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7	Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee[1], _____ 1. OJ C , , p. .	Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee[1], _____ 1. OJ C , , p. .	Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee[1], _____ 1. OJ C , , p. .	
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9	Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,	Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,	Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,	
10	Whereas:	Whereas:	Whereas:	
11	(1) To ensure that victims of crime receive appropriate information, support and protection and are able to participate in criminal proceedings, the Union has adopted Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council[1]. _____ 1. Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57).	(1) To ensure that victims of crime receive appropriate information, support and protection and are able to participate in criminal proceedings, the Union has adopted Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council[1]. _____ 1. Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57).	(1) To ensure that victims of crime receive appropriate information, support and protection and are able to participate in criminal proceedings, the Union has adopted Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council[1]. _____ 1. Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57).	

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12	(2) The Commission has assessed how victims have accessed their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council and published its results in the evaluation report[1]. The evaluation shows that, although Directive 2012/29/EU has broadly delivered the expected benefits and positively affected victims' rights, specific problems related to victims' rights under this Directive persist. The identified shortcomings include insufficient ability to rely on victims' rights to access information, to support and protection in accordance with each victim's individual needs, to participate in criminal proceedings and to receive a decision on compensation from the offender during criminal proceedings. This revision of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council responds to the shortcomings demonstrated in its evaluation and in numerous consultations. _____ 1. Commission Staff Working Document, Evaluation of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 (SWD/2022/0179 final).	(2) The Commission has assessed how victims have accessed their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council and published its results in the evaluation report[1]. The evaluation shows that, although Directive 2012/29/EU has broadly delivered the expected benefits and positively affected victims' rights, specific problems related to victims' rights under this Directive persist. The identified shortcomings include insufficient ability to rely on victims' rights to access information, to support and protection in accordance with each victim's individual needs, to participate in criminal proceedings and to receive a decision on compensation from the offender during criminal proceedings. This revision of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council responds to the shortcomings demonstrated in its evaluation and in numerous consultations. _____ 1. Commission Staff Working Document, Evaluation of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 (SWD/2022/0179 final).	(2) The Commission has assessed how victims have accessed their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council and published its results in the evaluation report[1]. The evaluation shows that, although Directive 2012/29/EU has broadly delivered the expected benefits and positively affected victims' rights, specific problems related to victims' rights under this Directive persist. The identified shortcomings include insufficient ability to rely on victims' rights to access information, to support and protection in accordance with each victim's individual needs, to participate in criminal proceedings and to receive a decision on compensation from the offender during criminal proceedings. This revision of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council ~~responds to the~~**aims to respond to** shortcomings demonstrated in its evaluation and in numerous consultations. _____ 1. Commission Staff Working Document, Evaluation of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 (SWD/2022/0179 final).	
12a		***(2a) Member States should take the necessary measures to ensure***		

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		that assistance, support and protection are provided to victims in a gender-, trauma-, disability- and child-sensitive approach. Member States should adopt an intersectional approach in the implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU to address the specific needs of victims affected by intersectional discrimination.		
13	(3) In order to provide victims with seamless and modern means of exercising their rights, the Member States should make it possible for victims to communicate electronically with national competent authorities. Victims should enjoy the possibility of using electronic tools to receive information about their rights and about their case, report crimes and to otherwise communicate with competent authorities and with support services through communication and information technologies. Victims should be able to choose the method of communication, and the Member States should provide for such communication and information technologies as an alternative to the standard methods of communication, without however replacing them completely.	(3) In order to provide victims with seamless and modern means of exercising their rights, the Member States should make it possible for victims to communicate electronically with national competent authorities. Victims should enjoy the possibility of using electronic tools to receive information about their rights and about their case, report crimes***, provide information and submit evidence where feasible,*** and to otherwise communicate with competent authorities and with support services through ***reliable, easy to use and safe*** communication and information technologies ***in a confidential manner that minimises the risk of harm and supports recovery and access to justice***. Victims should be able to choose the method of communication, and the Member	(3) In order to provide victims with seamless and modern means of exercising their rights, the Member States should make it possible for victims to communicate electronically with national competent authorities. Victims should enjoy the possibility of using**, where available,** electronic tools to receive information about their rights and about their case, report crimes and to otherwise communicate with competent authorities and with support services through **information and** communication~~ and information~~ technologies. Victims should be able to choose **between the methods**~~the method~~ of communication **made available**, and the Member States ~~should~~ **can** provide for such **information and** communication~~ and information~~ technologies as an alternative to the	

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		States should provide for such communication and information technologies as an alternative to the standard methods of communication, without however replacing them completely. ***Those methods of communication and information technologies should include for example websites that provide information in different languages, integrated chats, or e-mails and online working tools that respond to different communication needs, such as those related to age and disability.***	standard methods of communication, without however replacing them**. The in-person method of communication, including those with the competent authorities and with support services, should remain available to victims, if they wish so** ~~completely~~.	
14	(4) In order to ensure comprehensive channels of communication taking into account the complexity of victims' needs in relation to their right to access information, all victims, independently of where in the EU and in what circumstances the crime took place, should be able to access victims' helplines by using the EU-wide 116 006 telephone number or by connecting to the dedicated websites. Under such helplines, victims should be able to receive the information about their rights, emotional support and be referred to the police or other services, including other specialised helplines – if needed. Such helplines should	(4) In order to ensure comprehensive channels of communication taking into account the complexity of victims' needs in relation to their right to access information, all victims, independently of where in the EU and in what circumstances the crime took place, should be able to access victims' helplines by using the EU-wide 116 006 telephone number or by connecting to the dedicated websites. Under such helplines, victims should be able to receive the information about their rights, emotional support and be referred to the police or other services, including other specialised helplines – if needed. Such helplines should	(4) In order to ensure comprehensive channels of communication taking into account the complexity of victims' needs in relation to their right to access information, all victims, independently of where in the EU and in what circumstances the crime took place, should be able to access victims' helplines by using the EU-wide 116 006 telephone number ~~or by connecting to the dedicated~~**. Member States can offer such services also through other secure and accessible information and communication technologies, including online applications and** websites.- Under such helplines, victims should be able to receive the	

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	also refer victims to other specialised helplines, referred to in Commission Decision 2007/116/EC[1], such as the harmonised number related to child helpline "116 111", missing children "116 000" and gender-based violence "116 116". _____ 1. Commission Decision 2007/116/EC of 15 February 2007 on reserving the national numbering range beginning with 116 for harmonised numbers for harmonised services of social value (OJ L 049 17.2.2007, p. 30).	also refer victims to other specialised helplines, referred to in Commission Decision 2007/116/EC~~1~~[56], such as the harmonised number related to child helpline "116 111", missing children "116 000" and gender-based violence "116 116". ***Member States should ensure that support provided by such helplines is without prejudice to the right of victims to receive information on their rights and on their case and to otherwise communicate with competent authorities and with other general or specialised victims' support services through appropriate communication and information technologies. The helplines should be operated by adequately trained and qualified staff in line with existing standards of quality support to ensure a high level of professional service and work in a victim-sensitive manner.*** _____ ~~*1. Commission Decision 2007/116/EC of 15 February 2007 on reserving the national numbering range beginning with 116 for harmonised numbers for harmonised services of social value (OJ L 049 17.2.2007, p. 30).*~~	information about their rights, emotional support and be referred to the police or other services, including other ~~specialised~~**specialist** helplines – if needed**. The helplines can be operated by trained volunteers capable of providing emotional support which can be understood as being an empathetic approach towards victims to make them feel accepted, safe and enable them to express themselves freely**. Such helplines should also refer victims to other ~~specialised~~**specialist** helplines, referred to in Commission Decision 2007/116/EC[1], such as the harmonised number related to child helpline "116 111", missing children "116 000" and gender-based violence "116 116". **The helplines should be available in the official language or languages, as determined by national law, of the Member State. Member States are however encouraged to provide this services also in at least one other language most used in the Member State which should be determined by each Member State on the basis of objective criteria. To facilitate offering this service in an additional language, Member States should consider using**	

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			modern technologies, such as the translation and interpretation applications, as well as telephone interpreting. The helplines should operate under the general rules for victim support services and should be confidential, free of charge, in the interest of victims. _____ 1. **[1]** Commission Decision 2007/116/EC of 15 February 2007 on reserving the national numbering range beginning with 116 for harmonised numbers for harmonised services of social value (OJ L 049 17.2.2007, p. 30).	
15	(5) The general helpline for victims should not affect the operation of the dedicated and specialised helplines such as child helplines and helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Directive (EU) …/…of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence]. The general victims' helplines should function in addition to the specialised helplines. _____ 1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).	(5) The general helpline for victims should not affect the operation of the dedicated and specialised helplines such as child helplines and helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Directive (EU) …/…of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence]. The general victims' helplines should function in addition to the specialised helplines. ***In particular in the context of cross-border crimes, victims should be able to access from another Member State the general and specialised helplines of the Member State where the crime was committed.***	(5) The general helpline for victims should not affect the operation of the dedicated and specialised helplines such as child helplines and helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Directive (EU) …/…of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence]. The general victims' helplines should function in addition to the specialised helplines. _____ 1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).	

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		[57] ***Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).*** ~~1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).~~		
16	(6) Crime reporting in the Union should be improved to fight impunity, avoid repeated victimisation and ensure safer societies. It is necessary to fight public insensitivity towards crime, by encouraging people who witness the crime to report crimes and assist victims and by creating safer environments for victims to report crime. For victims who are irregular migrants in the Union, safe environment to report crime means reducing fear of return procedures being launched as a result of contacts with law enforcement authorities. The personal data of victims who are irregular migrants in the Union should not be transferred to the competent migration authorities at least until the completion of the first individual assessment as referred to in Article 22 of Directive	(6) Crime reporting in the Union should be improved to fight impunity, avoid repeated victimisation and ensure safer societies. ***Victims are sometimes not aware that they are victims of a crime while still suffering harm; that is for example often the case for victims of online, gender-based violence and environmental crimes. Member States should create safe environments for victims to report crime in a confidential manner as well as removing or reducing physical, administrative or legal barriers. This is especially relevant as victims least likely to report a crime to the police are usually those most in need of protection, such as children, migrants, people with disabilities and victims of human trafficking.*** It is necessary to fight public insensitivity towards crime~~,~~	(6) Crime reporting in the Union should be improved to fight impunity, avoid ~~repeated~~**repeat** victimisation and ensure safer societies. It is necessary to fight public insensitivity towards crime, by ~~encouraging people who witness the crime to report crimes and assist~~ **assisting** victims and by creating safer environments for victims to report crime. ~~For~~**It is important that Member states ensure that** victims who are ~~irregular migrants in the Union, safe environment to report crime means reducing fear of return procedures being launched as a result of contacts with law enforcement authorities. The personal data of victims who are irregular migrants in the Union should not be transferred to the competent migration authorities at least until the completion of the first individual assessment as referred to~~	

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	2012/29/EU. Reporting the crime and participating in criminal proceeding under Directive 2012/29/EU do not create any rights regarding the residence status of the victim, neither have any suspensive effect when determining their residence status. All vulnerable victims, such as child victims or victims in detention, who are in a situation of intimidation, or are otherwise dependent from the offender or whose mobility is limited should be able to report crime in conditions that take into account their particular situation and in line with protocols specifically set up for this purpose.	~~*by encouraging*~~**.** People who witness ~~*the*~~ crime ***should be encouraged*** to report ~~*crimes and assist victims and by creating safer environments for victims to report*~~***such*** crime. For victims who are irregular migrants in the Union, safe environment to report crime means reducing fear of return procedures being launched as a result of contacts with law enforcement authorities. The personal data of victims who are irregular migrants in the Union should not be transferred to the competent migration authorities at least until the completion of the ~~*first individual assessment as referred to in Article 22 of Directive 2012/29/EU*~~***criminal proceeding***. Reporting the crime and participating in criminal proceeding under Directive 2012/29/EU do not create any rights regarding the residence status of the victim, neither have any suspensive effect when determining their residence status. ~~*All vulnerable victims, such as child victims or*~~***In this regard, Member States should take the necessary measures to ensure that the victim's residence status is not used to influence the victim's cooperation in the criminal investigation, prosecution or trial.***	~~in Article 22 of Directive 2012/29/EU. Reporting the crime and participating in criminal proceeding under Directive 2012/29/EU do not create any rights regarding the~~**third-country nationals, irrespective of their** residence status ~~of the victim, neither have any suspensive effect when determining~~**, are not discouraged from reporting and are treated in a non-discriminatory manner as regards** their residence status **in accordance with the objectives of this Directive. To protect all victims from repeat and secondary victimisation, it is important to apply a victim-centred approach. In particular, it should be ensured that the enforcement of the return procedure under Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] does not prevent victims from exercising their right to be heard under this Directive. Member States can, in accordance with Directive 2008/115/EC, decide to grant an autonomous residence permit or other authorisation offering a right to stay for compassionate, humanitarian or other reasons to a third-country national staying illegally on their**	

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		Third-party reporting should be offered as an option to victims in ~~*detention, who are in a situation of intimidation, or are otherwise dependent from the offender or whose mobility is limited should be able to report crime in conditions that take into account their particular situation and in line with protocols specifically set up for this purpose*~~***an effort to diversify reporting mechanisms at Union level, as it can also help address some of the reasons for the underreporting of crimes in the Union***.	**territory and are to comply with the obligation under that Directive to take into account as far as possible the special needs of vulnerable persons during the period for voluntary departure, where such a period was granted pursuant to that Directive.** ~~.~~All vulnerable victims, such as child victims or victims in detention, who are in a situation of intimidation, or are otherwise dependent from the offender or whose mobility is limited should be able to report crime in conditions that take into account their particular situation and in line with ~~protocols~~**any relevant protocol or guideline** specifically set up for this purpose. **It is important that Member States encourage any person who knows about or suspects, in good faith, that criminal offences have been committed, or that further acts of violence are to be expected, to report this to the competent authorities.** _____ **1. Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 98).**	

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16a			**(6a) The Member States should facilitate the referral of the victims with a special need for additional psychological support, that has been demonstrated by an individual assessment, to the services that are able to provide such additional psychological support, taking into account the availability of resources and of these services.**	
16b		***(6a) All vulnerable victims, such as child victims and victims living in accommodation facilities where the victim is not permitted to leave at will, including person with disabilities or older people living in residential institutions or victims in detention, who are in a situation of intimidation, or are otherwise dependent on the offender, or require assistance by staff or authorities for all aspects of daily living, or whose mobility is limited should be able to report crime under conditions that take into account their particular situation and in line with protocols specifically set up for that purpose. The term victims in detention refers to persons living in jails and in detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused persons, as well as in specialised***		

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		detention facilities where applicants of international protection or irregular migrants are located. Accommodation facilities where the victim is not permitted to leave at will should be understood to include reception or accommodation facilities where irregular migrants and applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located, as well as specialised accommodation for persons with disabilities, children and elderly people from where the victim is not permitted to leave at will. In this regard, special attention should be paid to persons residing in mental health and social care institutions, orphanages and retirement homes, and any other form of public or private custodial setting under control of any judicial, administrative or other public authority, or any private institution from which the victim is not permitted to leave at will. Member States should therefore ensure that a facilitated mechanism for reporting crimes is put in place in such institutions, for example through a proactive system of monitoring and outreach through unannounced visits by independent authorities.		

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16c		***(6b) In all Member States more effective ways should be developed for reaching victims of crimes that go unreported. The scale of the problem of unreported crime is by nature difficult to assess but is likely to be considerable, especially in relation to less public types of crime, such as domestic violence. While taking into consideration that the problem of underreporting and its causes are complex and that there is no easy solution, Member States are encouraged to exchange best practices and consider innovative measures to increase reporting of crimes, such as the presence of victim support organisations in police stations.***		
17	(7) Targeted and integrated support services should be available to a broad range of victims with specific needs. Such victims may include not only victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence and victims of domestic violence, but also victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism or victims of core international crimes. In response to the shortcomings identified in the evaluation, Member	(7) Targeted and integrated support services should be available to a broad range of victims with specific needs. Such victims may include not only victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence***, including victims of online forms of such crimes,*** and victims of domestic violence, but also victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism or victims of core international crimes***. Ensuring***	(7) Targeted and integrated support services should be available to a broad range of victims with specific needs. Such victims may include not only victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence and victims of domestic violence, but also victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism or victims of ~~core~~**crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the** International ~~crimes~~**Criminal**	

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	States should set up specific protocols that will organise the actions of specialist support services to comprehensively address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs. Such protocols should be set up in coordination and cooperation between law enforcement, prosecution authorities, judges, detention authorities, restorative justice services and victim support services.	***referral and access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, including emergency contraception, post-exposure prophylaxis treatment, testing for sexually transmitted infections and access to abortion care, should be part of the targeted and integrated support services for those victims***. In response to the shortcomings identified in the evaluation, Member States should set up specific protocols that will organise the actions of specialist support services to comprehensively address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs. Such protocols should be set up in coordination and cooperation between law enforcement, prosecution authorities, judges, detention authorities, restorative justice services and victim support services. ***Victim support services, both governmental and non-governmental, should be granted adequate and stable human and financial resources.***	**Court**. In response to the shortcomings identified in the evaluation, Member States ~~should~~ **can** set up specific protocols **or guidelines** that will organise the actions of specialist support services to ~~comprehensively~~ **adequately** address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs. Such protocols **or guidelines** should be set up in coordination and cooperation between **relevant stakeholders, such as central authorities in accordance with the internal structure of or division of competences in the Member States,** law enforcement, prosecution authorities, ~~judges~~**judicial authorities** , detention authorities, **in consultation with** restorative justice services and victim support services.	
17a		***(7a) General support services are organisations specialised in supporting victims of crime which offer support to all victims of crime. Those services may include services tailored to specific groups***		

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		or offer specific types of services. In parallel, specialist support services are offered to particular groups of victims, based on the type of crime or the personal characteristics of the victim. Central cooperation and coordination of all organisations and services providing support services to victims is crucial to ensure that appropriate victim support services are available to all categories of victims on a reasonably equal basis. Therefore, general and specialist victim support services need to operate in a coordinated manner.		
17b		***(7b) General and specialised support services shall, as a minimum, be accessible to victims on a non-discriminatory basis before, during and for an appropriate time after criminal proceedings, ensuring, in particular, sufficient proximity of services to victims, including in rural, remote and sparsely populated areas, appropriate opening hours and delivery of services through multiple channels. General and specialised support services should be coordinated in particular through referrals in accordance with***		

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		victims' specific needs, be free of charge and confidential. Psychological support should be available to victims in need of such support for as long as necessary, including by taking into account the assessment by the victim's psychologist and the individual assessment for specific support needs pursuant to this Directive.		
18	(8) To avoid serious consequences of victimisation in early age, that may negatively affect entire victims' life, it is crucial to ensure that all child victims receive the highest standard of support and protection. Most vulnerable child victims, including child victims of sexual abuse, child victims of trafficking in human beings and child victims who have otherwise been particularly affected by the crime due to the gravity of crime or to their particular circumstances should benefit from the targeted and integrated support and protection services that includes coordinated and cooperated approach of judicial and social services within the same premises. Such services should be provided in a dedicated space. To ensure that the child victim is effectively protected in cases where a crime involves the holder of	(8) To avoid serious consequences of victimisation in early age, that may negatively affect entire victims' life, it is crucial to ensure that all child victims***, including child witnesses of crime,*** receive the highest standard of support and protection. Most vulnerable child victims, including child victims of sexual abuse, child victims of trafficking in human beings***, children without parental care*** and child victims who have otherwise been particularly affected by the crime due to the gravity of crime or to their particular circumstances***, such as child victims who are children of persons whose death was directly caused by a criminal offence related to violence against women or domestic violence,*** should benefit from the targeted and integrated support and protection services that includes coordinated	(8) To avoid serious consequences of victimisation in early age, that may negatively affect ~~entire~~ victims' **entire** life, it is crucial to ensure that all child victims receive the highest standard of support and protection. **All competent authorities should adopt a child friendly approach. Moreover, it is important that** most vulnerable child victims, ~~including~~ **in accordance with their individual needs and especially** child victims of sexual abuse~~, child victims of trafficking in human beings and child victims who have otherwise been particularly affected by the crime due to the gravity of crime or to their particular circumstances should~~ benefit from the targeted and integrated support and protection services that includes coordinated and ~~cooperated~~**cooperative** approach of judicial **authorities** and	

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	parental responsibility, or there is a conflict of interest between the child and the holder of parental responsibility, a provision has been added to ensure that in cases such as reporting of a crime, medical or forensic interviews, referral to support services or psychological support, among others, these acts should not be conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility, always taking into account the best interests of the child.	and cooperated approach of judicial and social services within the same premises. Such services should be provided in a dedicated space. ***In this regard, the so-called Barnahus model has proven to be a good practice***. To ensure that the child victim is effectively protected in cases where a crime involves the holder of parental responsibility, or there is a conflict of interest between the child and the holder of parental responsibility, a provision has been added to ensure that in cases such as reporting of a crime, medical or forensic interviews, referral to support services or psychological support ***as well as administrative and legal support***, among others, these acts should not be conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility, always taking into account the best interests of the child.	social services ~~within~~**. Member States are encouraged where possible to provide for these services in** the same premises. ~~Such services should be provided in a dedicated space.~~ To ensure that the child victim is effectively protected in cases where a crime involves the holder of parental responsibility~~, or there is~~ **in a way that includes** a conflict of interest between the child **victim** and the holder of parental responsibility, a provision has been added to ensure that **for any act requiring consent in the conduct of criminal proceedings,** ~~in cases~~ such as reporting of a crime, medical or forensic interviews, referral to support services or psychological support, ~~among others~~ **as determined by national law**, these acts should not be conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility, always taking into account the best interests of the child.	
18a		***(8a) Children witnessing crime and consequently suffering physical, mental or emotional harm should benefit from protection under Directive 2012/29/EU. That is particularly relevant in the context of gender-based violence and domestic***		

