with disabilities have a right to be given information, which they can fully understand and use.

Victims with disabilities also have the right to be heard and understood by others.

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2. About the reports

We did the reports in all 7 partner countries.

In the reports, we write about rights of victims with disabilities in the 7 countries.

The report is about how needs of victims with disabilities are respected in different countries.

Society often treats people with disabilities differently than other people.

In 7 project countries, we spoke with:

- persons with disabilities who are victims of a crime
- judges,
- lawyers,
- prosecutors,
- police and
- social workers.

All 7 countries say there is not enough information.

For example,

there is not enough information on how many people with disabilities are victims of crime or what type of support they need.

In this Easy-to-read document,
we give the main information from
the national research report for Romania.

3. Report from Romania

The organisation Center for Legal Resources wrote the report in Romania.

In Romania, adult victims with mental disabilities are very vulnerable.
Professionals have prejudice against victims with mental disabilities.
The procedures are very formal.
Professionals do not know how to respect the needs
of victims with mental disabilities well.

In Romania, professionals give better support to:

- child victims of abuse and neglect,
- victims of domestic violence and
- victims of human trafficking.

Adult victims with mental disabilities do not get good support.

They do not get easy-to-read and easy-to-understand information.

Many organisations and professionals do not know how to write easy-to-understand information.

Professionals work in different ways.

Some organisations and professionals provide good support.

Others provide no support.

Most professionals do not have clear instructions on how to work with victims with disabilities.

They do not have clear instructions on how to respect the needs of the victims with disabilities.

Outside of the cities, the support is mostly poor.

Laws respect the Victims' Rights Directive.

But in practice,

the Directive is poorly respected.

Romania needs national support services that are accessible and adapted to all victims of crime with disabilities.

Project name and number

The full name of the project is: Information and Communication: Cornerstones of justice for victims of crime with disability (878604 — InfoComPWDs).

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