

Voices for Justice in Croatia



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 Croatia.

3. Report from Croatia

In Croatia, organisation called VWSS
wrote the report.

VWSS found out that police officers and other professionals
do not have enough knowledge of how to work
with persons with disabilities.

They do not know how to respect the needs of victims with disabilities well.
This is because of lack of training and information on disabilities.

Police officers, prosecutors and judges must write down the needs of each victim with disability.

But that does not work well in practice.

In Croatia, people with disabilities have trouble coming into buildings such as courts because there may not be any ramps or elevators.

Safe houses for victims of domestic violence are a problem.

The professionals in these houses do not know how to work with victims with disabilities well.

Some things need to change in Croatia.

One important change is for professionals to ask people with disabilities what support they need.

People with disabilities need professionals to communicate with each other.

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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