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		violence. Children who witness domestic violence within the family or domestic unit should have access to special protection and support measures as they suffer direct psychological and emotional harm that impacts their development and they run an increased risk of suffering from physical and mental illness, both in the short and long term.		
Y	18b		**(8a) Participating in a trial can be an emotionally difficult and challenging experience for the victims. For this reason, all victims who need information and emotional support at court premises where criminal proceedings are held, with a special focus on serious crimes, should be provided with the appropriate information regarding organisational aspects of the trial phase in criminal court proceedings, as well as emotional support. Emotional support can be understood as being an empathetic approach toward the victim to make them feel accepted, safe and enable them to express themself freely. Emotional support can be offered, for instance, by the court staff, by trained volunteers, or by**	***(8a) Participating in a trial can be an emotionally difficult and challenging experience for the victims. For this reason, all victims who need information and emotional support at court premises where criminal proceedings are held, with a special focus on serious crimes, should be provided with the practical information regarding organisational aspects of the criminal court proceedings, as well as emotional support. Practical information should be understood as general information facilitating the victims attendance in the court premises. Emotional support can be understood as being an empathetic approach toward the victim to make them feel accepted, safe and enable them to express themself freely. Emotional support***	Y

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			competent authorities as defined by Member States. Such assistance does not require the provision of additional facilities or the permanent presence of victims support services in these court premises.	***can be offered, for instance, by the court staff, by trained volunteers, or by competent authorities as defined by Member States. Such assistance does not require the provision of additional facilities or the permanent presence of victims support services in these court premises.*** To be greened in Trilogue
18c		***(8b) Shelters and other appropriate interim accommodations for victims of crime play a vital role in protecting victims from acts of violence. They not only provide safe and emergency accommodation where victims can seek refuge from violence, but also long-term support to enable victims to rebuild violence-free lives. Shelters and other appropriate interim accommodations should be free of charge or paid for by a dedicated financial allowance for victims. Member States should also ensure that shelters are accessible for victims with reduced mobility and able to provide them with accessible means of information and communication. Member States should also have in place specific shelters and interim***		

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		accommodations for victims of gender-based violence and domestic violence in line with Directive (EU) 2024/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a] as they are some of the most vital specialised support services for women who are victims of violence and for their children. ***[1a] Directive (EU) 2024/… of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ L ..., ELI ...) [2022/0066 COD].***		
19	(9) For victims to sense that justice is done and to be able to defend their interest, it is important that they are present and able to actively participate in the criminal proceedings. That is why all victims in the Union, independently of their status in the criminal proceeding, which is established by the national law, should have a right to an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive. In addition, all victims in the Union, independently of their status in the criminal proceeding, should have a right to request a review of decisions that were taken during	(9) For victims to sense that justice is done and to be able to defend their interest, it is important that they are present and able to actively participate in the criminal proceedings ***by being properly assisted at the court premises, including being accompanied by support services throughout the entire court proceedings if the victims so wish***. That is why all victims in the Union, independently of their status in the criminal proceeding, which is established by the national law, should have a right to an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive.	(9) ~~For victims to sense that justice is done and to be able to defend their interest, it is important that they are present and able to actively participate in the criminal proceedings. That is why~~ All victims in the Union, ~~independently of their status in the criminal proceeding, which is established by the national law, should have a right to an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive. In addition, all victims in the Union, independently of~~**in accordance with** their status in the criminal proceeding, should have a right to ~~request a review of~~**receive**	

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	court proceedings and affect them directly. Such decisions should include at least decisions on interpretation during court hearings and decisions on special protection measures available to victims with special protection needs. The procedural rules under which victims may request a review of such decisions taken during court proceedings should be determined by national law which should provide for the necessary guarantees that such a possibility of revision would not disproportionally prolong the criminal proceeding.	In addition, all victims in the Union, independently of their status in the criminal proceeding, should have a right to request a review of decisions that were taken during court proceedings and affect them directly. Such decisions should include at least decisions on interpretation during court hearings ~~and~~, decisions on special protection measures available to victims with special protection needs ***and decisions on avoiding contact between the victim and the offender***. The procedural rules under which victims may request a review of such decisions taken during court proceedings should be determined by national law which should provide for the necessary guarantees that such a possibility of revision would not disproportionally prolong the criminal proceeding. ***Active participation in criminal proceedings and access to an effective remedy requires that victims are duly updated on the state of play and significant developments in the criminal proceedings.***	**information on** decisions that were taken during court proceedings ~~and affect them directly. Such decisions should include at least decisions on interpretation during court hearings and decisions on~~**regarding** special protection measures available to victims with special protection needs**. National law can offer the possibility for victims to request a review of such decisions taken during court proceedings**. The procedural rules under which victims may request a review of such decisions taken during court proceedings should be determined by national law ~~which should provide for the necessary guarantees that such a possibility of revision would not disproportionally prolong the criminal proceeding.~~**.**	
19a			**(9a) Protecting the personal data of the victim can be an important means of preventing secondary and repeat victimisation,**	

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			intimidation and retaliation. The victim can indicate a possible concern regarding a risk for themselves or a third person to be exposed to threats or violence when certain personal contact details would be disclosed to the offender, based on which the competent authority will make a final assessment. If the competent authorities, as determined by national law, assess ex officio or at the request of the victim that there could be a risk that the victim or a third person may be exposed to threats or violence, certain personal contact details should not be provided to the offender unless not disclosing the information would prejudice the rights of defence.	
19b		***(9a) The right to legal aid is essential to guarantee universal access to justice and effective participation for victims in criminal proceedings. Therefore, Member States should provide free legal aid, covering all costs and expenses, for victims who do not have sufficient means to pay such costs and expenses in order to ensure their access to justice. Member States should also provide free legal aid for victims with***		

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		specific protection needs as identified by the individual assessment pursuant to Article 22 in Directive 2012/29/EUand, in any case, victims of gender-based violence, terrorism or human trafficking, victims of abuse and mistreatment with disabilities and minors due to their situation of vulnerability and the long-lasting harm caused by those criminal offences.		
20	(10) All victims should be assessed in a timely, adequate, efficient and proportionate manner. It is essential to ensure that victims receive the support and protection that correspond to their individual needs. The individual assessment of victims' needs of support and protection should be done in stages. Within the first stage, all victims should be assessed from the first contact with the competent authorities to ensure that the most vulnerable victims are identified at the very early stages of the proceeding. As of the next stages, victims who need such enhanced assessment should be assessed by victim support services including psychologists. Such services are best placed to assess the state of victims' well-being. The individual	(10) All victims should be assessed in a timely, adequate, efficient and proportionate manner. It is essential to ensure that victims receive the support and protection that correspond to their individual needs. The individual assessment of victims' needs of support and protection should be done in stages. ***When assessing the victim's protection and support needs, the primary concern should lie in safeguarding the victim's safety and providing tailored support and protection, taking into account, among other matters, the individual circumstances of the victim, the impact of crime and trauma and their specific vulnerabilities.*** Within the first stage, all victims should be assessed from the first contact with the	(10) All victims should be assessed in a timely, adequate, efficient and proportionate manner**, in accordance with national procedures**. It is essential to ensure that victims receive the support and protection that correspond to their individual needs. The individual assessment of victims' needs of support and protection should **last for as long as necessary, depending on victims' individual needs. It means that it should** be done in stages**, some victims will only have a contact with a police service, other victims will go through further stages of individual assessment. Victims needs for support and protection may change in the course of the criminal proceedings.** ~~Within the first stage,~~ All victims should be	

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	assessment should also take into account the situation of the perpetrator, who may have a history of violence, be in a possession of arms or abusing drugs and as such pose higher risks for victims. The individual assessment of victims' needs should also include the assessment of victims' needs of support, not only of protection. It is essential to identify victims who are in need of special support, so a targeted support such as prolonged free of charge psychological aid is provided to those who need it.	competent authorities***, whose staff should be adequately trained,*** to ensure that the most vulnerable victims are identified at the very early stages of the proceeding. As of the next stages, victims who need such enhanced assessment should be assessed by victim support services including psychologists. Such services are best placed to assess the state of victims' well-being. The individual assessment should also take into account the situation of the perpetrator, who may have a history of violence, ***have access to or*** be in a possession of arms or abusing drugs and as such pose higher risks for victims. The individual assessment of victims' needs should also include the assessment of victims' needs of support, not only of protection. It is essential to identify victims who are in need of special support ***and who experience discrimination including intersectional forms of discrimination such as on the grounds of sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sex characteristics, age, disability, resident status, religion or belief, language, racial, social or ethnic origin, and sexual orientation***, so a targeted support such as prolonged free of charge psychological aid is	assessed ~~from~~**at the earliest stage possible such as** the first contact with the competent authorities**, for instance law enforcement and prosecution authorities,** to ensure that the most vulnerable victims are identified at the very early stages of the proceeding. As of the next stages, victims who need such enhanced assessment should be assessed by **the competent authorities or any other institution, organisation or body, such as** victim support services ~~including~~**and where possible by** psychologists. ~~Such services are best placed to assess the state of victims' well-being~~**The contact with helplines should not be considered as the first contact with competent authorities**. The individual assessment should also take into account**, on the basis of the available information,** the situation of the perpetrator, who may have a history of violence, be in a possession of arms or abusing drugs and as such pose higher risks for victims. The individual assessment of victims' needs should also include the assessment of victims' needs of support, not only of protection. It is essential to identify victims who are in need of special support, so a targeted	

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		provided to those who need it. ***In cases of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, the individual assessments of protection and support needs should take into consideration the fact that victims are often financially dependent on the perpetrator. The individual assessment should be conducted in the best interest of the victim, avoiding secondary or repeated victimisation.***	support such as ~~prolonged free of charge~~ psychological aid is provided to those who need it. **Member States can determine the practical organisation of the individual assessment via any relevant protocol or guideline as provided for in this Directive. Member States should ensure that any personal data is dealt with in accordance with the Union law on data protection, which may require the provision of legislative measures if necessary.**	
21	(11) As a result of the enhanced assessment of victims' needs for protection, victims who are in need of physical protection should be able to receive it in a form adapted to their particular situation. Such measures should include the presence of law enforcement authorities or being kept away from the offender on the basis of national protection orders. Such measures may be of a criminal, administrative or civil law nature.	(11) As a result of the enhanced assessment of victims' needs for protection, victims who are in need of physical protection***, in particular victims in life threatening situations,*** should be able to receive it in a form adapted to their particular situation. Such measures should include the presence of law enforcement authorities or being kept away from the offender on the basis of national ***barring, restraining or*** protection orders ***or the referral to shelters and other interim accommodations***. Such measures may be of a criminal, administrative or civil law nature. ***Member States should enhance the awareness about the availability of such protection measures among***	(11) As a result of the enhanced assessment of victims' needs for protection, victims who are in need of physical protection should be able to receive it in a form adapted to their particular situation. Such measures ~~should~~**can, in accordance with national law,** include the presence of law enforcement authorities**, or other bodies providing physical protection, or to keep the offender** ~~or being kept~~ away from the ~~offender~~**victim** on the basis of national protection orders. Such measures may be of a criminal, administrative or civil law nature.	

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		relevant competent authorities and should ensure that victims are informed about the availability of such measures and are informed of their right to apply for them. In order to safeguard the effectiveness of barring, restraining or protection orders, breaches of such orders should be subject to effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties. Those penalties could be of a criminal, administrative or civil law nature and could include prison sentences, fines or any other legal penalty that is effective, proportionate and dissuasive.		
21a		***(11a) Member States should create a legal and social environment that prioritises the well-being and dignity of victims while discouraging actions that could perpetuate harm or contribute to a permissive environment for criminal behaviour. For this reason, Member States should protect victims and their families from any form of mistreatment or disrespect, and prevent actions that could further harm their dignity or exacerbate their suffering. That includes preventing legal and social impunity of perpetrators of acts of terrorism and organised***		

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		crime, as this represents a significant obstacle for the recovery and protection of victims. Member States should take measures to prevent the glorification of acts of terrorism or organised crime as such assaults on victims' dignity may cause secondary victimisation and undermine recovery. Member States should prevent tributes to those found guilty of terrorist activities or organised crime by a final judgement in order to avoid secondary victimisation and should pay special attention to the victims in cases where they can suffer harassment or might fear to face reprisal or public ostracism.		
21b		***(11b) In order to ensure the right to protection of the dignity of victims, the Member States must tackle the sharing of online material of a criminal offence in order to avoid secondary victimisation and other serious psychosocial consequences for the victim and to prevent the normalisation of violence. Member States should ensure that the identity of victims is protected. Such measures should apply especially to cases of gender-based violence, including sexual assault***		

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		and rape, which aim to inflict fear and silence women.		
22	(12) All victims should be able to obtain a decision on compensation from the offender within the criminal proceedings to avoid their engagement in multiple cumbersome and lengthy proceedings in separate civil proceedings. All victims should benefit from the schemes on compensation in which, following a decision on compensation from the offender at the end of the criminal proceeding, they receive, without a delay, the compensation from the state. The state afterwards should be able to recuperate the compensation from the offender. Such approach to compensation saves victims from the risks of secondary victimisation, since victims do not have to contact offenders when receiving compensation. Such facilitated access to compensation from the offender during criminal proceeding does not affect the Member States obligations to ensure the existence of a scheme on compensation to victims of violent intentional crimes committed in their respective territories, which guarantees fair and appropriate compensation to	(12) All victims should be able to obtain a decision on compensation from the offender within the criminal proceedings to avoid their engagement in multiple cumbersome and lengthy proceedings in separate civil proceedings. All victims should benefit from the schemes on compensation in which, following a decision on compensation from the offender at the end of the criminal proceeding, they receive, without a delay, the compensation from the state. The state afterwards should be able to recuperate the compensation from the offender. Such approach to compensation saves victims from the risks of secondary victimisation, since victims do not have to contact offenders when receiving compensation. Such facilitated access to compensation from the offender during criminal proceeding does not affect the Member States obligations to ensure the existence of a scheme on compensation to victims of violent intentional crimes committed in their respective territories, which guarantees fair and appropriate compensation to	~~(12) All victims should be able to obtain a decision on compensation from the offender within the criminal proceedings to avoid their engagement in multiple cumbersome and lengthy proceedings in separate civil proceedings. All victims should benefit from the schemes on compensation in which, following a decision on compensation from the offender at the end of the criminal proceeding, they receive, without a delay, the compensation from the state. The state afterwards should be able to recuperate the compensation from the offender. Such approach to compensation saves victims from the risks of secondary victimisation, since victims do not have to contact offenders when receiving compensation. Such facilitated access to compensation from the offender during criminal proceeding does not affect the Member States obligations to ensure the existence of a scheme on compensation to victims of violent intentional crimes committed in their respective territories, which guarantees fair and appropriate compensation to~~	

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	victims under Council Directive 2004/80/EC[1]. 1. Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims (OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, p. 15).	victims under Council Directive 2004/80/EC[1]. 1. Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims (OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, p. 15).	~~victims under Council Directive 2004/80/EC[1].~~ ~~1. Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims (OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, p. 15).~~	
23	(13) Victims cannot effectively benefit from their rights to information, to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs if they are faced with the national justice schemes that lack cooperation and coordination among those who come into contact with victims. Without close cooperation and coordination of the national law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, restorative services, compensation services and victim support services, it is difficult for victims to effectively execute their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU. Other authorities, such as healthcare, education and social services, are encouraged to be part of this cooperation and coordination. This is particularly valid in relation to child victims.	(13) Victims cannot effectively benefit from their rights to information, to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs if they are faced with the national justice schemes that lack cooperation and coordination among those who come into contact with victims. Without close cooperation and coordination of the national law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, restorative services, compensation services and victim support services, it is difficult for victims to effectively execute their rights under Directive 2012/29/EU. Other authorities, such as healthcare, education and social services, ***as well as non-governmental organisations,*** are encouraged to be part of this cooperation and coordination. This is particularly valid in relation to child victims.	(13) Victims cannot effectively benefit from their rights to information, to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs if they are faced with the national justice schemes that lack cooperation and coordination among those who come into contact with victims. Without close cooperation and coordination of **relevant stakeholders such as central authorities in accordance with the internal structure of or the division of competences in the Member States,** ~~the national~~ law enforcement, prosecution **authorities, judicial authorities, detention authorities**~~, judiciary~~, **in consultation with** restorative **justice** services,~~ compensation services~~ and victim support services, it is difficult for victims to effectively ~~execute~~**exercise** their rights under **this** Directive ~~2012/29/EU.~~**.** Other authorities, such as healthcare, education and social services, are encouraged to be part of this cooperation and	

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			coordination. This is particularly valid in relation to child victims.	
23a		***(13a) Officials who are likely to come into personal contact with victims should have access to and receive regular, sufficient and appropriate training with regard to implementation of key aspects of Directive 2012/29/EU. Training for competent authorities should be effective, state of the art, interdisciplinary and multi-agency, and should take advantage of new technologies for enhancing engagement and interaction. Trainings should cover at least the identification of the type of harm suffered by victims, prevention of repeat and secondary victimisation, victim-sensitive communication, choice of adequate support and protection measures as well as effective coordination and referrals to victim support services. It should be delivered in cooperation with non-governmental organisations including victims' associations and civil society organisations. In addition to general victims' rights training for competent authorities, there should be dedicated training programmes on dealing with specific categories of victims. Mutual training and exchange of***		

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		good practices among national authorities, including judicial and law enforcement authorities, and victim support organisations should also be promoted to ensure better support and protection of victims as well as coordination among the involved institutions and organisations. Training should be gender, child, and trauma sensitive, aim to avoid secondary victimisation and develop among other skills empathic communication and active listening. Specific guidelines for law enforcement officers should also be considered a good practice.		
23b		***(13b) Member States should develop practical guidelines for competent authorities to advise victims of their rights, making sure that their rights are upheld. Those guidelines could include a checklist for professionals to be followed in all cases. Such practical guidelines should be in line with training provided to relevant competent authorities as well as with the national protocols to be established in accordance with this directive.***		
23c		***(13c) Despite significant improvements achieved since the***		

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		entry into force of Directive 2012/29/EU, evidence shows that victims still often lack awareness of their rights, undermining the effectiveness of that Directive on the ground and discouraging victims from coming forward and reporting crime. It is therefore imperative that Member States put in place effective awareness-raising campaigns in order to increase the awareness of victims of their rights under that Directive, or further rights under national law, where applicable. At the same time, Member States should work to increase awareness also among the population at large, including in schools. Such campaigns should be conducted via a variety of channels, including the media, social media, posters in public transport, leaflets in courts, hospitals and police stations or mobile applications. Moreover, Member States should improve the identification of places to which victims can reach out and find help in exercising their rights under that Directive, for example including through signposting or setting up of public directories and registries, for instance of accredited support organisations or lawyers. When introducing those		

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		measures, Member States should aim to develop them equally for all types of crimes.		
24	(14) National protocols are essential to ensure that victims receive information about their rights and about their case and that victims are adequately assessed to enable them to receive the support and protection that corresponds to each victims' individual needs that change in time. Protocols should be established by legislative measures in a way that corresponds best to national legal orders and the organisation of justice in the Member States. This should regulate the actions on provision of information to victims, facilitating crime reporting for the most vulnerable victims, including those in detention and the individual assessment of victims' needs. The legislative measures setting up the protocols should specify essential elements necessary for the processing of data including, the recipients of the personal data and the categories of data that will be processed in the context of operation of the protocols. The protocols should provide for general instructions on how to deal with services and actions under Directive	(14) National protocols are essential to ensure that victims receive information ***in a consistent manner*** about their rights and about their case and that victims are adequately assessed to enable them to receive the support and protection that corresponds to each victims' individual needs that change in time***. National protocols are essential tools to achieve well-coordinated individual assessments, avoid secondary victimisation and enhance the coordination and cooperation among competent authorities, general support services, and specialist support services, including clear referral pathways***. Protocols should be established by legislative measures in a way that corresponds best to national legal orders and the organisation of justice in the Member States. This should regulate the actions on provision of information to victims, facilitating crime reporting for the most vulnerable victims, including those in detention ***and accommodation facilities where individuals are not permitted to***	(14) ~~National~~ Protocols **or guidelines** are essential to ensure that **for example** victims receive information about their rights and about their case and that victims are adequately assessed to enable them to receive the support and protection that corresponds to each victims' individual needs that change in time. Protocols **or guidelines of a non-binding nature** should be established ~~by legislative measures~~ in a way that corresponds best to national legal orders and the organisation of justice in the Member States. ~~This should regulate~~**These protocols or guidelines can cover** the actions on provision of information to victims, facilitating crime reporting for the most vulnerable victims, including those in detention and the individual assessment of victims' needs. **When it comes to the provision of information to victims,** ~~The legislative measures setting up~~ the protocols ~~should specify essential elements necessary for the processing of data~~**can ensure that such information is simple and easy to understand, provided in a**	

