

Voices for Justice in Slovakia



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 Slovakia.

3. Report from Slovakia

In Slovakia, FORUM for Human Rights wrote the report.

The law in Slovakia says that persons with disabilities are vulnerable victims.

But victims with disabilities do not have good support in the criminal justice system.

The law says victims with disabilities can get special professional support but there is not support available.

Victims with disabilities may not find organisations and professionals to support them in the criminal justice system.

Victim support is meant mostly for children and women.

Victims with mental disabilities often have guardians.

This is called guardianship.

Guardians are persons who communicate with authorities in the name of the person with a disability.

The person with a disability only testifies as a witness.

Guardianship is not OK.

People with disabilities must speak for themselves.

Sometimes court says the testimony from a person with a disability is not to be trusted.

This is also not OK.

People with disabilities deserve the same trust as other people.

But some good changes are happening.

Soon contact points with information for all victims will be available across Slovakia.

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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