

# Voices for Justice in Bulgaria



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.

If you want more Easy-to-read information on the project,  
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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 Bulgaria.

### 3. Report from Bulgaria

In Bulgaria, Chance and Support Association wrote the report.

They found out that people follow the European Union's Victims' Rights Directive poorly.

The country does not recognize the rights of victims with disabilities well.

This means that victims of crime with disabilities are not respected and protected enough.

People often do not report crime against persons with disabilities.

People who wrote the report recommend different things:

- any abuse against persons with disabilities should be treated as crime,
- people who work in the justice system must take trainings to be able to work with victims with disabilities,
- victims with disabilities must get the support they need,
- the State must make sure that people know about violence against persons with disabilities.

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### **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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