



WEBINAR



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Holistic approaches to child victims' rights in Europe

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The Position Paper



Position paper - Protecting the rights of child victims in Europe: A holistic approach

1. Why is this paper relevant?

- 1.1. To provide insights on challenges faced by child victims
- 1.2. To demand a more ambitious revision of the Victims' Rights Directive

2. Child victims in Europe: Core challenges and needs in their access to justice

- 2.1. Core challenges for child victims in accessing justice
- 2.2. Needs and vulnerabilities of specific groups of children

3. Conclusion

4. Call for action to protect all child victims in Europe

- 4.1. Ensure a child victim-sensitive approach
- 4.2. Strengthen the right to information for child victims, without discrimination
- 4.3. Develop and enforce targeted and integrated child protection systems
- 4.4. Improve data collection and GDPR compliance
- 4.5. Recognise the benefits of restorative justice for child victims
- 4.6. Strengthen the rights of child victims in the EU: towards an ambitious revision of the Victim's Rights Directive

5. Useful resources



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1 - Ensure a child victim-sensitive approach

- Child-friendly justice Principles
- Safe Justice Approach
- Empower child victims
- Multidisciplinary individual assessments
- Comprehensive trainings for practitioners
- Specific protection needs

2 - Strengthen the right to information for child victims, without discrimination

- Information easily accessible
- Quality of information
- Access to information without discrimination
- Systematic and high-quality assistance in Court

3 - Develop and enforce targeted and integrated child protection systems

- Effective coordinated multi-agency mechanisms
- Support and assistance
- Protective measures
- Collaboration between the justice system and child protection services

4 - Improve data collection and GDPR compliance

- Centralised data protection systems at national levels
- Effective data collection systems about child victims
- Data protection guidelines for the media
- Data protection guidelines for tech companies

5 - Recognise the benefits of restorative justice for child victims

- Raise awareness and build skills and knowledge about restorative justice
- Quality standards in restorative justice involving children

6 - Strengthen the rights of child victims in the EU: towards an ambitious revision of the Victim's Rights Directive