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	2012/29/EU in a comprehensive manner without however dealing with individual cases.	***leave at will*** and the individual assessment of victims' needs. The legislative measures setting up the protocols should specify essential elements necessary for the processing of data including, the recipients of the personal data and the categories of data that will be processed in the context of operation of the protocols. The protocols should provide for general instructions on how to deal with services and actions under Directive 2012/29/EU in a comprehensive manner without however dealing with individual cases.	**timely manner, repeated over time, in multiple formats** including **orally, in writing and digitally. With regards to victims in detention,**~~, the recipients of the personal data and the categories of data that will be processed in the context of operation of~~ the protocols **can specify victims' access to information about their rights, methods of crime reporting and access to support and protection in accordance with their needs**. The protocols ~~should~~**or guidelines can** provide for general instructions on how to deal with services and actions under **this** Directive ~~2012/29/EU~~ in a comprehensive manner without however dealing with individual cases. **In this context, it is important that Member States take, where appropriate, the necessary measures to allow for collection and sharing of information, including information containing personal data of victims between the competent authorities and victim support services to ensure access to information and appropriate support and protection of individual victims. The setting up of the protocols or guidelines should be without prejudice to the already existing**	

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			methods of cooperation and coordination among the competent authorities and other persons coming in contact with victims in the Member States.	
24a			**(14a) Information and communication technologies could include, for instance, emails, internet messaging live chats, video calls and on-line portals with access to information to registered participants. Member States are free to decide which means of communication are the most suitable in relation to the different provisions of this Directive. The information from the first contact with a competent authority can be provided electronically in a standard format. The in-person method of communication, including those with the competent authorities and with support services, should remain available to victims, if they wish so. Where Member States' national systems necessitate specific electronic identification and signature methods, those systems should afford victims residents of other Member States equitable access opportunities in accordance with the e-IDAS Regulation.**	

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25	(15) Member States should allocate sufficient human and financial resources to ensure an effective compliance with the measures set out in Directive 2012/29/EU. Special attention should be paid to the establishment of victims' helplines, ensuring smooth functioning of specialist support services and individual assessment of victims' needs for protection and for support, including where such services are provided by non-governmental organisations.	(15) Member States should allocate sufficient human ~~and~~, financial ***and technical*** resources to ensure an effective compliance with the measures set out in Directive 2012/29/EU. Special attention should be paid to the establishment of victims' helplines, ensuring smooth functioning of ***general and*** specialist support services and individual assessment of victims' needs for protection and for support, including where such services are provided by non-governmental organisations.	(15) Member States should allocate sufficient human and financial resources to ensure an effective compliance with the measures set out in **this** Directive ~~2012/29/EU~~. Special attention should be paid to the establishment of victims' helplines, ensuring smooth functioning of specialist support services and individual assessment of victims' needs for protection and for support, including where such services are provided by non-governmental organisations.	
26	(16) The Union and the Member States are parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[1] and are bound by its obligations to the extent of their respective competences. Under Article 13 of that Convention the States Parties are obliged to ensure effective access to justice for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others, hence the needs to ensure accessibility and provide reasonable accommodation so that victims with disability enjoy their rights as victims on equal basis with others. The accessibility requirements set in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of	(16) The Union and the Member States are parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities~~1~~ and are bound by its obligations to the extent of their respective competences. Under Article 13 of that Convention the States Parties are obliged to ensure effective access to justice for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others, hence the needs to ensure accessibility and provide reasonable accommodation ***as well as procedural accommodation*** so that victims with disability enjoy their rights as victims on equal basis with others***. Procedural accommodation consists of all necessary and***	(16) The Union and the Member States are parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[1] and are bound by its obligations to the extent of their respective competences. Under Article 13 of that Convention the States Parties are obliged to ensure effective access to justice for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others, hence the needs to ensure accessibility and provide reasonable accommodation so that victims with disability enjoy their rights as victims on equal basis with others. **As defined by Article 2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,**	

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	the Council[2] can facilitate the implementation of that Convention and ensure that the victims' rights laid down by Directive 2012/29/EU are accessible for persons with disabilities. 1. OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 37. 2. Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).	***appropriate modifications and adjustments in the context of access to justice to ensure the participation of persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others, including for example measures needed to ensure communication with the court***. The accessibility requirements set in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council~~[2]~~[60] can facilitate the implementation of that Convention and ensure that the victims' rights laid down by Directive 2012/29/EU are accessible for persons with disabilities. ***[59] OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 37.*** ***[60] Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).*** ~~*1. OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 37.*~~ ~~*2. Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).*~~	**"reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case, to ensure to persons with disabilities the enjoyment or exercise on an equal basis with others of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.** The accessibility requirements set in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council[2] can facilitate the implementation of that Convention and ensure that the victims' rights laid down by **this** Directive ~~2012/29/EU~~ are accessible for persons with disabilities. 1. **[1]** OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 37. 2. **[2]** Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).	
27	(17) Eurojust should ensure that appropriate consideration is given to requests concerning victims' rights	(17) Eurojust should ensure that appropriate consideration is given to requests concerning victims' rights	(17) Eurojust should ensure that appropriate consideration is given to requests concerning victims' rights	

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28	(18) The collection of accurate and coherent data and the timely publication of collected data and statistics are fundamental to ensure full knowledge on the rights of victims of crime within the Union. Introducing a requirement for Member States to collect and report to the Commission data on the application of national procedures on victims of crime every three years in a harmonised way is expected to constitute a relevant step to ensure the adoption of data-informed policies and strategies. The Fundamental Rights Agency should continue to assist the European Commission and Member States in the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime and in reporting on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	(18) The collection of accurate and coherent data***, including both qualitative and quantitative data,*** and the timely publication of collected data and statistics are fundamental to ensure full knowledge on the rights of victims of crime within the Union ***and to monitor the implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU. The statistics should include data relevant to the application of national procedures for victims of crime, including at least the number and type of the reported crime and the number, age, sex, gender and disability, if any, of the victim, and the type of the offence and the nature of the relationship between the victim and the offender. The data should include information on whether victims have suffered a crime due to a bias***	(18) The collection of accurate and coherent data and the timely publication of collected data and statistics are fundamental to ensure full knowledge on the rights of victims of crime within the Union. Introducing a requirement for Member States to collect and report to the Commission data **when available at central level** on the application of national procedures on victims of crime every three years in a harmonised way is expected to constitute a relevant step to ensure the adoption of data-informed policies and strategies. The Fundamental Rights Agency should continue to assist the European Commission and Member States in the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime and in reporting ~~on~~**data available at central level**	

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		or discriminatory motive. The collected data should allow the development of qualitative assessments on the remaining barriers when reporting crimes and accessing victims' rights. Introducing a requirement for Member States to collect and report to the Commission data on the application of national procedures on victims of crime every three years in a harmonised way is expected to constitute a relevant step to ensure the adoption of data-informed policies and strategies. The ***reporting of Member States every three-year should be coordinated and harmonised to ensure better comparability of data. To this end, Member States should have a synchronised timeline for reporting the data collected under this Directive. The*** Fundamental Rights Agency should continue to assist the European Commission and Member States in the collection, production***, analysis*** and dissemination of statistics ~~*on victims of crime*~~ and in ***the*** reporting ***of information*** on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive. ***For the purpose of the analysis of the aggregated data, the budget of the Fundamental Rights***	**showing** how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	

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		Agency of the European Union should be adequately adapted.		
28a		***(18a) Member States should record, collect and transmit data on offline and online gender-based violence, including violence against women, domestic violence, sexual violence and femicide, as well as hate speech and hate crimes, which are disproportionately affecting women, LGBTIQ+ persons and children and are also still widely underreported.***		
28b		***(18b) Member States should facilitate the tasks of a victims' rights coordinator as set out in the EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025) with the aim of ensuring consistency and effectiveness of actions in relation to the victims' rights policy. The particular tasks of the coordinator are to ensure a smooth functioning of the Victims' Rights Platform and the implementation of the EU Strategy on victims' rights as well as to synchronise the victims' rights related actions of other Union level stakeholders, notably if relevant to the application of Directive 2012/92/EU.***		

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29	(19) The principle of effectiveness of Union law requires that Member States put in place adequate and effective remedies in the event of a breach of a right conferred upon individuals by Union law. An effective remedy should be available where the rights under Directive 2012/29/EU are undermined or refused in full or in part.	(19) The principle of effectiveness of Union law requires that Member States put in place adequate and effective remedies in the event of a breach of a right conferred upon individuals by Union law. An effective remedy should be available where the rights under Directive 2012/29/EU are undermined or refused in full or in part.	(19) The principle of effectiveness of Union law requires that Member States put in place adequate and effective remedies in the event of a breach of a right conferred upon individuals by Union law. **On the basis of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,** an effective remedy should be available where the rights under **this** Directive ~~2012/29/EU~~ are undermined or refused in full or in part.	
29a			**(19a) As a horizontal Directive, this Directive does not affect more far reaching provisions contained in other Union acts which address the specific needs of particular categories of victims, such as victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of sexual abuse, and sexual exploitation of children, including child sexual abuse material, victims of violence against women and domestic violence and victims of terrorism, in a more targetted manner.**	
30	(20) Since the objectives of this Directive cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States due to the need to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters by ensuring trust in equal access to	(20) Since the objectives of this Directive cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States due to the need to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters by ensuring trust in equal access to	(20) Since the objectives of this Directive cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States due to the need to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters by ensuring trust in equal access to	

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	victims' rights no matter where in the EU the crime happened, but can rather by reason of the scale and effects of the envisaged measures, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.	victims' rights no matter where in the EU the crime happened, but can rather by reason of the scale and effects of the envisaged measures, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.	victims' rights no matter where in the EU the crime happened, but can rather by reason of the scale and effects of the envisaged measures, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.	
31	(21) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.	(21) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.	(21) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.	
32	(22) [In accordance with Article 3 and Article 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Ireland has notified [by letter of …,] its wish to take part in	(22) [In accordance with Article 3 and Article 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Ireland has notified [by letter of …,] its wish to take part in	(22) ╞In accordance with Article 3 and Article 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Ireland has notified ╞by letter of ~~…~~**27 October 2023**,╡ its	

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	the adoption and application of this Directive.] OR [In accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.]	the adoption and application of this Directive.] OR [In accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.]	wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Directive.] ~~[~~ ~~OR~~ ~~[In accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.]~~	
33	(23) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] and delivered an opinion on [XX XX 2023][2], _____ 1. Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39). 2. [OP: Footnote once available]	(23) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] and delivered an opinion on [XX XX 2023][2], _____ 1. Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39). 2. [OP: Footnote once available]	(23) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] and delivered an opinion on [XX XX 2023][2], _____ 1. Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39). 2. [OP: Footnote once available]	

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	34	(24) Directive 2012/29/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,	(24) Directive 2012/29/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,	(24) Directive 2012/29/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,	
	35	HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:	HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:	HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:	
G	36	Article 1	Article 1	Article 1	Article 1 Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	37	Directive 2012/29/EU is amended as follows:	Directive 2012/29/EU is amended as follows:	Directive 2012/29/EU is amended as follows:	Directive 2012/29/EU is amended as follows: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	38	(1) the following Article is inserted:	(1) the following Article is inserted:	(1) the following Article is inserted:	(1) the following Article is inserted: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	39	‘ Article 3a	‘ Article 3a	‘ Article 3a	‘ Article 3a Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	40	Victims’ helpline	Victims’ helpline	Victims’ helpline	Victims’ helpline Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	41	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish easily accessible, user friendly, free of charge and confidential victims’ helplines which:	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish easily accessible, user friendly, ***secure,*** free of charge and	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish easily accessible, user friendly, free of charge and confidential victims’ helplines which:	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish easily accessible, user friendly, ***secure,*** free of charge and

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		confidential victims' helplines which:		confidential victims' helplines which: Recital proposed by Presidency: Helplines should be operated securely, ensuring that information, and notably data, or information provided by the victim, is not exchanged in a way allowing access without proper authorization. Without affecting national procedures, appropriate security measures should be implemented to prevent unauthorized access by any party. Text Origin: EP Mandate
G	42	(a) provide victims with the information referred to in Article 4(1);	(a) provide victims with the information referred to in Article 4(1);	(a) provide victims with the information referred to in Article 4(1); Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	43	(b) offer emotional support;	(b) offer emotional ***and psychological*** support;	(b) offer emotional support; Text Origin: Commission Proposal
G	44	(c) refer victims to specialised support services and/or specialised helplines if needed.	(c) refer victims to ***relevant services, including general and*** specialised support services and/or specialised helplines ~~*if needed*~~.	(c) refer victims to ~~specialised~~**specialist** support services and/or ~~specialised~~**specialist** helplines if needed.	(c) refer victims to ~~*specialised*~~***relevant services, including general and specialist*** support services and/or ~~*specialised*~~***specialist*** helplines if needed. Text Origin: EP Mandate

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Y	45	2.Member States shall ensure the provision of helplines referred to in paragraph 1 through a telephone helpline connected to the EU harmonised number "116 006" and through other information and communication technologies, including websites.	2.Member States shall ensure the provision of helplines referred to in paragraph 1 through a telephone helpline ~~connected to~~ **reachable via** the EU harmonised number "116 006"**, which may operate in addition to any existing national numbers, and may provide such services also** ~~and~~ through other **secure and accessible** information and communication technologies, including **online applications and** websites.	2.Member States shall ensure the provision of helplines referred to in paragraph 1 through a telephone helpline ~~*connected to*~~***reachable via*** the EU harmonised number "116 006"***, which may operate in addition to any existing national numbers, and [shall/may] provide such services also*** ~~*and*~~ through other ***secure and accessible*** information and communication technologies, including ***online applications and*** websites. Recital: include NGOs and chat-boxes. Linked to the languages. Text Origin: Council Mandate	Y
Y	45a		***2a. Member States shall ensure that victims of cross-border crime have access to helplines of their choice, including those of other Member States.***		***2a. [Member states shall ensure that, in addition to the EU harmonised number referred to in paragraph 2 for domestic calls, the helplines shall be reachable via a dedicated number for international calls for victims who suffered harm in a country other than their country of residence.]*** Recital text: "It is important that helplines are reachable not only through domestic calls under the harmonised number 116 006, but also via calls from abroad, in particular for victims who suffered	Y

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				harm in a country other than their country of residence. This should be ensured by provision of additional number that can be called from abroad to connect the victim with the helpline they need to reach in order to seek relevant assistance.”
Y	46	3.Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure the availability of the services referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 in other languages, including at least the languages most used in the Member State.	3.Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure the availability of the services referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 in other languages, including at least the languages most used in the Member State. ***Member States shall ensure the provision of those services in a language that victims can understand, including by means of telephone interpreting free of charge.***	3.Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure the availability of the services referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 in ~~other languages, including at least~~ the **official language or** languages **of the Member States as determined by national law. Member States shall strive to ensure the provision of those services in at least one other language** most used in the Member State.	3.***In addition to official language or languages,*** Member States shall ~~*take appropriate measures to*~~ ensure the availability of the services referred to in ~~*paragraphs 1 and 2 in*~~***paragraph 1 at least in one*** other***, additional language including by means of telephone interpreting free of charge, when such services are provided through telephone helpline. Member States shall strive to ensure the availability of victim´s support through helplines in more than one additional language.*** ***4. When the services referred to in paragraph 1 are provided through information and communication technologies*** ~~*languages*~~, including ~~*at least the*~~***online applications and websites, Member States shall ensure their availability in*** languages ~~*most used in the Member State*~~***that victims can understand, including with the use of***

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				translation and interpretation technologies. Recital: Additional language should be understood to include a language that is used in Member States besides the official language or languages and that the victim can be reasonably expected to understand. Additional language should therefore include languages of minorities in given Member State or languages of particularly vulnerable population as well as a language that is widely used internationally. Including a language that is widely used internationally among the additional languages is important with regard to the significant number of persons exercising their freedom of movement. In the case of telephone helplines where one additional language is required under this Directive, it is up to the Member States to decide, based on objective criteria, which additional language to opt for. Member States are encouraged to ensure the availability of victim´s support through helplines in more than one additional language. Where more than one additional language is required under this Directive, Member States should ensure that they include, among other, a language that is widely used internationally.

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G	47	4.Helplines may be set up by public or non-governmental organisations and may be organised on a professional or voluntary basis.; ,	4.Helplines ~~*may*~~***shall*** be set up ***and operated by organisations specialised in delivering victim support, either*** ~~*by*~~ public or non-governmental organisations and may be organised on a professional or voluntary basis.~~;~~	4.Helplines may be set up by public or non-governmental organisations and may be organised on a professional or voluntary basis.’; ,	4.Helplines may be set up by public or non-governmental organisations and may be organised on a professional or voluntary basis.; Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	47a		***4a. Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that helplines provide accessible support to victims of high quality, including by ensuring sufficient human and financial support as well as appropriate operating hours. Those helplines shall be operated by specialised and qualified staff.*** ,		***4a. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that helplines provide quality and accessible support to victims during appropriate operating hours. Those helplines shall be operated by appropriately trained persons.*** , Linked to a horizontal discussion on resources Proposed addition to recital 4 ‘Member States should ensure that support provided by such helplines is without prejudice to the right of victims to receive information on their rights and on their case and to otherwise communicate with competent authorities and with other general or specialised victims’ support services through appropriate communication and information technologies. The helplines should be operated by adequately trained persons, including volunteers, to ensure a high level of service and work	G

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					in a victim-sensitive manner, in line with existing standards of quality support.'	
G	48	(2) the following Article 5a is inserted:	(2) the following Article 5a is inserted:	(2) the following Article 5a is inserted:	(2) the following Article 5a is inserted: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	49	' Article 5a	' Article 5a	' Article 5a	' Article 5a Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	50	Reporting of crime	Reporting of crime	Reporting of crime	Reporting of crime Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
Y	51	1.Member States shall ensure that victims can report criminal offences to the competent authorities through easily accessible, user friendly information and communication technologies. Such possibility shall include submission of evidence where feasible.	1.Member States shall ensure that victims can report ***acts which may constitute a*** criminal ~~*offences*~~***offence*** to the competent authorities through ***free,*** easily accessible, ***safe, confidential and*** user friendly ***reporting mechanisms, including online reporting mechanisms, using*** information and communication technologies. Such possibility shall include submission of ***information and*** evidence where feasible.	1.Member States shall ensure that victims can report criminal offences to the competent authorities**, where appropriate and in addition to already existing methods of crime reporting,** through easily accessible, user friendly information and communication technologies. Such possibility shall include submission of evidence where feasible. **Such possibilities shall be without prejudice to national procedural rules regarding formalisation of online reporting and submission of evidence.**	1.***Member States shall ensure that victims can report criminal offences to the competent authorities, through free, easily accessible, secure, confidential and user friendly information and communication technologies (ICT). Such possibility shall include submission of evidence where feasible. Such possibilities shall be without prejudice to national procedural rules regarding formalisation of online reporting and submission of evidence and shall be available in addition to in-person crime***	Y

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				reporting. Member States shall specify which reporting channel is to be used for urgent cases and inform victims thereof. ***PCY proposal of 3/4/25 from non-paper:*** ***1.*** Member States shall ensure that victims can report criminal offences to the competent authorities through ***accessible, easy-to-use, safe, and readily available channels. If it allows for the effective management of cases in the interest of victims, reporting of criminal offences should also be available through free,*** easily accessible***, secure***, user friendly information and communication technologies***, in addition to in-person crime reporting methods***. Such possibility shall include submission of evidence where feasible. ***Such possibilities shall be without prejudice to national procedural rules regarding formalisation of online reporting and submission of evidence.*** To be further finetuned - recital wording The phenomenon of crimes remaining un- or underreported by victims affects the entire Union and hampers the smooth functioning of the European

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				area of freedom, security and justice. Crime reporting, seen as a wide-ranging mechanism that includes various steps defined in the applicable procedural rules laid down in Member States' laws, and particularly the making of a complaint with the competent authorities, should be made more effective so as to act as a deterrent n. The Victims' Rights Directive should therefore be amended to facilitate reporting of a crime through better use of easily accessible, user friendly information and communication technologies." PCY proposa for a recital of 3/4/25 (XX) Methods for reporting of criminal offences should be determined based on what best serves the interest of the victim, the effective management of cases and proper administration of justice. In-person crime reporting methods could, inter alia, be considered more appropriate in urgent cases, such as in case of an imminent threat, if immediate follow-up is needed, where evidence needs to be secured without delay, but also when a personal contact is necessary for an effective criminal investigation. Online reporting could, inter alia, be considered appropriate in some non-urgent and less complicated cases Text Origin: Council Mandate

