

# EU-wide Victims' Rights



## Why the EU needs a Victims' Rights Survey

The EU Victims' Rights Directive (2012) describes the **minimum standards for the treatment of victims** in the EU

The survey focusses on the impact of crime, decisions of victims to **report to authorities**, and their experiences with services

The survey assesses the **needs of victims**, as well as the extent to which these needs are met

Assess needs **over and above** directive

The survey is **victim-centric** and inclusive of **vulnerable groups**

By monitoring how victims' rights are honoured, it is possible to capture the **perception of victims** and **promote improvements**

The survey will be designed with victims and support organisations, and is **responsive to victims' needs**

Victims' **experiences and opinions** should be systematically considered

In 2020 the EU adopted a strategy aimed at **support and victims' access to compensation and justice**