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Y	52	2.Member States shall take the necessary measures to encourage any person who knows about or suspects, in good faith, that criminal offences have been committed, or that further acts of violence are to be expected, to report this to the competent authorities.	2.Member States shall take the necessary measures to encourage ***and enable*** any person who knows about or suspects, in good faith, that ***acts which may constitute a*** criminal ~~*offences*~~***offence*** have been committed, or that further acts of violence are to be expected, to report ~~*this*~~***those offences or acts of violence*** to the competent authorities ***through the mechanisms referred to in paragraph 1***.	~~2.Member States shall take the necessary measures to encourage any person who knows about or suspects, in good faith, that criminal offences have been committed, or that further acts of violence are to be expected, to report this to the competent authorities.~~	2.Member States shall take the necessary measures to encourage ***and facilitate*** any person who knows ~~*about*~~ or suspects, in good faith, that criminal offences have been committed, or that ~~*further*~~ acts of violence are to be expected, to report ~~*this*~~***such acts*** to the competent authorities ***through the mechanisms referred to in paragraph 1***.	Y
Y	52a		***2a. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the possibility of third-party reporting mechanism through the mechanisms referred to in paragraph 1.***		***2a. Member States shall take the necessary measures to facilitate third-party reporting through cooperation between competent authorities with civil society organisations who are likely to receive information from victims with regard to criminal offences.*** Recital wording: Measures should be put in place to enable third-party reporting, including by civil society organisations or practitioners. Third-party reporting allows victims, family members or witnesses to report a crime without contacting directly the competent authorities. Instead, they may inform an appropriately trained third party – such as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) or community organisation – about a crime and	Y

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				subsequently, upon victim´s consent the third party reports the crime to the competent authorities. Third party reporting facilitates victims' access to justice, in particular when they fear repercussions, or lack confidence in the result of reporting to the police in-person. As such, third-party reporting addresses the problem of underreporting of crimes and enables authorities to gain accurate understanding of incidence of crime at local or societal level. Third-party reporting is distinct from third parties representing victims in criminal proceedings and is without prejudice to applicable rules in Member States regarding the procedure necessary for a competent authority to decide whether to formally launch an investigation in a given case. PCY: No agreement on recital yet as it originates from a previous wording of para 2 and 2a.
Y	52b	***2b. Where a person other than the victim is making a report of an act which may constitute a criminal offence, Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities take adequate measures for the victim's safety, where necessary.***		***2b. Where a person other than the victim is making a report of a criminal offence, Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities take adequate measures, as determined by the national law, for the victim's protection, where necessary, before the offender is informed about the reporting.***

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53	3.Member States shall ensure that victims can effectively report crimes committed in detention facilities. Detention facilities shall include in addition to jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused, specialised detention facilities for applicants of international protection and pre-removal centres, and accommodation centres where applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located.	3.Member States shall ensure that victims ***who are deprived of liberty*** can effectively report ~~*crimes*~~***acts which may constitute a criminal offence*** committed in detention facilities. Detention facilities shall include ~~*in addition to*~~ jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused~~*,*~~ ***persons and*** specialised detention facilities ~~*for*~~***where irregular migrants or*** applicants ~~*of international protection and pre-removal centres, and accommodation centres where applicants and beneficiaries*~~ of international protection are located.	~~**3**~~**2**. Member States shall ensure that victims can effectively report crimes committed in detention facilities. Detention facilities shall include in addition to jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused, **and** specialised detention facilities for applicants of international protection and pre-removal centres~~,~~ ~~and~~**.** **The possibility to effectively report crimes also applies to** accommodation centres where applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located.	3.Member States shall ensure that ~~*victims*~~***any person who is deprived of liberty or whose liberty is restricted*** can effectively report ~~*crimes*~~***a crime with regard to a criminal offence*** committed in detention ***or accommodation*** facilities ***from where they are not permitted to leave or are not in a position to leave at will or places where their freedom of movement is restricted***. Detention ***and accommodation*** facilities shall include ~~*in addition to*~~***at least*** jails, detention ~~*centres*~~***centers*** and holding cells for suspects and accused, specialised detention ~~*facilities for applicants of international protection and pre-removal centres,*~~ and accommodation ~~*centres where*~~***facilities for illegally staying third-country nationals, including for the purpose of preparing return and removal and facilities for*** applicants and beneficiaries of international protection ~~*are located*~~***as well as any other form of public or private institution from which the victim is not permitted to leave or is not in a position to leave at will such as specialized accommodation centers for persons with disabilities, children and elderly people***.

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				Possible recital: Member States should ensure that crime reporting for persons whose liberty is restricted includes mental health and social care institutions, orphanages and retirement homes and any other form of public or private custodial setting under control of any judicial, administrative or other public authorities or any private institution from which the victim is not permitted to leave at will. PCY does not contest the agreement in principle, but the wording seems to require a bit more technical discussion, in the ITM. For now, the Presidency would suggest replacing «accomodation centres for persons with disabilities, children and elderly person» with «facilities», in order to comply with existing meaning of «accomodation centres» in EU law (reception conditions directive, article 2(i)). Text Origin: Commission Proposal
	53a	***3a. Member States shall ensure that victims whose liberty is restricted can effectively report acts which may constitute a criminal offence committed in accommodation facilities from where they are not permitted to***		*deleted* *Merged with para 3, above.*

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		leave at will, such as reception or accommodation facilities, where irregular migrants or applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located as well as specialised accommodation for person with disabilities, children and elderly people, including mental health and social care institutions, orphanages and retirement homes, and any other form of public or private custodial setting under control of any judicial, administrative, or other public authority, or any private institution from which the victim is not permitted to leave at will.		
	54	4.Where children report ***acts which may constitute a*** criminal ~~*offences*~~***offence***, Member States shall ensure that the reporting procedures are safe, confidential, designed and accessible in a child-friendly manner and use language in accordance with their age and maturity. ***If the offence involves the holder of parental responsibility, Member States shall ensure that reporting is not conditional upon that person´s consent and that the measures which are necessary to protect the safety of the child are taken by the competent authorities before the person holding the***	**43**. Where children **contact competent authorities to** report criminal offences, Member States shall ensure that the reporting procedures are safe, **are carried out in a** confidential **manner in accordance with national law**, **are** designed and accessible in a child-friendly manner and use language in accordance with their age and maturity.	4.Where children ***contact competent authorities to*** report criminal offences, Member States shall ensure that the reporting procedures are safe, ***are carried out in a*** confidential ***manner in accordance with national law***, ***are*** designed and accessible in a child-friendly manner and use language in accordance with their age and maturity. ***In a situation where the holder of parental responsibility has been discharged, in accordance with Article 24.3 of this Directive, of the requirement to give a consent to report a crime by a child victim, Member States shall***

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		parental responsibility is informed about the reporting.		***ensure that the competent authorities take the necessary measures to protect the safety of the child before informing the holder of parental responsibility about the reporting.***
Y	55	5.Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities coming in contact with a victim reporting crimes are prohibited from transferring personal data pertaining to the residence status of the victim to competent migration authorities, at least until completion of the first individual assessment referred to in Article 22.; ,	5.***In accordance with Article 1 of this Directive, Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that victims who are third-country nationals, irrespective of their residence status, are able to report acts which may constitute a criminal offence. With due regard to the fact that reporting an act which may constitute a criminal offence and participating in criminal proceeding under this Directive does not create any rights regarding the residence status of the victim, or have any suspensive effect when determining their residence status,*** Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities coming in contact with a victim reporting ~~*crimes*~~***acts which may constitute a criminal offence*** are prohibited from transferring ***and using*** personal data pertaining to the residence status of the victim to competent migration authorities, at least until completion of the ~~*first individual assessment referred to in*~~***criminal proceeding. Member***	~~5.Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities coming in contact with a victim reporting crimes are prohibited from transferring personal data pertaining to the residence status of the victim to competent migration authorities, at least until completion of the first individual assessment referred to in Article 22.;~~ ,	5.Member States shall ***take the necessary measures to*** ensure that ~~*the competent authorities coming in contact with a victim*~~***victims who are third-country nationals, irrespective of their residence status, are not discouraged from*** reporting crimes ***and are treated in a non-discriminatory manner in line with Article 1. Member States shall in particular ensure that the enforcement*** ~~*are prohibited from transferring personal data pertaining to the residence status of the victim to competent migration authorities, at least until completion*~~ of the ~~*first*~~***Directive 2008/115/EC does not prevent victims from exercising their rights according to this Directive, including their rights to be heard pursuant to Article 10 and to an*** individual assessment ~~*referred to in*~~***according to*** Article 22.~~*;*~~ ***Member States may, at any moment, decide to grant an autonomous residence permit or other authorisation offering a right to a third-country national staying***	Y

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		States may at any moment decide to grant an autonomous residence permit or other authorisation offering a right to stay for compassionate, humanitarian or other reasons to a victim in accordance with Article ~~22~~***6(4) of Directive 2008/115/EC***.~~;~~		***illegally on their territory in accordance with national law.*** ***Alternative PCY proposal (from the non-paper of 3/4/25):*** ***5. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that victims who are third-country nationals, irrespective of their residence status, are not discouraged from reporting crimes and are treated in a non-discriminatory manner in line with Article 1. Member States shall in particular ensure that all victims, regardless of their administrative status, are not prevented from exercising their rights according to this Directive, including their rights to be heard pursuant to Article 10 and to an individual assessment according to Article 22. Member States may, at any moment, decide to grant an autonomous residence permit or other authorisation offering a right to a third-country national staying illegally on their territory in accordance with national law.*** Recital wording: In all Member States more effective ways should be developed for reaching victims of crimes that go unreported. The scale of the problem of unreported

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				crime is by nature difficult to assess but is likely to be considerable, especially in relation to certain types of crime, such as domestic violence, and in relation to categories of victims, especially the most vulnerable ones. In order to address the issue of underreporting, Member States should be encouraged to exchange best practices and consider innovative measures to increase reporting of crimes. In this regard, some Member States implement a policy based on the approach 'free in, free out' which allows persons to report a crime to competent authorities irrespective of their residence status or without fearing any possible repercussions in case their irregular status is disclosed. Alternative for the part on data protection: "Competent authorities should take the general principles of EU data protection law into account, in particular, that personal data should not be processed for a purpose other than for which it has been collected, unless a legal basis exists under national or Union law and where the processing for such other purpose is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society. Depending on the purpose of the processing, competent authorities should apply the

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				appropriate data protection instrument/framework, including where personal data are transmitted between different authorities. In any event, the processing for such other purpose should only be allowed after the completion of the first individual assessment of the victim."
Y	55a	***5a. Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that at the moment of reporting acts which may constitute a criminal offence, victims are informed about how their personal data may be processed.***		***5a. Member States shall ensure that at the moment of making a complaint with regard to a criminal offence, victims are informed that according to Article 21 paragraph 3 their personal data may be disclosed to the offender as part of exercising their rights of defense and provide an opportunity to the victim to express their views on such a possible disclosure*** Parked until art. 21(3) resolved. Linked to other provisions
Y	55b	***5b. Member States shall provide for appropriate mechanisms to report safely and confidentially to the relevant competent authorities or bodies, in accordance with national law, acts committed by public officials when exercising their official duties which may constitute criminal offences.*** ,		***5b. EP proposal*** ***Member States shall provide for appropriate mechanisms to report safely and confidentially to the relevant competent authorities or bodies, in accordance with national law, criminal offences committed by public officials when exercising their official duties.*** ***Council proposal:***

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				MS shall provide for safe and confidential reporting to the relevant authorities or bodies in accordance with national law, criminal offences committed by Law Enforcement Authorities (LEA) when exercising their official duties. ,
55c		***(2a) Article 6 is amended as follows:***		
55d				
55e		***(a) in paragraph 1 the introductory part is replaced by the following:***		
55f		***1. 'Member States shall ensure that victims receive without unnecessary delay at least the following information about the criminal proceedings instituted as a result of the complaint with regard to a criminal offence suffered by the victim, unless they express their objection to receiving such information to the competent authorities:'***		
55g		***(b) in paragraph 1 the following point is added:***		

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55h		***(ba) 'information on the state of play and significant developments in the criminal proceeding and any decisions taken in criminal proceedings that pertain to the victim directly.'***		
55i		***(c) in paragraph 2 the following point is added:***		
55j		***(ba) ' any decisions taken in criminal proceedings that pertain to the victim directly, at least in relation to those decisions set out in Article 20(1).'***		
55k		***(d) paragraph (5) is replaced by the following:***		
55l		***(5) Member States shall ensure that victims are offered the opportunity to be notified, without unnecessary delay, when the person remanded in custody, prosecuted or sentenced for criminal offences concerning them is released from or has escaped detention, is released under judicial supervision, has been transferred to a different location or accesses prison benefits, reduction of sentences or early termination of the criminal responsibility. Furthermore, Member States shall ensure that***		

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		victims are informed of any relevant measures issued for their protection in case of release or escape of the offender. Member States shall ensure that this information is provided in a manner minimising the risk of secondary victimisation or psychological harm to the victim.'			
Y	55m	***(2b) Article 6 is amended as follows:***		***(2a) Article 6 is amended as follows:*** To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	55n	***(a) in paragraph 1 the introductory part is replaced by the following:***		*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*	Y
Y	*55o*	‘ ***Member States shall ensure that victims receive without unnecessary delay at least the following information about the criminal proceedings instituted as a result of the complaint with regard to a criminal offence suffered by the victim, unless they express their objection to receiving such information to the competent authorities:*** ’		*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*	Y

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	55p	***(b) in paragraph 1 the following point is added:***		***(b) in paragraph 1 the following points are added:*** To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	55q	‘ ***(ba) information on the state of play and significant developments in the criminal proceeding and any decisions taken in criminal proceedings that pertain to the victim directly.*** ’		‘ ***(c) on the decision to prosecute the offender;*** To be greened in Trilogue	
	55r			***(d) on the availability of protection measures, including protection orders;*** To be greened in Trilogue	
	55s			***(e) on victims’ role in criminal proceedings in accordance with national rules, including, where applicable, on the possibilities of becoming a party therein;*** To be greened in Trilogue	
	55t			***(f) on applicable rules concerning claiming and obtaining compensation.*** ’	

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Y	55u		***(c) in paragraph 2 the following point is added:***	*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*
Y	*55v*		‘ ***(ba) any decisions taken in criminal proceedings that pertain to the victim directly, at least in relation to those decisions set out in Article 20(1).*** ’	*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*
Y	*55w*		***(d) paragraph (5) is replaced by the following:***	***(d) paragraph (5) is replaced by the following:*** To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: EP Mandate
Y	55x		‘ ***5.Member States shall ensure that victims are offered the opportunity to be notified, without unnecessary delay, when the person remanded in custody, prosecuted or sentenced for criminal offences concerning them is released from or has escaped detention, is released under judicial supervision, has been transferred to a different location or accesses prison benefits, reduction of sentences or***	‘ ***5.Member States shall ensure that victims are offered the opportunity to be notified, without unnecessary delay, when the person remanded in custody, prosecuted or sentenced for criminal offences concerning them is released from or has escaped detention, including release under judicial supervision. Furthermore, Member States shall ensure that victims are informed of any relevant measures issued for***

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		early termination of the criminal responsibility. Furthermore, Member States shall ensure that victims are informed of any relevant measures issued for their protection in case of release or escape of the offender. Member States shall ensure that this information is provided in a manner minimising the risk of secondary victimisation or psychological harm to the victim. ,		***their protection in case of release or escape of the offender.*** To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: EP Mandate	
Y	55y			***7.Member States shall ensure that the fact that the victim has been notified of their right to receive information about the criminal proceedings, as well as the victims' request to receive information under this Article, is duly recorded in accordance with the recording procedure under national law.*** , Recital: Member States should ensure that the notification of victims about the right to receive the information about the criminal proceedings and the request of the victims to receive such information should be duly recorded. To be greened in Trilogue	Y

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	55z		***(2c) Article 7 is amended as follows:***		***(2b) Article 7 is amended as follows:*** To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	55aa		***(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***		*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*	
	55ab		‘ ***1.Member States shall ensure that victims who do not understand or speak the language of the proceedings concerned are provided with interpretation free of charge in the framework of such proceedings, including at least during any interviews or questioning of the victim during proceedings before investigative and judicial authorities, including during police questioning, and interpretation for their active participation in court hearings and any necessary interim hearings.*** ’		*deleted* *To be greened in Trilogue*	
	55ac		***(b) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:***		To be greened in Trilogue	
	55ad		‘		*deleted*	

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		(3) Member States shall ensure that victims who do not understand or speak the language of the proceedings concerned are provided with translations of information essential to the exercise of their rights in criminal proceedings in a language that they understand, free of charge, to the extent that such information is made available to the victims. Translations of such information shall include at least any decision ending the criminal proceedings related to the criminal offence suffered by the victim, reasons or a brief summary of reasons for such decision, except in the case of a jury decision or a decision where the reasons are confidential in which cases the reasons are not provided as a matter of national law. ,		To be greened in Trilogue	
Y	*55ae*	***(c) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:***		To be greened in Trilogue	Y
Y	55af	‘ ***4.Member States shall ensure that victims who are entitled to information about the time and place of the trial in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) and who do not***		*deleted* To be greened in Trilogue	Y

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		understand the language of the competent authority, are provided with a translation of the information to which they are entitled, unless they refuse such translation. ’		
	55ag	***(d) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:***		***(d) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:*** To be greened in Trilogue
	55ah	‘ ***6.Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3, an oral translation or oral summary of essential documents may be provided instead of a written translation on condition that such oral translation or oral summary does not prejudice the fairness of the proceedings, the ability of victims to participate in the proceedings or their ability to exercise their rights.*** ’		‘ ***6.Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3, an oral translation or oral summary of essential documents may be provided instead of a written translation on condition that such oral translation or oral summary does not prejudice the fairness of the proceedings, and the ability of victims to exercise their rights, including the ability to participate in criminal proceedings in accordance with their role therein.*** ’ To be greened in Trilogue
	55ai	***(2d) Article 7 is amended as follows:***		
	55aj	‘		

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		(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:		
55ak		***(1) Member States shall ensure that victims who do not understand or speak the language of the proceedings concerned are provided with interpretation free of charge in the framework of such proceedings, including at least during any interviews or questioning of the victim during proceedings before investigative and judicial authorities, including during police questioning, and interpretation for their active participation in court hearings and any necessary interim hearings.***		
55al		***(b) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:***		
55am		***(3) Member States shall ensure that victims who do not understand or speak the language of the proceedings concerned are provided with translations of information essential to the exercise of their rights in criminal proceedings in a language that they understand, free of charge, to the extent that such information is made available to the victims. Translations of such information shall include at least any decision***		

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		ending the criminal proceedings related to the criminal offence suffered by the victim, reasons or a brief summary of reasons for such decision, except in the case of a jury decision or a decision where the reasons are confidential in which cases the reasons are not provided as a matter of national law.		
55an		***(c) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:***		
55ao		***(4) Member States shall ensure that victims who are entitled to information about the time and place of the trial in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) and who do not understand the language of the competent authority, are provided with a translation of the information to which they are entitled, unless they refuse such translation.***		
55ap		***(d) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:*** ,		
55aq		***(6) Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3, an oral translation or oral summary of essential documents may be provided instead of a written translation on condition***		

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			that such oral translation or oral summary does not prejudice the fairness of the proceedings, the ability of victims to participate in the proceedings or their ability to exercise their rights.			
G	56	(3) Article 8 is amended as follows:	(3) Article 8 is amended as follows:	(3) Article 8 is amended as follows:	(3) Article 8 is amended as follows: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	57	(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:	(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:	(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:	(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
Y	58	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that victims are contacted by the relevant general or specialised support services if the individual assessment referred to in Article 22 demonstrates the need for support and the victim consents to be contacted by support services or if the victim requests support.; ’	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that victims are ***promptly*** contacted by the relevant general or specialised support services if the individual assessment referred to in Article ~~22~~***22a*** demonstrates the need for support and ***if*** the victim***, duly informed of the services that can be provided,*** consents to be contacted by support services or if the victim requests support.~~:~~***’***	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that victims are contacted by the relevant general or ~~specialised~~**specialist** support services if the individual assessment referred to in Article 22 demonstrates the need for support and the victim consents to be contacted by support services or if the victim requests support.**’**; ’	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that victims are contacted ***without undue delay*** by the relevant general or ~~*specialised*~~***specialist support services if the individual assessment referred to in Article 22a demonstrates the need for support and if the victim, duly informed of the services that can be provided consents to be contacted by support services or if the victim requests support.*** ***PCY proposal of 3/4/25 from non paper*** ***Member States shall ensure that victims are contacted without undue delay by the relevant***	Y

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				general or specialist support services if the individual assessment referred to in Article 22 demonstrates the need for support and ***if*** the victim***, duly informed of the services that can be provided*** consents to be contacted by support services or if the victim requests support.~~;~~
Y	58a	***(aa) paragraph 3 is amended as follows:***		***(aa) paragraph 3 is amended as follows:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate
Y	58b	***(3) Member States shall take measures to establish free of charge and confidential specialist support services in addition to, or as an integrated part of, general victim support services, or to enable victim support organisations to call on existing specialised entities providing such specialist support. Victims, in accordance with their specific needs, shall have access to such services and family members shall have access in accordance with their specific needs and the degree of harm suffered as a result of the criminal offence committed against the victim. General and specialist victim support services shall operate in a coordinated manner.***		***(3) Member States shall take measures to establish free of charge and confidential specialist support services in addition to, or as an integrated part of, general victim support services, or to enable victim support organisations to call on existing specialised entities providing such specialist support. Victims, in accordance with their specific needs, shall have access to such services and family members shall have access in accordance with their specific needs and the degree of harm suffered as a result of the criminal offence committed against the victim. Where specialist support services are not provided as an integrated part of general victim support services, general and***

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				specialist support services shall be coordinated.
	58c		***(ab) the following paragraph is inserted:***	***(ab) the following paragraph is inserted:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate
	58d	***(3a) Member States shall ensure that the communication between victims and professionals providing support services are adequately protected from undue disclosure.*** ’		***(3a) Member States shall ensure that the communication between victims and professionals providing support services are adequately protected from undue disclosure.*** ’ Council considers covered by Article 21/ To be handled together Linked to other provisions
	59	(b) the following paragraph is added:	(b) the following ~~*paragraph is*~~***paragraphs are*** added:	(b) the following ~~*paragraph is*~~***paragraphs are*** added: Text Origin: EP Mandate
	60	‘ 6.Victim support services shall remain operational in times of crisis, such as health crises, significant migratory situations or other states of emergency.; ’	‘ 6.Victim support services shall remain operational in times of crisis, such as health crises, significant ~~*migratory*~~***humanitarian*** situations or other states of emergency~~.~~;	‘ 6.**Member States shall aim to ensure that** victim support services ~~shall~~ remain operational in times of crisis, such as health crises~~,~~ ~~significant migratory situations~~ or other states of emergency **with a view to address at least the victims’ basic needs**.’; ’	‘ 6.***Member States shall ensure that*** victim support services ~~*shall*~~ remain operational in times of crisis, such as health ~~*crises, significant migratory*~~***crisis, other state of emergency with a view to address at least the victims’ basic needs.*** ***PCY proposal of 3/4/25:***

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				6. Member States shall aim to ensure that victim support services remain operational in times of crisis, such as health crisis, humanitarian situations or other states of emergency.~~,~~ Recital to be parked for now Recital wording: During the times of crisis, it may be particularly necessary to ensure that victims of crime have access to support services in accordance with their individual needs. Due to the crisis, it may be difficult for the Member States to ensure the full functioning of all services normally provided to victims. In such severe cases of a crisis, the Member States should at least ensure that the basic needs of victims are addressed. Such basic needs would depend on the type of the crisis and may include emergency care, shelters, and measures of physical and psychological protection.
Y	60a		***6a. Victim support services shall be adequately coordinated and geographically distributed and shall be easily accessible and available, including online or through other adequate means, such as information and communication technologies.***	***6a. Victim support services shall be easily accessible and available, including online or through other adequate means, such as information and communication technologies. Member States shall ensure a sufficient geographical distribution and capacity of the***

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				victim support services referred to in this article and article 9a(2). ***PCY proposal of 3/4/25 from non paper*** ***6a. Victim support services shall be easily accessible and available, including online through other adequate means, such as information and communication technologies. Member States shall ensure a sufficient geographical distribution and capacity of the victim support services referred to in this article and article 9a(2), taking into account the geography and demographic composition within the Member States concerned.*** , Linked to other provisions	
Y	60b	***6b. 'Member States shall ensure that victim support services, both governmental and non-governmental, are granted sufficient specialised human and financial resources.*** ,		*deleted* *Parked. Linked to article 28(b) on resources*	Y
G	*61*	*(4)* Article 9 is amended as follows:	(4) Article 9 is amended as follows:	(4) Article 9 is amended as follows:	(4) Article 9 is amended as follows: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G

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G	61a		***(-a) in paragraph 1, point (a) is replaced by the following:***	***(-a) in paragraph 1, point (a) is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	G
G	61b		***(a) information, advice and support relevant to the rights of victims including on accessing national compensation schemes for criminal injuries and legal counselling, including possibilities of legal aid, and on their role in criminal proceedings including preparation for attendance at the trial;***	***(a) information, advice and support relevant to the rights of victims including on accessing national compensation schemes for criminal injuries and accessing legal counselling, including possibilities of legal aid, and on their role in criminal proceedings including preparation for attendance at the trial;*** Explanatory recital	G
G	62	(a) in paragraph 1, point (c) is replaced by the following:	(a) in paragraph 1, point (c) is replaced by the following:	(a) in paragraph 1, point (c) is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
Y	63	‘ (c) emotional and, where available, psychological support once they become aware of a status of a person as a victim. If the special need for psychological support has been demonstrated by individual assessment referred to in Article 22, psychological support shall be available to victims in need of such support for as long as necessary.; ’	‘ (c) emotional and~~, where available,~~ psychological support ***and, if necessary, a referral to these services*** once they become aware of a status of a person as a victim. If the special need for psychological support has been demonstrated by individual assessment referred to in Article ~~22~~***22a***, psychological support shall be available to victims	‘ (c) emotional and, where available, psychological support ~~once they become aware of a status of a person as a victim~~. If the special need for **additional** psychological support has been demonstrated by individual assessment referred to in Article 22, **Member States shall facilitate the referral of victims to services able to provide additional** psychological support ~~shall be~~	‘ (c) emotional and, where available, psychological support ~~once they become aware of a status of a person as a victim~~***or, where psychological support is not available, a referral to psychological services***. If the special need for ***additional*** psychological support has been demonstrated by individual assessment referred to in Article	Y

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		in need of such support for as long as necessary~~.~~;	~~available to victims in need of such support for as long as necessary~~**, as determined by national law, taking into account any relevant protocol or guideline referred to in Article 26a(1)**.’;	~~22~~22a, psychological support shall be available to victims in need of such support for as long as necessary***, [in accordance with national law/ in line with any relevant protocol or guideline referred to in Article 26a(1)]*** ~~.~~;	
Y	63a		***(aa) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:***		Y
Y	63b		***(aa) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:***	***(aa) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	63c		***2.Member States shall ensure that victim support services pay particular attention to the personal characteristics of the victim, the type and nature of the crime, the specific needs of victims, particularly those who have suffered considerable harm due to the severity of the crime, or any other circumstances that may require a specific response.***	***2.Member States shall take necessary measures to ensure that victim support services pay particular attention to the specific needs of victims who have suffered considerable harm due to the severity of the crime.***	Y
G	64	(b) in paragraph 3, point (b) is replaced by the following:	(b) in paragraph 3, point (b) is replaced by the following:	(b) in paragraph 3, point (b) is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G

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65	‘ (b) targeted and integrated support, including trauma support and counselling, for victims with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism, victims of core international crimes.; ’ 1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).’;	‘ (b) targeted and integrated support, including trauma support and counselling ***as well as access to comprehensive medical care services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare services, especially access to safe and legal abortion care***, for victims with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council ~~1~~***64*** [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism~~,~~ ***and*** victims of core international crimes~~.~~; ’ ~~1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).’;~~ ***64 Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).’;***	‘ (b) targeted and integrated support, including trauma support and counselling, for victims with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [***on combating violence against women and domestic violence***~~on combating violence against women and domestic violence~~], victims of trafficking in human beings **covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council (amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims)**, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism, victims of ~~core~~**crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the** International ~~crimes~~**Criminal Court** .’; ’ 1. **[1]** Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).’;	‘ (b) targeted and integrated support, including trauma support and counselling ***as well as access to comprehensive medical care services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare services, [in accordance with national law]***, for victims with specific needs, such as victims of sexual violence, victims of gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council ~~1~~***64*** [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of organised crimes, victims with disabilities, victims of exploitation, victims of hate crime, victims of terrorism~~,~~ ***and*** victims of ***crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the*** ~~core~~ International ~~crimes~~***Criminal Court*** ***.’***; ***64 Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).’;*** ’

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				~~1. Directive (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ ...).';~~ Recital to explain sexual and reproductive health services Council cannot accept this wording
Y	66	(c) the following paragraph is added:	(c) the following ~~paragraph is~~***paragraphs are*** added:	(c) the following ~~paragraph is~~***paragraphs are*** added: Text Origin: EP Mandate
Y	67	‘ 4.Member States shall provide the protection and specialist support services necessary to comprehensively address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs in line with the protocols referred to in Article 26a(1), point (c). ’	‘ 4.Member States shall provide the protection and specialist support services necessary to comprehensively address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs in line with the protocols referred to in Article 26a(1), point (c).	‘ 4.Member States shall provide the protection and specialist support services necessary**, in accordance with national procedures referred to Article 22 paragraph 1, to adequately** ~~to comprehensively~~ address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs ~~in line with the protocols~~**taking into account any relevant protocol or guideline** referred to in Article 26a(1), point (c).**’** ’	‘ 4.Member States shall provide the protection and specialist support services necessary ***[in accordance with national procedures referred to in Article 22(1)] to*** ~~to comprehensively~~ address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs ***[***~~in line with~~***/ taking into account]*** the protocols referred to in Article 26a(1), point (c). Provisional upon agreement on Article 26a. Linked to other provisions
Y	67a		***4a. Member States shall ensure independent evaluation of the quality of the support services referred to in this Article and shall ensure that the services are***	***4a. Member States shall ensure that the services referred to in paragraph 1 and 3 are of adequate quality in order to provide a***

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		adapted accordingly. The evaluation shall not place an undue burden on organisations and shall use a clear and transparent evidence-based methodology that is focused on determining the quality of the support services. ,		***tailored response to the individual needs of the victims.*** ***Member States shall ensure that the quality of those services is periodically evaluated/reviewed and that such evaluations/reviews are carried out using clear, transparent and evidence-based methodology and do not place an undue burden on providers of those services. On the basis of the results of such evaluations/reviews, Member States shall ensure that the provision of those services are adapted where appropriate.*** ***Wording from PCY non-paper 3/4/25*** ***4a. Member States shall ensure that certain standards are applied regarding the quality of the support services referred to in this Article. The services provided by the support services shall be reviewed, where appropriate, and where necessary, adapted accordingly. The reviews shall not place an undue burden on organisations and shall use a clear and transparent evidence-based methodology that is focused on determining the quality of the support services.*** ,

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G	68	(5) the following Article 9a is inserted in Chapter II:	(5) the following Article 9a is inserted in Chapter II:	(5) the following Article 9a is inserted in Chapter II: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	69	‘ Article 9a	‘ Article 9a	‘ Article 9a Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	70	Targeted and integrated support services for children	Targeted and integrated support services for children	Targeted and integrated support services for children Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
Y	71	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the availability of child-friendly targeted and integrated specialist services for children to provide for age-appropriate support and protection necessary to comprehensively address the multitude of needs of child victims.	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures***, including sufficient and continuous funding,*** to ensure the availability of child-friendly targeted and integrated specialist services for children to provide for age-appropriate support and protection necessary to comprehensively address the multitude of needs of child victims***, including child witnesses of crime***.	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the availability of child-friendly targeted and integrated ~~specialist~~**support** services for children to provide for age-appropriate support and protection necessary to comprehensively address the multitude of needs of child victims.	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures***, [including sufficient and continuous funding]*** to ensure the availability of child-friendly targeted and integrated ~~*specialist*~~ ***support*** services for children to provide ~~*for*~~ age-appropriate support and protection necessary to comprehensively address the multitude of needs of child victims***, [including child victims who have suffered harm because they have witnessed the crime]***. [including sufficient and continuous funding - to be discussed with the	Y

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				horizontal provision on resources - Article 26]	
Y	72	2.Targeted and integrated support services for child victims shall provide for a coordinated multi-agency mechanism that includes the following services:	2.Targeted and integrated support services for child victims shall provide for a coordinated multi-agency mechanism that includes the following services:	2.Targeted and integrated support services for child victims ***referred to in paragraph 1*** shall provide for a coordinated multi-agency mechanism that, includes the following services:	Y
Y	73	(a) the provision of information;	(a) the provision of information;	(a) the provision of information **as referred to in Article 4**;	(a) the provision of information ***as referred to in Article 4***;	Y
G	74	(b) medical examination;	(b) medical examination;	(b) medical examination;	(b) medical examination; Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
Y	75	(c) emotional and psychological support;	(c) emotional***, psychosocial, educational*** and psychological support;	(c) emotional and psychological support;	(c) emotional***, social*** and psychological support; PCY - recital on what social support means	Y
Y	75a		***(ca) administrative and legal aid and support;***		***(ca) administrative assistance;*** PCY - recital on what administrative assistance means	Y
G	76	(d) possibility of crime reporting;	(d) possibility of crime reporting;	(d) possibility of crime reporting;	(d) possibility of crime reporting; Text Origin: Commission Proposal	G
G	77	(e) individual assessment of protection and support needs referred to in Article 22;	(e) individual assessment of protection and support needs referred to in Article 22;	(e) individual assessment of protection and support needs referred to in Article 22;	(e) individual assessment of protection and support needs referred to in Article 22;	G

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	78	(f) video recording of testimonies referred to in Article 24(1).	(f) video recording of testimonies referred to in Article ~~24(1)~~**24(1)(a)**.	(f) video recording of testimonies referred to in Article ~~*24(1).*~~***24 (1);***
	79	3.The services referred to in paragraph 2 shall be provided within the same premises.; ,	3.The services referred to in paragraph 2 shall be provided within the same premises.;	3.**Some or all of** the services referred to in paragraph 2 ~~shall~~**may** be provided within the same premises.**'**;	3.The services referred to in paragraph 2 shall be provided ~~*within the same premises*~~***in accordance with child victims' individual needs. Member States shall ensure a sufficient geographical distribution and capacity of the services referred to in paragraph 2, across the Member States***.~~;~~ Parked. Linked to the provisions on geographical distribution - see article 9, also article 9a para 5 Linked to other provisions
	79a		***3a. Member States shall ensure independent evaluation of the quality of the support services referred to in paragraph 2 and shall ensure that the services are adapted accordingly. The evaluation process shall not place an undue burden on organisations and shall use a clear and transparent evidence-based methodology that is focused on determining the quality of the support services.*** ,	***3a. Member States shall ensure that certain standards are applied regarding the quality of the support services referred to in this Article. The services provided by the support services shall be reviewed, where appropriate, and where necessary, adapted accordingly. The reviews shall not place an undue burden on organisations and shall use a clear and transparent evidence-based methodology that is focused on***

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				determining the quality of the support services. As in line 67a
	79b		**4.The services referred to in paragraph 2 shall be provided in accordance with victims' individual needs. Particular attention shall be paid to the seriousness of harm suffered by child victims, especially harm from sexual offences.** ,	***Option 1:*** ***4. Where the child is a victim of a serious offence, the services referred to in paragraph 2 shall be made available within the same premises, taking into consideration the best interest of the child. Particular attention shall be paid to the seriousness of harm suffered by child victims Such targeted and integrated support services within the same premises shall be without prejudice to any existing targeted and integrated support services for child-victims.*** ***Option 2 alternative to para 4:*** ***4. Where the individual assessment referred to article 22a shows that the child's specific support needs are such that t>ey require the services referred to in paragraph 2 to be provided in the same premise, the Member States shall ensure that the services are made available in the same premises, taking into consideration the best interest of the child. Particular attention shall be paid to the seriousness of harm suffered by child victims Such***

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				targeted and integrated support services within the same premises shall be without prejudice to any existing targeted and integrated support services for child-victims. ***Option 3 - Commission proposal following the ITM of 6 of March*** ***4. Where the individual assessment referred to Article 22a of this Directive demonstrates the child's needs to receive the services referred to in paragraph 2 in the same premises, the Member States shall ensure that such services are made available in the same premises, taking into account the best interest of child, including the availability of and the proximity to the closest premises The provision of such targeted and integrated support services within the same premises shall be without prejudice to any existing targeted and integrated support services for child-victims.*** ***Option 4- PCY Compromise proposal on para 4:*** ***4. Member States shall ensure the possibility of grouping the provision of services referred to in para 2 in the same premises if the child is the victim of a serious offence and the individual***

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				assessment indicates that this will serve the best interest of the child.
Y	79c			***(5) Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure to the extent possible a sufficient geographical distribution and capacity of the targeted and integrated support services referred to in paragraph 4 across the Member States.*** para 5 Linked to the geographical distribution para in Article 9; alignment to be ensured
Y	79d			***(6) Targeted and integrated support services for child victims referred to in this provision may be set up as public or non-governmental organizations.*** '
	80	(6) the following Articles 10a and 10b are inserted:	(6) the following Articles 10a and 10b are inserted:	(6) the following Articles 10a and 10b are inserted: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
Y	81	' Article 10a	' Article 10a	' Article 10a To be greened in Trilogue Text Origin: Commission Proposal

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82	Right to assistance at the court	Right to assistance at the court	Right to ~~assistance~~**receive information and emotional support** at the court **premises**	Right to assistance at the court ***premises*** To be greened in Trilogue
83	Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish assistance at the court premises to provide information and emotional support to victims.	Member States shall take the necessary measures to establish ***professional*** assistance at the court premises to provide information and ***practical and*** emotional support to victims ***throughout the criminal proceedings;***	Member States shall take the necessary measures to ~~establish assistance~~**ensure that victims receive** at the court premises ~~to provide~~**general** information **on organisational aspects of the trial phase in criminal court proceedings** and emotional support**. Such information and support shall be provided if needed in accordance with** ~~to~~ victims' **individual needs**.	Member States shall take the necessary measures to ~~establish assistance~~***ensure that victims receive*** at the court premises ~~to provide information and~~***, in accordance with their individual needs,*** emotional support ~~to victims~~***and practical information on organisational aspects of criminal court proceedings***. To be greened in Trilogue
84	Article 10b	Article 10b	Article 10b	Article 10b Text Origin: Commission Proposal
85	Right to a review of decisions taken during court proceedings	Right to a review of decisions taken during court proceedings	Right to ~~a review of~~**information on** decisions taken during court proceedings	Linked to remedies - Article 26d For trilogue
86	1.Member States shall ensure that victims are informed without delay of decisions taken in court proceedings that affect them directly and have the right to a review of such decisions. Such decisions shall include at least	1.Member States shall ensure that victims are informed without delay of decisions taken in court proceedings that affect them directly and have the right to a review of such decisions. Such decisions shall include at least	1.Member States shall ensure that victims**, in accordance with their status in the criminal proceedings as defined under national law,** are informed without delay of ~~decisions~~**a decision provided for in article 23 (3),** taken in court proceedings ~~that affect them~~	

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	decisions pursuant to the following provisions:	decisions pursuant to the following provisions:	~~directly and have the right to~~**. Member States may provide the possibility for victims to request** a review of~~ such decisions. Such decisions shall include at least~~ decisions pursuant to ~~the following provisions:~~**Article 23(3).**	
87	(a) Article 7(1) in relation to decisions on interpretation during court hearings;	(a) Article 7(1) in relation to decisions on interpretation during court ~~*hearings*~~***proceedings***;	~~(a) Article 7(1) in relation to decisions on interpretation during court hearings;~~	
87a		***(aa) Article 18 in relation to the measures to protect the dignity of victims during questioning and testifying***		
87b		***(ab) Article 19(1)***		
88	(b) Article 23(3).	(b) Article 23(3).	~~(b) Article 23(3).~~	
88a		***(ba) Article 24(1), first subparagraph, point (b)***		
89	2.The procedural rules under which victims may request a review of decisions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be determined by national law.	2.The procedural rules under which victims may request a review of decisions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be determined by national law.	2.~~The procedural rules under which~~**Where** victims may request a review of ~~decisions referred to in paragraph 1~~**a decision under Article 23 (3), the procedural rules for such a review** shall be determined by national law.	
90	Member States shall ensure that the judicial decisions on the request of such a review are taken within reasonable time.;	Member States shall ensure that the judicial decisions on the request of such a review are taken within reasonable time.;	~~Member States shall ensure that the judicial~~ Decisions ~~on the request~~**under article 23(3) and any consideration of a review** of such a	

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	’	’	~~review are taken within reasonable time~~**decision shall not unreasonably prolong the criminal proceedings**.’; ’	
	90a		***(6a) Article 13 paragraph (1) is replaced by the following:***	***(6a) Article 13 paragraph (1) is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate
	90b		***(1) Member States shall ensure that victims have access to legal aid. The procedural rules under which victims have access to legal aid shall be determined by national law. Member States shall ensure that free legal aid is provided for victims who do not have sufficient means to pay for legal assistance prior to, during and after criminal proceedings. Where a Member State applies a means test to assess eligibility for free legal aid, it shall take into account all relevant and objective factors, such as the income, capital and family situation of the person concerned, the costs of the assistance of a lawyer and the standard of living in that Member State as well as the relationship to and dependence of the offender.***	***(1) Member States shall ensure that victims who have the status of parties in criminal proceedings and who do not have sufficient means to pay for legal assistance during criminal proceedings have access to legal aid and may apply a means test, a merits test, or both to determine whether legal aid is to be granted. Where a Member State applies a means test to assess eligibility for legal aid, it shall take into account all relevant and objective factors, such as the income, capital and family situation of the person concerned, the costs of the assistance of a lawyer and the standard of living in that Member State as well as the relationship to and dependence of the offender. Where a Member State applies a merits test, it shall take into account the seriousness of the criminal offence, the***

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				complexity of the case and the seriousness of the harm suffered by the victim as assessed in Article 22, paragraph 3 of this Directive. The procedural rules under which victims have access to legal aid shall be determined by national law.	
Y	90c		***(6b) Article 13 (2) is added:***	***(6b) Article 13 (2) is added:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	90d		***(2) Member States shall ensure that victims with specific protection needs identified by the individual assessment referred to in Article 22 have access to free legal aid. In any case, Member States shall ensure that victims of gender-based violence, terrorism and human trafficking, and minors and victims of abuse and mistreatment with disabilities have access to free legal aid regardless of their financial situation.***	***(2) Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Member States shall ensure that children victims who have the status of parties in criminal proceedings are entitled to legal aid in all cases.*** Recital text: In applying the right to legal aid, Member States are encouraged to grant legal aid to victims of gender-based violence, terrorism and human trafficking irrespective of a means or a merits test.	Y
	91	(7) Article 16 is amended as follows:	(7) Article 16 is amended as follows:	~~(7) Article 16 is amended as follows:~~	
	92	(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:	(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:	~~(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:~~	
R	93	‘ 1.Member States shall ensure that, in the course of the criminal	‘ 1.Member States shall ensure that, in the course of the criminal	‘ ~~1.Member States shall ensure that, in the course of the criminal~~	R

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	proceedings, victims are entitled to obtain a decision on compensation by the offender, within a reasonable time.; ,	proceedings, victims are entitled to ***claim compensation and to*** obtain a decision on compensation by the offender, within a reasonable time~~.~~; ,	~~proceedings, victims are entitled to obtain a decision on compensation by the offender, within a reasonable time.;~~ ,		
	94	(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:	(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:	~~(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:~~	
R	95	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities pay directly to the victim the adjudicated compensation without undue delay. The competent authorities shall be subrogated to the right of the victim in relation to the offender for the amount of the adjudicated compensation.; ,	‘ 2.Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities pay directly to the victim the adjudicated compensation without undue delay. The competent authorities shall be subrogated to the right of the victim in relation to the offender for the amount of the adjudicated compensation.; ,	‘ ~~2.Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities pay directly to the victim the adjudicated compensation without undue delay. The competent authorities shall be subrogated to the right of the victim in relation to the offender for the amount of the adjudicated compensation.;~~ ,		R
Y	96	(8) Article 17 is amended as follows:	(8) Article 17 is amended as follows:	~~(8)~~**(7)** Article 17 is amended as follows:	(8) Article 17 is amended as follows: Council to come with a compromise suggestion for line 98 Text Origin: Commission Proposal	Y
Y	96a		***(-a)in paragraph 1 the introductory part is replaced by the following:***		***(-a)in paragraph 1 the introductory part is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y

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	96b		***(1) Member States shall ensure that victims can exercise the rights provided under this Directive, irrespective of their Member State of residence. Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities take appropriate measures to minimise the difficulties faced where the victim is a resident of a Member State other than that where the criminal offence was committed, particularly with regard to the organisation of the proceedings. For this purpose, the authorities of the Member State where the criminal offence was committed shall:"***		***(1) Member States shall ensure that their competent authorities take appropriate measures to minimise the difficulties faced where the victim is a resident of a Member State other than that where the criminal offence was committed, particularly with regard to the organisation of the proceedings. For this purpose, the authorities of the Member State where the criminal offence was committed shall:***	
	96c		***(-aa) in paragraph 1, point (a) is replaced by the following:***		***(-aa) in paragraph 1, point (a) is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	96d		***(a) take a statement from the victim immediately after the complaint with regard to the criminal offence is made to the competent authority;"***		***(a) take a statement from the victim immediately after the complaint with regard to the criminal offence is made to the competent authority;*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	97	(a) in paragraph 1, point (b) is replaced by the following:	(a) in paragraph 1, point (b) is replaced by the following:	(a) in paragraph 1, point (b) is replaced by the following:	(a) in paragraph 1, point (b) is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	

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	98	‘ (b) to have recourse to the extent possible to the provisions on video conferencing and telephone conference calls to facilitate participation in criminal proceedings of victims who are resident abroad.; ’	‘ (b) ~~to~~ have recourse to the extent possible to ~~*the provisions on*~~ video conferencing and ~~*telephone conference calls*~~***other distant communication technologies, which allows the transfer of images,*** to facilitate participation in criminal proceedings of victims who are resident abroad~~.~~; ’	‘ (b) to have recourse to the extent possible **in accordance with Union and national law** to the provisions on video conferencing ~~and telephone conference calls~~ to facilitate participation in criminal proceedings of victims who are resident abroad**, in accordance with their status under the applicable procedural rules**.’; ’		
	99	(b) the following paragraph is added:	(b) the following paragraph is added:	(b) the following paragraph is added: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	
	100	‘ 4.Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities may request assistance from Eurojust and transmit to Eurojust the information aimed at facilitating cooperation with the competent authorities of other Member States in cross-border cases.; ’	‘ 4.Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities may request assistance from Eurojust and transmit to Eurojust the information aimed at facilitating cooperation with the competent authorities of other Member States in cross-border cases.; ’	‘ 4.**In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1727,[1]** Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities may request assistance from Eurojust and transmit to Eurojust the information aimed at facilitating cooperation with the competent authorities of other Member States in cross-border cases.**’**; ’ **1. [1] Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for Criminal**	‘ 4.***In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1727,[1]*** Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities may request assistance from Eurojust and transmit to Eurojust the information aimed at facilitating cooperation with the competent authorities of other Member States in cross-border cases.***’***; ***1. [1] Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), and***	

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			Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), and replacing and repealing Council Decision 2002/187/JHA, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 138.	*replacing and repealing Council Decision 2002/187/JHA, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 138.* Text Origin: Council Mandate	
Y	100a		*(8a) in Article 19, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:*	*4a. in Article 19, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:* Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	100b		*1.Member States shall establish the necessary conditions to enable avoidance of contact between victims and their family members, and the offender, where necessary or when the victim expresses such a need, within premises where criminal proceedings are conducted, unless the criminal proceedings require such contact. This may include the availability of mobile screens in courtrooms.*	*4b. Member States shall establish the necessary conditions to enable avoidance of contact between victims and their family members and the offender, where necessary, ex officio or upon victim request, within premises where criminal proceedings are conducted, unless the criminal proceedings require such contact.*	Y
Y	100c		*(8b) In Articles 19, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:*	*(8b) In Articles 19, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:* , Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	100d		*2.Member States shall ensure that new court premises have separate waiting areas for victims and shall establish processes for the creation of separate waiting areas in existing court premises.*	*(8a) Member States shall ensure that new court premises have separate waiting areas for victims and [shall assess the possibility to] establish processes for the creation of separate waiting areas in existing court premises.*	Y

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				PCY compromise of 3/4/25 from non paper ***2. Member States shall ensure that new court premises have separate waiting areas for victims and shall assess the possibility and feasibility of the creation of separate waiting areas in existing court premises.***
Y	100e	***(8c) In Article 19, the following paragraph is added:***		Text Origin: EP Mandate
Y	100f	***2a. Member States shall ensure that victims are duly informed about the availability of conditions that enable avoidance of contact with the offender.***		***2a. Member States shall ensure that, when justified, victims are duly informed about the availability of conditions that enable avoidance of contact with the offender.*** ***Presidency proposal of 3/4/25 from the non-paper:*** ***2a. Member States shall ensure that, where necessary, victims are duly informed about the availability of conditions that enable avoidance of contact with the offender.***
Y	100g	***(8g) The following article is inserted:***		
Y	100h	***Article 19a***		

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				Appropriate place tbc, potentially as para 2 in Article 18
Y	100i		***Right to protection of the dignity of victims***	***Right to protection of dignity of victims***
Y	100j		***In order to protect the dignity of victims and their family members, as enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Member States shall take appropriate measures to protect them from secondary and repeat victimisation, including by preventing the glorification of a specific crime or paying tribute to convicted offenders, when this would result in the deprivation of the dignity of the victims."***	***Member States shall protect victims and their family members from secondary and repeat victimisation as a result of the glorification of the criminal offence and of tributes to the offender, when this would result in the deprivation of the dignity of the victims*** Appropriate place tbc - potentially as para 2 in Article 18
Y	101	(9) in Article 21, the following paragraph is added:	(9) in Article 21, the following paragraph is added:	~~(9)~~**(8)** in Article 21, the following paragraph is added:	(9) in Article 21, the following paragraph is added: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
Y	102	‘ 3.Member States shall ensure that personal data concerning a victim allowing the offender to identify the victim's place of residence or to otherwise contact the victim in any way is not provided to the offender either directly or indirectly.; ’	‘ 3. Member States shall ensure that personal data concerning a victim ***or their family members*** allowing the offender to identify the victim's place of residence or to otherwise contact the victim in any way is not provided to the offender either directly or indirectly~~.~~ ***Other personal data of the victim or their***	‘ 3.Member States shall **take the necessary measures to** ensure that**, if the competent authorities, ex officio or based on a request of the victim, assess that there could be a risk that the victim or a third person may be exposed to threats or violence,** personal data concerning~~ a victim allowing the~~	‘ 3.***Commission proposal:*** Member States shall ensure that personal data concerning a victim allowing the offender to identify the victim's place of residence or to otherwise contact the victim in any way is not ~~*provided*~~***disclosed*** to the offender either directly or indirectly ***unless the information is necessary***

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		family members shall not be provided to the offender unless it is essential for the effectiveness of the criminal proceedings. Member States shall also ensure that, to the extent that is necessary to protect the privacy of the victim, competent authorities may decide not to publish victims' personal data included in judgements or decisions. ,	~~offender to identify~~ the victim's place of residence or ~~to otherwise~~ **other equivalent** contact ~~the victim in any way is~~**details are** not provided to the offender ~~either directly or indirectly~~**unless not disclosing the information would prejudice the rights of defence**.'; ,	***to establish the truth or not disclosing the information would otherwise prejudice the rights of defence [including as enshrined in Article 7 paragraph 4 of Directive 2012/13]*** .~~;~~ , Proposed new recital 9a (line 19b): "Protecting the personal data of victims is an important means of preventing secondary and repeat victimization, intimidation and retaliation, and can play an important role in not dissuading victims to report crimes. Member States should ensure that the personal data of a victim allowing the offender to identify the victims' place of residence or to otherwise contact the victim is not disclosed to the offender either by refusing access to relevant documents to the offender or by redacting such personal data from the documents under disclosure, in order to safeguard the important public interest of protecting victims as well as the fundamental rights of victims. When deciding on the provision of personal data concerning a victim to the offender, Member States should ensure that any refusal to provide access to documents containing such data complies with the conditions for derogating from the right of access to the materials of the case as set out in

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				Article 7(4) of Directive 2012/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 on the right to information in criminal proceedings in order to preclude any prejudice to the rights of defence. Linked to other provisions
103	(10) Article 22 is amended as follows:	(10) Article 22 is amended as follows:	~~(10)~~**(9)** Article 22 is amended as follows:	(10) Article 22 is amended as follows: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
104	(a) the title is replaced by the following:	(a) the title is replaced by the following:	(a) the title is replaced by the following:	(a) the title is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
105	‘ Individual assessment of victims to identify specific support and protection needs’; ,	‘ Individual assessment of victims to identify specific ~~*support and*~~ protection needs~~*’*~~; ,	‘ Individual assessment of victims to identify specific support and protection needs’; ,	‘ Individual assessment of victims to identify specific support and protection needs’; , Text Origin: Commission Proposal
106	(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:	(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:	(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:	(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
107	‘	‘	‘	‘

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	1.Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment, to identify specific support and protection needs and to determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under Article 9(1), point (c), and Articles 23 and 24, due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.; ,	1.Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment, to identify specific ~~*support and*~~ protection needs and to determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under ~~*Article 9(1), point (c), and*~~ Articles ***18,*** 23 and 24, due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.; ,	1.Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment**, in accordance with national procedures**, to identify specific support and protection needs and to determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under Article 9(1), point (c), **in relation to additional psychological support, 9a** and Articles 23 and 24, due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.**'**; ,	1.Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment, ***[in accordance with national procedures],*** to identify specific support and protection needs ***throughout the proceedings,*** and to determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under Article 9(1), point (c), ***in relation to additional psychological support, 9a*** and Articles ***18,*** 23 and 24, due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.***'***; ,
Y	108	(c) the following paragraph 1a is inserted:	(c) the following paragraph 1a is inserted:	(c) the following paragraph 1a is inserted: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	Y
Y	109	‘ 1a. The individual assessment shall be initiated upon the first contact of the victim with the competent authorities, and shall last as long as necessary depending on the specific needs of each victim. Where the result of the initial stage of the individual assessment by the first contact authorities demonstrates the need to continue the assessment,	‘ 1a. The individual assessment shall be initiated upon the first contact of the victim with the competent authorities, and shall last as long as necessary depending on the specific needs of each victim. Where the result of the initial stage of the individual assessment by the first contact authorities demonstrates the need to continue the assessment,	‘ 1a. The individual assessment shall be initiated ~~upon~~**at the earliest stage possible such as at** the first contact of the victim with the competent authorities, and shall last as long as necessary depending on the specific needs of each victim. Where the result of the initial stage of the individual assessment by the first contact authorities	‘ 1a. ***EP countersuggestion 27/03*** ***1a.*** The individual assessment shall be initiated ~~*upon*~~***at the earliest stage possible such as at*** the first contact of the victim with the competent authorities ***and shall last as long as necessary depending on the specific needs of each victim.***	Y

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	such assessment shall be undertaken in collaboration with the institutions and bodies depending on the stage of the procedure and victims' individual needs in accordance with the protocols referred to in Article 26a.; '	such assessment shall be undertaken in collaboration with the institutions and bodies***, including general or specialist victim support services,*** depending on the stage of the procedure and victims' individual needs in accordance with the protocols referred to in Article 26a. ***The assessment shall be conducted by specialised trained professionals, in the best interest of the victim, paying special attention to the avoidance of secondary or repeated victimisation***;	demonstrates the need to continue the assessment, such assessment shall be undertaken **where appropriate in coordination** ~~in collaboration~~ with the institutions and bodies depending on the stage of the procedure and victims' individual needs in accordance with ~~the protocols~~**any relevant protocol or guideline** referred to in Article 26a.**'**; '	***Where the result of the individual assessment demonstrates the need to continue the assessment, such assessment shall be undertaken , in collaboration and coordination with the relevant institutions and bodies depending on victims' individual needs and the stage of the procedure. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure cooperation and coordination with general or specialist victim support services throughout the individual needs assessment process, including through referrals to general or specialist victim support services for an in-depth assessment of support needs, in line with protocols established pursuant to Article 26.*** ***The assessment shall be conducted by appropriately trained staff, in the best interest of the victim,- paying special attention to the avoidance of secondary or repeated victimisation.*** ***Where the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 has identified specific protection or support needs or if the victim requests support, Member States shall ensure that the competent***

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				authorities respond to these needs in a timely and coordinated manner. ***PCY proposal from non-paper of 3/4/2025:*** ***1a. The individual assessment shall be initiated at the earliest stage possible such as at the first contact of the victim with the competent authorities*** ~~,~~ and shall last as long as necessary depending on the specific needs of each victim. Where the result of the ~~*initial stage of the*~~ individual assessment ~~*by the first contact authorities*~~ demonstrates the need to continue the assessment, such assessment shall be undertaken ***where appropriate, in coordination*** ~~*in collaboration*~~ with the institutions and bodies, depending on the stage of the procedure and victims' individual needs in accordance with ~~*the protocols*~~***any relevant protocol or guideline*** referred to in Article 26a.~~;~~ ***Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure cooperation and coordination with general or specialist victim support services. The assessment shall be conducted by trained staff or volunteers, in the best interest of the victim, paying special attention***

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				to the avoidance of secondary or repeated victimisation. ***Recital: "The institution and bodies may include competent justice and law enforcement authorities working with victims as well as those responsible for the adoption of protection measures."*** ,
	109a	***1aa. Member States shall ensure that the individual needs assessment process is coordinated between competent justice and law enforcement authorities working with victims and responsible for the adoption of protection measures. Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure cooperation and coordination with other involved services providing support for victims, including public or non-governmental organisations, throughout the individual needs assessment process.*** ,		Merged above, with proposal on para 1a
	110	(d) paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:	(d) paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:	(d) paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal

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111	‘ 2.The individual assessment shall take into account:	‘ 2.The individual assessment shall take into account:	‘ 2.The individual assessment shall take into account:	‘ 2.The individual assessment shall take into account: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
112	(a) the personal characteristics of the victim, including relevant experiences of discrimination, also when based on a combination of several grounds such as sex, gender, age, disability, religion or belief, language, racial, social or ethnic origin, sexual orientation;	(a) the personal characteristics of the victim, including relevant experiences of discrimination, also when based on ~~*a combination of several*~~***intersectional*** grounds**,** such as sex, gender, age, disability**,** ***resident status***, religion or belief, language, racial, social or ethnic origin, ***gender identity and*** sexual orientation;	(a) the personal characteristics of the victim, including relevant experiences of discrimination, also when based on a combination of several grounds such as sex, gender, age, disability, religion or belief, language, racial, social or ethnic origin, sexual orientation;	(a) the personal characteristics of the victim, including relevant experiences of discrimination, also when based on ~~*a combination of several*~~***intersectional*** grounds**,** such as sex, gender, age, disability**,** ***resident status***, religion or belief, language, racial, social or ethnic origin, ***[gender identity] and*** sexual orientation;
113	(b) the type or nature of the crime;	(b) the type or nature of the crime;	(b) the type or nature of the crime;	(b) the type or nature of the crime; Text Origin: Commission Proposal
114	(c) the circumstances of the crime;	(c) the circumstances of the crime;	(c) the circumstances of the crime;	(c) the circumstances of the crime; Text Origin: Commission Proposal
115	(d) the relationship to and the characteristics of the offender.	(d) the relationship to and the characteristics of the offender.	(d) the relationship to and the ~~characteristics of~~**risks emanating from** the offender.	(d) the relationship to and the ~~*characteristics of*~~***risks emanating from*** the offender. Text Origin: Council Mandate
116	3.In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to:	3.In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to:	3.In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to:	3.In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to:

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117	(a) victims who have suffered considerable harm due to the severity of the crime;	(a) victims who have suffered considerable harm ***or trauma*** due to the severity ***or repetition*** of the crime;	(a) victims who have suffered considerable harm due to the severity of the crime;	(a) victims who have suffered considerable harm ***[or trauma]*** due to the severity ***or repetition*** of the crime; Linked to other provisions Text Origin: EP Mandate
118	(b) victims who have suffered a crime committed with a bias or discriminatory motive which could, in particular, be related to their personal characteristics;	(b) victims who have suffered a crime committed with a bias or discriminatory motive which could, in particular, be related to their personal characteristics;	(b) victims who have suffered a crime committed with a bias or discriminatory motive which could, in particular, be related to their personal characteristics;	(b) victims who have suffered a crime committed with a bias or discriminatory motive which could, in particular, be related to their personal characteristics; Text Origin: Commission Proposal
119	(c) victims whose relationship to and dependence on the offender make them particularly vulnerable.	(c) victims whose relationship to and dependence on the offender make them particularly vulnerable.	(c) victims whose relationship to and dependence on the offender make them particularly vulnerable.	(c) victims whose relationship to and dependence on the offender make them particularly vulnerable. Text Origin: Commission Proposal
120	In this regard, victims of terrorism, organised crime, human trafficking, gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence, sexual violence, exploitation or hate crime, victims of core international crime and victims with disabilities shall be duly considered. Particular attention shall be paid to victims who fall	In this regard, victims of terrorism, organised crime, human trafficking, gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence, sexual violence, ***including child sexual abuse,*** exploitation or hate crime***, victims who are irregular migrants and victims with a dependent residence status or permit***, victims of core	In this regard, victims of terrorism, organised crime, human trafficking, gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence, sexual violence, exploitation or hate crime, victims of ~~core~~**crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the** International ~~crime~~**Criminal Court** and victims with disabilities shall be duly	In this regard, victims of terrorism, organised crime, human trafficking, gender-based violence, including violence against women and domestic violence, sexual violence, ***including child sexual abuse,*** exploitation or hate crime,~~-~~victims of ~~*core*~~***crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the*** international ~~*crime*~~ ***Criminal Court*** and victims

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	under more than one of those categories.; ’	international crime and victims with disabilities shall be duly considered. ***Online forms of those types of crime shall be taken into consideration and*** particular attention shall be paid to victims who fall under more than one of those categories~~.~~; ’	considered. Particular attention shall be paid to victims who fall under more than one of those categories.**’**; ’	with disabilities shall be duly considered. ***Victims of online forms of those types of crime shall be taken into consideration and*** particular attention shall be paid to victims who fall under more than one of those categories~~.~~**;** ***[and victims who are irregular migrants and victims with a dependent residence status or permit]*** ’ Linked to other provisions
Y	121	(e) the following paragraph 3a is inserted:	(e) the following paragraph 3a is inserted:	(e) the following paragraph 3a is inserted: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
Y	122	‘ 3a. In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to the risk emanating from the offender, including the risk of violent behaviour and of bodily harm, the use of weapons, involvement in a group of organised crime, drug or alcohol abuse, child abuse, mental health issues, behaviour of stalking, expression of threats or hate speech.; ’	‘ 3a. In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to the risk emanating from the offender, including the risk of violent behaviour and of bodily harm, the ***access to and*** use of weapons, ***links to or*** involvement in a group of organised crime, drug or alcohol abuse, child abuse, mental health issues, ***risk and*** behaviour of stalking, expression of threats or hate speech.**’**; ’	‘ 3a. In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to the risk emanating from the offender~~, including~~ **as referred to in 2, d). That risk may include** the risk of violent behaviour and of bodily harm, the use of weapons, involvement in a group of organised crime, drug or alcohol abuse, child abuse, mental health issues, behaviour of stalking, expression of threats or hate speech.**’**; ’	‘ 3a. In the context of the individual assessment, particular attention shall be paid to the risk emanating from the offender ***as referred to in 2, d), such as*** ~~***, including***~~ the risk of violent behaviour and of bodily harm, ***of*** the use of weapons, ***links to or*** involvement in a group of organised crime, drug or alcohol abuse, child abuse, mental health issues, behaviour of stalking, expression of threats or hate speech.~~;~~**’** ’

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	(f) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:	(f) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:	(f) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:	(f) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
124	‘ 4.For the purposes of this Directive, child victims shall be presumed to have specific support and protection needs due to their vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation. To determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures as provided for under Articles 23 and 24, child victims shall be subject to an individual assessment as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article. The individual assessment of child victims shall be organised within the framework of targeted and integrated support services referred to in Article 9a.; ’	‘ 4.For the purposes of this Directive, child victims shall be presumed to have specific ~~*support and*~~ protection needs due to their vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation. To determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures as provided for under Articles ***18,*** 23 and 24, child victims shall be subject to an individual assessment as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article. The individual assessment of child victims shall be organised within the framework of targeted and integrated support services referred to in Article 9a ***and shall take into account the specific needs of children without parental care***~~.~~ ***Where relevant, the individual assessment shall take into account the victim’s family members other than children.*** ’	‘ 4.For the purposes of this Directive, child victims shall be presumed to have specific support and protection needs due to their vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation. To determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures as provided for under Articles 23 and 24, child victims shall be subject to an individual assessment as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article. The individual assessment of child victims shall be organised within the framework of targeted and integrated support services referred to in Article 9a.; ’	‘ 4.For the purposes of this Directive, child victims shall be presumed to have specific support and protection needs due to their vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation. To determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures as provided for under Articles ***18, 23 and 24, child victims shall be subject to an individual assessment as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article. The individual assessment of child victims shall be organised within the framework of targeted and integrated support services referred to in Article 9a and shall take into account the specific needs of children without parental care.*** ***PCY proposal from non-paper of 3/4/2025:*** ***4. For the purposes of this Directive, child victims shall be presumed to have specific support and protection needs due to their vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to***

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				intimidation and to retaliation. To determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures as provided for under Articles 18, 23 and 24, child victims shall be subject to an individual assessment as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article. The individual assessment of child victims shall be organised within the framework of targeted and integrated support services referred to in Article 9a.~~,~~ ***Recital: Where relevant, the individual assessment shall take into account the specific needs of children without parental care and of victim's family members other than children.*** ,
	125	(g) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:	(g) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:	(g) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal
	126	‘ 6.Individual assessments shall be carried out with the close involvement of the victim and shall take into account their wishes including where they do not wish to	‘ 6.Individual assessments shall be carried out with the close involvement of the victim and shall take into account their wishes including where they do not wish to	‘ 6.Individual assessments shall be carried out with the close involvement of the victim and shall take into account their wishes including where they do not wish to	‘ 6.Individual assessments shall be carried out with the close involvement of the victim and shall take into account their wishes including where they do not wish to

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	benefit from special measures as provided for in Articles 8, 9 ,9a, 23 and 24.; ,	benefit from special measures as provided for in Articles 8, 9 ,9a, 23 and 24.; ,	benefit from special measures as provided for in Articles 8, 9 ,9a, 23 and 24.; ,	benefit from special measures as provided for in Articles 8, 9 ,9a, 23 and 24.; , Text Origin: Commission Proposal
	127	(h) paragraph 7 is replaced by the following	(h) paragraph 7 is replaced by the following	(h) paragraph 7 is replaced by the following Text Origin: Commission Proposal
	128	‘ 7.Competent authorities shall update the individual assessment at regular intervals to ensure the support and protection measures relate to the victim’s changing situation. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the criminal proceedings.; ,	‘ 7.Competent authorities shall update the individual assessment at regular intervals ***and, where relevant, take new or update ongoing measures,*** to ensure the ~~*support and*~~ protection measures relate to the victim’s changing situation. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, ***such as in the case of release of the offender from custody,*** Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the criminal proceedings.~~;~~	‘ 7.~~Competent authorities~~ **Member States** shall ~~update~~**ensure that** the individual assessment ~~at regular intervals~~ **is reviewed according to the individual needs of the victim** to ensure the support and protection measures relate to the victim’s changing **individual needs** ~~situation~~. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the criminal proceedings.’;	‘ 7.~~*Competent authorities*~~ ***Member States*** shall ~~*update*~~***ensure that*** the individual assessment ***[***at regular intervals***/ periodically] is reviewed according to the individual needs of the victim and, where relevant, new measures are taken or ongoing measures are updated according to the individual needs of the victim to ensure the support and protection measures relate to the victim’s changing situation . If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the criminal proceedings.’;*** ***Pcy proposal from non-paper of 7/04/2025:***

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				7. Member States shall ensure that the individual assessment is reviewed and, where relevant, new measures are taken or ongoing measures are updated according to the individual needs of the victim to ensure the support and protection measures relate to the victim's changing situation. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly~~,~~. Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the criminal proceedings.***'***; ***The issues of release of the offender from custody and of regularity of the update would be included in the recitals.***	
Y	128a		***(10a) The following Article is inserted:***		Y
Y	128b		***Article 22a***		Y
Y	128c		***Individual assessment of victims to identify specific support needs***		Y
Y	128d		***1.Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment to identify specific support needs throughout the proceedings, taking into account the individual assessment referred to in Article 22, and to determine whether and to what***		Y

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		extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under Article 9(1), point (c), due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.		
Y	128e	***2. The individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be undertaken in collaboration with all relevant competent authorities depending on the stage of the proceedings and relevant support services.***		Y
Y	128f	***3. Where the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 has identified specific support needs or if the victim requests support, Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities respond to these needs in a timely and coordinated manner. This shall include referrals to general or specialist victim support services for an in-depth assessment of support needs, in line with protocols established pursuant to Article 26a.***		Y
Y	128g	***4. Competent authorities shall update the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 at regular intervals to ensure the support measures correspond to***		Y

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		the victim's changing situation. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the proceedings.		
	128h	***5.Article 22(2) to (5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.***		
	128i	***(10aa) In Article 23, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***	**(10) In Article 23, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:**	***(10aa) In Article 23, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***
	128j	***1.Without prejudice to the rights of the defence and in accordance with rules of judicial discretion, Member States shall ensure that victims with specific protection needs who benefit from special measures identified as a result of an individual assessment provided for in Article 22(1), may benefit from the measures provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article. In exceptional circumstances, a special measure envisaged following the individual assessment may not be made available if operational or practical constraints make this impossible, or where there is an urgent need to interview the victim and failure to do so***	**'1. Without prejudice to the rights of the defence and in accordance with rules of judicial discretion, Member States shall ensure that victims with specific protection needs who benefit from special measures identified as a result of an individual assessment provided for in Article 22(1), may benefit from the measures provided for in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. A special measure envisaged following the individual assessment shall not be made available if operational or practical constraints make this impossible, or where there is an urgent need to interview the victim and failure to do so could**	***7j. Presidency proposal:*** ***Without prejudice to the rights of the defence and in accordance with rules of judicial discretion, Member States shall ensure that victims with specific protection needs who benefit from special measures identified as a result of an individual assessment provided for in Article 22(1), may benefit from the measures provided for in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. By way of exemption, a special measure envisaged following the individual assessment may not be made available if operational or practical constraints make this impossible, or where***

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		could harm the victim or another person or could prejudice the course of the proceedings." ,	**harm the victim or another person or could prejudice the course of the proceedings.'** ,	***there is an urgent need to interview the victim and failure to do so could harm the victim or another person or could prejudice the course of the proceedings.'*** ,
128k		***(10a) The following Article is inserted:*** ***'Article 22a*** ***Individual assessment of victims to identify specific support needs*** ***1. Member States shall ensure that victims receive a timely and individual assessment to identify specific support needs throughout the proceedings, taking into account the individual assessment referred to in Article 22, and to determine whether and to what extent they would benefit from special measures provided for under Article 9(1), point (c), due to their particular vulnerability to secondary and repeat victimisation, to intimidation and to retaliation.*** ***2. The individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be undertaken in collaboration with all relevant competent authorities depending on the stage of the proceedings and relevant support services;***		***(10a) technical bug; dupication; see text above***

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		3. Where the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 has identified specific support needs or if the victim requests support, Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities respond to these needs in a timely and coordinated manner. This shall include referrals to general or specialist victim support services for an in-depth assessment of support needs, in line with protocols established pursuant to Article 26a. ***4. Competent authorities shall update the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 at regular intervals to ensure the support measures correspond to the victim's changing situation. If the elements that form the basis of the individual assessment have changed significantly, Member States shall ensure that it is updated throughout the proceedings.*** ***5. Article 22(2) to (5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the individual assessment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.'***		
128l		***(10b) in Article 23, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***		***(10b) technical bug - duplication; see text above in line 128j***

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		"1. Without prejudice to the rights of the defence and in accordance with rules of judicial discretion, Member States shall ensure that victims with specific protection needs who benefit from special measures identified as a result of an individual assessment provided for in Article 22(1), may benefit from the measures provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article. In exceptional circumstances, a special measure envisaged following the individual assessment may not be made available if operational or practical constraints make this impossible, or where there is an urgent need to interview the victim and failure to do so could harm the victim or another person or could prejudice the course of the proceedings."		
Y	129	(11) in Article 23, paragraph 2, point (d) is replaced by the following:	(11) in Article 23, paragraph 2, point (d) is replaced by the following:	(11) in Article 23, paragraph 2, point (d) is replaced by the following: Text Origin: Commission Proposal	Y
	129a				
Y	130	‘ (d) all interviews with victims of sexual violence, gender-based violence including victims of	‘ (d) all interviews with victims of sexual violence, gender-based violence including victims of	‘ (d) all interviews with victims of sexual violence, gender-based violence including victims of	‘ (d) all interviews with victims of sexual violence, gender-based violence including victims of	Y

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	violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], unless conducted by a prosecutor or a judge, being conducted by a person of the same sex as the victim, if the victims so wishes, provided that the course of the criminal proceedings will not be prejudiced.; , 1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).'	violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1][65] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], unless conducted by a prosecutor or a judge, being conducted by a person of the same ~~sex~~***gender*** as the victim, if the victims so wishes, provided that the course of the criminal proceedings will not be prejudiced~~.~~; ***[65] Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).'*** ~~1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).'~~	violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], unless conducted by a prosecutor or a judge, being conducted by a person of the same sex as the victim, if the victims so wishes, provided that the course of the criminal proceedings will not be prejudiced.; , 1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).'	violence against women and domestic violence covered by Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], unless conducted by a prosecutor or a judge, being conducted by a person of the same sex ***(EP: gender)*** as the victim, if the victims so wishes, provided that the course of the criminal proceedings will not be prejudiced~~.~~; ~~1. Directive (EU) …/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating violence against women and domestic violence (OJ …).'~~
Y	130a		***(11a) in Article 23, paragraph 3 (c) is replaced by the following:***	***(11a) in Article 23, paragraph 3 (c) is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate
Y	130b		***(c) measures to avoid unnecessary questioning concerning the victim's private life, including the person's sexual orientation, gender identity or past sexual conducts,***	***(c) measures to avoid unnecessary questioning concerning the victim's private life, including the person's sexual orientation, [gender identity] or past sexual***

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		not related to the criminal offence; and ,		***conducts, not related to the criminal offence; and*** ,
131	(12) in Article 23, the following paragraph is added:	(12) in Article 23, the following ~~*paragraph is*~~***paragraphs are*** added:	(12) in Article 23, the following paragraph is added:	(12) in Article 23, the following ~~*paragraph is*~~***paragraphs are*** added:
131a				
132	‘ 4.The following measures to ensure victims’ physical protection shall be available for victims with specific protection needs identified in accordance with Article 22(1) during criminal proceedings:	‘ 4.The following measures to ensure victims’ physical protection shall be available for victims with specific protection needs identified in accordance with Article 22(1) during criminal proceedings:	‘ 4.~~The following~~ Measures to ensure victims’ physical protection shall be available for victims with specific protection needs identified in accordance with Article 22(1) during criminal proceedings**. Those measures may include**:	
133	(a) continuous or temporary presence of law enforcement authorities;	(a) continuous or temporary presence of law enforcement authorities;	(a) continuous or temporary presence of law enforcement authorities **or other bodies providing physical protection in accordance with national law**;	
134	(b) barring, restraining or protection orders to provide protection for victims against any acts of violence, including by prohibiting or restraining certain dangerous behaviour of the offender.; ,	(b) barring, restraining or protection orders to provide protection for victims against any acts of violence, including by prohibiting or restraining certain dangerous behaviour of the offender.;	(b) barring, restraining or protection orders to provide protection for victims against any acts of violence, ~~including by prohibiting or restraining certain dangerous behaviour of the offender~~**in accordance with national law** .**’**; ,	

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	134a		***(ba) access to shelters and other appropriate interim accommodations free of charge or paid for by a dedicated financial allowance for victims.***		
	134b		***4a Member States shall ensure that competent authorities inform victims of the possibility to apply for barring, restraining or protection orders as well as the possibility to seek cross-border recognition of protection orders pursuant to Directive 2011/99/EU or Regulation (EU) No 606/2013.***	‘ ***4a Member States shall ensure that, where relevant for the safety of the victim, the competent authorities inform victims of the possibility to apply for barring, restraining or protection orders as well as the possibility to seek cross-border recognition of protection orders pursuant to Directive 2011/99/EU or Regulation (EU) No 606/2013.*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	134c		***(12a) in Article 24 paragraph (1), the following point is added:***	***(12a) in Article 24 paragraph (1), the following point is added:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	134d		***(ca) the child’s right to be heard and the best interests of the child are ensured during the criminal investigations and proceedings, in accordance with Article 10’;*** ,	***(ca) the child’s right to be heard and the best interests of the child are ensured during the criminal investigations and proceedings, in accordance with Article 10’;*** , Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	135	(13) in Article 24, the following paragraph is added:	(13) in Article 24, the following paragraph is added:	(13) in Article 24, the following paragraph is added:	

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135a				
135b		***(13b) Article 25 is amended as follows:***		
135c		***(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:*** ***1. Member States shall ensure that officials of public authorities, bodies and institutions likely to come into contact with victims, such as police officers and court staff, receive both general and specialist training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims to increase their awareness of the needs of victims, to avoid secondary victimisation and to enable them to recognise victims, communicate, and deal with them in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, and professional manner and where relevant, also in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner;***		
135d		***(b) the following paragraph is inserted:*** ***1a. In order to ensure comprehensive support and protection to victims, Member States shall develop practical***		

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		guidelines to help translate the obligations for assessing victims' protection and support needs into practical steps for competent authorities, such as law enforcement authorities;		
135e		***(c) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:*** ***2. Without prejudice to judicial independence and differences in the organisation of the judiciary across the Union, Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that both general and specialist training is provided for judges and prosecutors involved in criminal proceedings and investigations with respect to the objectives of this Directive and appropriate to the functions of the involved staff and authorities to increase their awareness of the needs of victims and to treat victims in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner, avoiding secondary victimisation;***		
135f		***(d) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:*** ***3. With due respect for the independence of the legal profession, Member States shall ensure that those responsible for***		

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		the training of lawyers make available both general and specialist training to increase the awareness of lawyers of the needs of victims and to treat victims in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner, avoiding secondary victimisation;		
135g		***(e) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:*** ***4. Through their public services or by funding victim support organisations, Member States shall encourage initiatives enabling those providing victim support and restorative justice services to receive adequate training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims and observe professional standards to ensure such services are provided in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, child sensitive and professional manner;***		
135h		***(f) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:*** ***5. In accordance with the duties involved, and the nature and level of contact the practitioner has with victims, training shall cover general and specialist training, and shall aim to enable the practitioner to recognise victims, to understand***		

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		the needs of victims as well as national law and procedures in relation to victims' rights, to avoid secondary victimisation, and to treat them in a respectful, professional and non-discriminatory manner;		
135i		***(g) the following paragraphs are added:*** ***5a. Training referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall include specific guidance on co-ordinated multi-agency cooperation, in accordance with Article 26a, allowing for a comprehensive, efficient and appropriate handling of referrals among the different competent authorities.***		
135j		***(h) 5b. Member States shall encourage the development of interdisciplinary training among the staff of the different authorities who are likely to come in contact with victims, where relevant with the cooperation of non-governmental organisations, to enhance cooperation and coordination among authorities.***		
135k		***(i) 5c. The Member States shall promote training for the staff of competent authorities, who are in***		

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		contact with victims, to enable them to respond to the specific needs of victims of cybercrime, including online forms of violence against women or child sexual abuse.		
135l		***(j) 5d. Training activities referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 and 8 shall be carried out regularly. Member States shall take measures to support bodies and organisations responsible for carrying out such training activities to develop, deliver and ensure the receipt of such training activities as well as its quality and availability throughout the territory of the Member States.***		
135m		***(13c) the following article is inserted:*** ***"Article 25a*** ***Awareness raising and communication of victims' rights*** ***1. Member States shall ensure that regular awareness-raising campaigns are carried out at national level in order to ensure that victims are aware of their rights under this Directive. These campaigns shall be conducted through a variety of channels and ensure the delivery of information to victims in a consistent manner***		

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		across the territories of Member States. ***2. Member States shall establish a dedicated website to provide information to the public on reporting a crime, victims´ rights, available general and specialist victim support services, functioning of the justice system as well as relevant procedures and application processes. The website shall be written in plain language and be easily accessible, including for persons with disabilities. Member States shall ensure that the content of information communicated to victims is developed in collaboration with civil society organisations and that the content is consistent and regularly updated to ensure accuracy.*** ***3. Member States shall ensure enhanced measures addressing the needs of victims who face higher barriers to communication, including but not limited to victims who are residents of a Member State other than where the crime was committed, victims with disabilities and child victims.*** ***4. Member States shall ensure that measures are put in place to increase the awareness of***		

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		victims on where to obtain help and exercise their rights, including by signposting mechanisms promoting easy and rapid identification of places where victims may get help or public registers of accredited support organisations."			
	136	‘ 3.Where the offence involves the holder of parental responsibility, or there could be any other conflict of interest between the child victims and the holder of parental responsibility, Member States shall take into account the best interest of the child and ensure that any act requiring consent is not conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility.; ’	‘ 3.Where the offence involves the holder of parental responsibility, or there could be any other conflict of interest between the child victims and the holder of parental responsibility, Member States shall take into account the best interest of the child and ensure that any act requiring consent is not conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility.;	‘ 3.Where the offence involves the holder of parental ~~responsibility, or there could be any other~~**responsibilityin a way that includes a** conflict of interest between the child victims and the holder of parental responsibility, Member States shall take into account the best interest of the child and ensure that**, as determined by national law,** any act requiring consent is not conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility.’; ’	‘ 3.***PCY proposal:*** ***3.*** Where the offence involves the holder of parental responsibility~~, or there could be any other~~ ***in a way that includes a*** conflict of interest between the child victims and the holder of parental responsibility, Member States shall take into account the best interest of the child and ensure that**,** any act requiring consent is not conditional upon the consent of the holder of parental responsibility~~.~~***, as determined by national law***	
	136a		***(13a) Article 25 is amended as follows:***		***(13a) Article 25 is amended as follows:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	136b		***(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:***		***(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	

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Y	136c	***1.Member States shall ensure that officials of public authorities, bodies and institutions likely to come into contact with victims, such as police officers and court staff, receive both general and specialist training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims to increase their awareness of the needs of victims, to avoid secondary victimisation and to enable them to recognise victims, communicate, and deal with them in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, and professional manner and where relevant, also in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner.***		***Member States shall ensure that officials likely to come into contact with victims, such as police officers and court staff, receive both general and specialist training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims to increase their awareness of the needs of victims, to avoid secondary victimisation and to enable them to deal with them in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, and professional manner and where relevant, also in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive, disability-sensitive and child-sensitive manner. Specialised training shall be provided in relation to victims of cybercrime.***	Y
Y	136d	***(b) the following paragraph is inserted:***		***(b) the following paragraph is inserted:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	136e	***1a. In order to ensure comprehensive support and protection to victims, Member States shall develop practical guidelines to help translate the obligations for assessing victims' protection and support needs into practical steps for competent authorities, such as law enforcement authorities.***		***In order to ensure comprehensive support and protection to victims, Member States shall develop practical guidelines concerning victims' protection and support rights covered by this Directive.*** Might be moved in recitals, should protocols in Article 26a keep their binding nature	Y

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	136f		***(c) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:***		***(c) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	136g		***2. Without prejudice to judicial independence and differences in the organisation of the judiciary across the Union, Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that both general and specialist training is provided for judges and prosecutors involved in criminal proceedings and investigations with respect to the objectives of this Directive and appropriate to the functions of the involved staff and authorities to increase their awareness of the needs of victims and to treat victims in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner, avoiding secondary victimisation.***		***Without prejudice to judicial independence and differences in the organisation of the judiciary across the Union, Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that both general and specialist training is provided for judges and prosecutors involved in criminal proceedings and investigations with respect to the objectives of this Directive and appropriate to the functions of those judges and prosecutors. Such training shall be human-rights based, victim centred and gender, disability and child sensitive.*** Based on the VAW Directive text	
	136h		***(d) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:***		***(d) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	
	136i		***3.With due respect for the independence of the legal profession, Member States shall ensure that those responsible for the training of lawyers make available both general and***		***Without prejudice to the independence of the legal profession, Member States shall recommend that those responsible for the training of lawyers make available both general and***	

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		specialist training to increase the awareness of lawyers of the needs of victims and to treat victims in a trauma-sensitive, gender-sensitive and child-sensitive manner, avoiding secondary victimisation.		***specialist training to increase the awareness of lawyers of the needs of victims and to treat victims in a trauma-, gender- and child-sensitive manner.***	
Y	136j	***(e) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:***		***(e) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	136k	***4.Through their public services or by funding victim support organisations, Member States shall encourage initiatives enabling those providing victim support and restorative justice services to receive adequate training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims and observe professional standards to ensure such services are provided in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, child sensitive and professional manner.***		***Through their public services or by funding victim support organisations, Member States shall encourage initiatives enabling those providing victim support and restorative justice services to receive adequate training to a level appropriate to their contact with victims and observe professional standards to ensure such services are provided in an impartial, respectful, non-discriminatory, child sensitive and professional manner.***	Y
Y	136l	***(f) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:***		***(f) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:*** Text Origin: EP Mandate	Y
Y	136m	***5.In accordance with the duties involved, and the nature and level of contact the practitioner has with victims, training shall cover***		***5.In accordance with the duties involved, and the nature and level of contact the practitioner has with victims, training shall aim to***	Y

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		general and specialist training, and shall aim to enable the practitioner to recognise victims, to understand the needs of victims as well as national law and procedures in relation to victims' rights, to avoid secondary victimisation, and to treat them in a respectful, professional and non-discriminatory manner.		***enable the practitioners to recognise victims, to understand victims and their needs, as well as national law and procedures in relation to victims' rights, and to treat them in a respectful, professional and non-discriminatory manner.***	
Y	136n	***(g) the following paragraphs are added:***			Y
Y	136o	***5a. Training referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall include specific guidance on co-ordinated multi-agency cooperation, in accordance with Article 26a, allowing for a comprehensive, efficient and appropriate handling of referrals among the different competent authorities.***		Commission to propose wording for 5a	Y
Y	136p	***5b. Member States shall encourage the development of interdisciplinary training among the staff of the different authorities who are likely to come in contact with victims, where relevant with the cooperation of non-governmental organisations, to enhance cooperation and coordination among authorities.***		To be potentially moved in a recital	Y

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	136q		***5c. The Member States shall promote training for the staff of competent authorities, who are in contact with victims, to enable them to respond to the specific needs of victims of cybercrime, including online forms of violence against women or child sexual abuse.***	Reference to cybercrime moved up in para 1
	136r		***5d. Training activities referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 and 8 shall be carried out regularly. Member States shall take measures to support bodies and organisations responsible for carrying out such training activities to develop, deliver and ensure the receipt of such training activities as well as its quality and availability throughout the territory of the Member States.***	***Training activities referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 and 8 shall be carried out regularly. Member States shall take measures to support bodies and organisations responsible for carrying out such training activities to develop, deliver and ensure the receipt of such training activities as well as its quality and availability throughout the territory of the Member States.*** , 'regularly' important for the EP
	136s		***(13b) the following article is inserted:***	
	136t		***Article 25a***	
	136u		***Awareness raising and communication of victims´ rights***	
	136v		***1.Member States shall ensure that regular awareness-raising***	

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		campaigns are carried out at national level in order to ensure that victims are aware of their rights under this Directive. These campaigns shall be conducted through a variety of channels and ensure the delivery of information to victims in a consistent manner across the territories of Member States.		
136w		***2.Member States shall establish a dedicated website to provide information to the public on reporting a crime, victims´ rights, available general and specialist victim support services, functioning of the justice system as well as relevant procedures and application processes. The website shall be written in plain language and be easily accessible, including for persons with disabilities. Member States shall ensure that the content of information communicated to victims is developed in collaboration with civil society organisations and that the content is consistent and regularly updated to ensure accuracy.***		
136x		***3.Member States shall ensure enhanced measures addressing the needs of victims who face higher***		

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		barriers to communication, including but not limited to victims who are residents of a Member State other than where the crime was committed, victims with disabilities and child victims.		
136y		***4.Member States shall ensure that measures are put in place to increase the awareness of victims on where to obtain help and exercise their rights, including by signposting mechanisms promoting easy and rapid identification of places where victims may get help or public registers of accredited support organisations."*** ,		
137	(14) the following articles are inserted in Chapter 5:	(14) the following articles are inserted in Chapter 5:	(14) the following articles are inserted in Chapter 5:	
138	‘ Article 26a	‘ Article 26a	‘ Article 26a	
139	Protocols through national coordination and cooperation	Protocols ~~*through*~~***for*** national coordination and cooperation	Protocols **or guidelines** through ~~national~~ coordination and cooperation **in the Member States**	
140	1.Member States shall establish and implement specific protocols on the organisation of services and actions under this Directive by the competent authorities and other persons coming in contact with	1.Member States shall establish and implement specific protocols on the ***efficient and consistent*** organisation of services and actions under this Directive by the competent authorities***, victim***	1.Member States shall establish and implement specific **non-binding** protocols **or guidelines** on the organisation of services and actions under this Directive by the competent authorities and other	

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	victims. The protocols shall be drawn up in coordination and cooperation between law enforcement, prosecution authorities, judges, detention authorities, restorative justice services and victim support services. The specific protocols shall aim as a minimum at ensuring that:	***support services, bodies and institutions dealing with victims of crime*** and other persons coming in contact with victims. The protocols shall be drawn up in coordination and cooperation between law enforcement, prosecution authorities, judges, detention authorities, restorative justice services and victim support services ***and in consultation with civil society organisations and relevant professional organisations***. The specific protocols shall aim as a minimum at ensuring that:	persons coming in contact with victims. The protocols **or guidelines** shall be drawn up in coordination and cooperation between **relevant stakeholders, such as central authorities, in accordance with the internal structure of or division of competences in the Member States,** law enforcement, prosecution authorities, **judicial authorities** ~~judges~~, detention authorities, **in consultation with** restorative justice services and victim support services **with a view to respond to the victims' individual needs**. **Member States are encouraged to ensure that, as a minimum, through** the specific protocols ~~shall aim as a minimum at ensuring that~~**or guidelines** :	
141	(a) victims receive information that is adapted to their changing individual needs; whereas such information shall be simple and easy to understand, provided in a timely manner, repeated over time, in multiple formats including orally, in writing and digitally;	(a) victims receive information that is adapted to their changing individual needs; whereas such information shall be simple and easy to understand, provided in a timely manner, repeated over time, in multiple formats including orally, in writing and digitally;	(a) victims receive information that is adapted to their changing individual needs; ~~whereas such information shall be simple and easy to understand, provided in a timely manner, repeated over time, in multiple formats including orally, in writing and digitally;~~	
142	(b) victims who are in detention including jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused, as well as specialised	(b) victims who are in detention including jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused~~, as well as~~ ***persons,***	(b) victims who are in detention ~~including jails, detention centres and holding cells for suspects and accused, as well as specialised~~	

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	detention facilities for applicants of international protection and pre-removal centres or in other institutions, including accommodation centers where applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located:	specialised detention facilities ~~for~~***where irregular migrants or*** applicants of international protection ~~*and pre-removal centres or in other institutions, including accommodation centers where applicants and beneficiaries of international protection*~~ are located~~:~~**.**	~~detention~~ facilities ~~for applicants of international protection and pre-removal centres~~ or in ~~other institutions, including~~ accommodation ~~centers~~**centres** where applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located~~:~~**, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3**	
142a		***(ba) victims in accommodation facilities where they are not permitted to leave at will, such as reception or accommodation facilities, where irregular illegal migrants or applicants and beneficiaries of international protection are located, as well as specialised accommodation for person with disabilities, children and elderly people, including mental health and social care institutions, orphanages and retirement homes, and any other form of public or private custodial setting under control of any judicial, administrative or other public authority, or any private institution from which the victim is not permitted to leave at will.***		
143	(i) receive the information about their rights;	(i) receive the information about their rights;	~~(i) receive the information about their rights;~~	

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144	(ii) can rely on facilitated crime reporting;	(ii) can rely on facilitated crime reporting;	~~(ii)~~ can rely on facilitated crime reporting;	
145	(iii)have access to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs;	(iii)have access to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs;	~~(iii)have access to support and protection in accordance with their individual needs;~~	
146	(c) individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 22, and provision of support services for victims with specific needs, take into account the victims' individual needs at different stages of the criminal procedure.	(c) individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 22, and provision of support services for victims with specific needs, take into account the victims' individual needs at different stages of the criminal procedure***, including through the effective coordination and cooperation among competent authorities and general and specialist victim support services during this process, including through clear referral protocols***.	(c) individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 22, and provision of support services for victims with specific needs, take into account the victims' individual needs at different stages of the criminal procedure.	
146a			**(d) the protection and specialist support services necessary to adequately address the multiple needs of victims with specific needs as referred to in Article 9(4) are provided.**	
146b		***(ca) competent authorities who are likely to come into contact with victims are trained in a targeted and regular manner to ensure victims are identified and receive appropriate support and protection in accordance with Article 25.***		

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147	2.Member States shall ensure that the protocols referred to in paragraph 1 are reviewed at regular intervals to ensure their effectiveness, and at least once every two years.	2.Member States shall ensure that the protocols referred to in paragraph 1 are reviewed at regular intervals to ensure their effectiveness, and at least once every two years.	2.Member States shall ensure that the protocols **or guidelines** referred to in paragraph 1 are reviewed ~~at regular intervals~~**where necessary** to ensure their effectiveness, ~~and at least once every two years.~~**such as in case of significant changes of national law**	
148	3.Member States shall take the necessary legislative measures to allow for collection and sharing of information, including information containing personal data of victims between the competent authorities and victim support services to ensure access to information and appropriate support and protection of individual victims.	3.Member States shall take the necessary legislative measures to allow for collection and sharing of information ***in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679***, including information containing personal data of victims between the competent authorities and victim support services to ensure access to information and appropriate support and protection of individual victims.	~~3.Member States shall take the necessary legislative measures to allow for collection and sharing of information, including information containing personal data of victims between the competent authorities and victim support services to ensure access to information and appropriate support and protection of individual victims.~~	
149	Article 26b	Article 26b	Article 26b	
150	Use of electronic means of communication	Use of electronic means of communication	Use of ~~electronic means of~~**information and** communication **technologies**	
151	1.Member States shall ensure that victims of crime may exercise their rights provided for in Article 3a, Article 4(1), Article 5(1), Article 5a, Article 6(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) and Article 10b using electronic means of communication.	1.Member States shall ensure that victims of crime may exercise their rights provided for in Article 3a, Article 4(1), Article 5(1) ***and (3)***, Article 5a, Article 6(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) and Article 10b using electronic means of communication.	1.Member States shall ensure that victims of crime may exercise their rights provided for in Article 3a, Article 4(1), Article 5(1), Article 5a **(1) and (4)**, Article 6(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) ~~and~~**as well as** Article 10b **in relation to informing victims about decisions taken in court proceedings, by** using ~~electronic~~	

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			~~means of~~**, where available information and** communication **technologies**.	
152	2.Victims of crime shall not be prevented from accessing or otherwise using national systems offering the electronic means of communication referred to in paragraph 1 on the basis that they are residents of another Member State.	2.Victims of crime shall not be prevented from accessing or otherwise using national systems offering the electronic means of communication referred to in paragraph 1 on the basis that they are residents of another Member State.	2.Victims of crime shall not be prevented from accessing or otherwise using**, where available, the services provided by** national systems offering the ~~electronic means of~~**information and** communication **technologies** referred to in paragraph 1 on the basis that they are residents of another Member State.	
153	3.Where national systems offering electronic means of communication require the use of electronic identification, signatures and seals, Member States shall allow the use of notified electronic identification schemes, qualified electronic signatures, and qualified electronic seals of any other Member States as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).	3.Where national systems offering electronic means of communication require the use of electronic identification, signatures and seals, Member States shall allow the use of notified electronic identification schemes, qualified electronic signatures, and qualified electronic seals of any other Member States as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).	3.Where national systems offering ~~electronic means of~~**information and** communication **technologies** require the use of electronic identification, signatures and seals, Member States shall allow the use of notified electronic identification schemes, qualified electronic signatures, and qualified electronic seals of any other Member States as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. **[1]** Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).	

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154	Article 26c	Article 26c	Article 26c	
155	Rights of victims with disabilities	Rights of victims with disabilities	Rights of victims with disabilities	
156	1.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities benefit on equal basis with others from electronic means of communication as referred to in Article 26b of this Directive by complying with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).	1.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities benefit on equal basis with others from electronic means of communication as referred to in Article 26b of this Directive by complying with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).	1.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities benefit on equal basis with others from ~~electronic means of~~**information and** communication **technologies** as referred to in Article 26b of this Directive by complying with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1]. _____ 1. **[1]** Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70).	
157	2.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities can access on equal basis with others, any procedure as well as the support services and protection measures covered by this Directive in line with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882.	2.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities can access on equal basis with others, any procedure as well as the support services and protection measures covered by this Directive in line with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882.	2.Member States shall ensure that victims with disabilities can access on equal basis with others, any procedure as well as the support services and protection measures covered by this Directive in line with the accessibility requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882.	
158	Member States shall ensure that reasonable accommodation is provided for victims with disabilities upon request.	Member States shall ensure that reasonable accommodation ~~is~~***and procedural accommodations are*** provided for victims with disabilities upon request.	Member States shall ensure that reasonable accommodation is provided for victims with disabilities upon request.	

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159	Article 26d	Article 26d	~~Article 26d~~	
160	Remedies	Remedies	~~Remedies~~	
161	Member States shall ensure that victims have an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive.; ,	Member States shall ensure that victims have an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive.; ,	~~Member States shall ensure that victims have an effective remedy under national law in the event of a breach of their rights under this Directive.;~~ ,	
162	(15) the following Article 27a is inserted:	(15) the following Article 27a is inserted:	~~(15) the following Article 27a is inserted:~~	
163	‘ Article 27a	‘ Article 27a	‘ ~~Article 27a~~	
164	Specific obligations in relation to victims of violence against women and domestic violence	Specific obligations in relation to victims of violence against women and domestic violence	~~Specific obligations in relation to victims of violence against women and domestic violence~~	
165	When Member States adopt the measures to comply with this Directive, they shall ensure that it is done without affecting the obligations under Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], which are applicable in relation to such victims in addition to the obligations set out in this Directive. In particular, Member States shall ensure that	When Member States adopt the measures to comply with this Directive, they shall ensure that it is done without affecting the obligations under Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], which are applicable in relation to such victims in addition to the obligations set out in this Directive. In particular, Member States shall ensure that	~~When Member States adopt the measures to comply with this Directive, they shall ensure that it is done without affecting the obligations under Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence], which are applicable in relation to such victims in addition to the obligations set out in this Directive. In particular, Member States shall ensure that~~	

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166	(a) the victims' helpline as referred to in Article 3a of this Directive does not affect the operation of dedicated and specialised helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Article 31 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence];	(a) the victims' helpline as referred to in Article 3a of this Directive does not affect the operation of dedicated and specialised helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Article 31 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence];	~~(a) the victims' helpline as referred to in Article 3a of this Directive does not affect the operation of dedicated and specialised helplines for victims of violence against women and domestic violence as required under Article 31 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence];~~	
167	(b) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(2) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures to encourage the reporting of acts of violence against women or domestic violence set out in Article 16(1) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	(b) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(2) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures to encourage the reporting of acts of violence against women or domestic violence set out in Article 16(1) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	~~(b) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(2) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures to encourage the reporting of acts of violence against women or domestic violence set out in Article 16(1) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];~~	
168	(c) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(3) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take specialised measures to ensure the reporting of occurrences of violence against women or domestic violence in reception and detention centres set out in Article 35(4) of Directive (EU)…/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	(c) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(3) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take specialised measures to ensure the reporting of occurrences of violence against women or domestic violence in reception and detention centres set out in Article 35(4) of Directive (EU)…/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	~~(c) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(3) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take specialised measures to ensure the reporting of occurrences of violence against women or domestic violence in reception and detention centres set out in Article 35(4) of Directive (EU)…/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];~~	

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169	(d) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(4) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures under Article 16(4) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	(d) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(4) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures under Article 16(4) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];	~~(d) the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 5a(4) of this Directive does not affect Member States' obligation to take targeted measures under Article 16(4) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combatting violence against women and domestic violence];~~	
170	(e) as regards victims of violence against women or domestic violence, the provisions of [Articles 18 and 19 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence] shall apply in addition to the rules set out in Article 22 of Directive 2019/29, as amended by this Directive'	(e) as regards victims of violence against women or domestic violence, the provisions of [Articles 18 and 19 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence] shall apply in addition to the rules set out in Article 22 of Directive 2019/29, as amended by this Directive'	~~(e) as regards victims of violence against women or domestic violence, the provisions of [Articles 18 and 19 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence] shall apply in addition to the rules set out in Article 22 of Directive 2019/29, as amended by this Directive'~~	
171	(f) the protocols on individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 26a in conjunction with Article 22 of this Directive do not affect Member States' obligations to issue guidelines and establish dedicated mechanisms for victims of violence against women and domestic violence provided for in Article 23, point (b), and Article 40(2) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].; ,	(f) the protocols on individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 26a in conjunction with Article 22 of this Directive do not affect Member States' obligations to issue guidelines and establish dedicated mechanisms for victims of violence against women and domestic violence provided for in Article 23, point (b), and Article 40(2) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].;	~~(f) the protocols on individual assessment of victims' needs for support and protection as referred to in Article 26a in conjunction with Article 22 of this Directive do not affect Member States' obligations to issue guidelines and establish dedicated mechanisms for victims of violence against women and domestic violence provided for in Article 23, point (b), and Article 40(2) of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].;~~ ,	

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171a		***(fa)the use of barring, restraining and protection orders to provide protection for victims as referred to in Article 23 of this Directive do not affect Member States' obligations to ensure the physical integrity of victims of violence against women and domestic violence and their dependants provided for in Article 21 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].***		
171b		***(fb)the obligation to take measures pursuant to Article 25 of this Directive does not affect Member State's obligation to take targeted measures under Article 37 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence]'.*** ,		
172	(16) Article 28 is replaced by the following:	(16) Article 28 is replaced by the following:	(~~16~~**15**) Article 28 is replaced by the following:	
173	‘ Article 28	‘ Article 28	‘ Article 28	
174	Provision of data and statistics	Provision of data and statistics	Provision of data and statistics	
175	1.Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to establish a system for the collection,	1.Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to establish a system for the collection,	1.Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to establish a system for the collection,	

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	production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime. The statistics shall include data relevant to the application of national procedures on victims of crime, including at least the number and type of reported crimes and the number, the age, sex of the victims and the type of the offence. They shall also include information on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime. The statistics shall include data relevant to the application of national procedures on victims of crime, including at least the number and type of reported crimes and the number, the age, sex***, gender and disability, if any,*** of the victims ~~*and*~~***,*** the type of the offence ***and the nature of the relationship between the victim and the offender***. They shall also include information on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive ***and whether victims have suffered a crime due to a bias or discriminatory motive as set out in Article 22***. ***Such statistics shall allow for developing qualitative analysis, including on remaining barriers when reporting crimes and accessing victims' rights.***	production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime. The statistics shall include data**, when available at central level,** relevant to the application of national procedures on victims of crime, ~~including at least~~**which may include** the number and type of reported crimes and the number, the age, sex of the victims ~~and the type of the offence~~. They shall also include ~~information on~~**data available at central level showing** how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive. **For the purposes of the statistics referred to in this provision, Member States may use data collected on the basis of relevant Union instruments.**	
176	2.Member States shall collect the statistics referred to in this Article on the basis of common disaggregation developed in cooperation with the Commission (Eurostat). They shall transmit this data to the Commission (Eurostat) every three years. The transmitted data shall not contain personal data.	2.Member States shall collect the statistics referred to in this Article on the basis of common disaggregation developed in cooperation with the Commission (Eurostat ***and the Victims Rights' Coordinator***) ***and experts in the field of victims' rights***. They shall transmit this data to the Commission (Eurostat) every three years. ***Member States shall have a***	2.Member States shall **endeavour to** collect the statistics referred to in this Article on the basis of common disaggregation developed in cooperation with the Commission (Eurostat). They shall transmit this data to the Commission (Eurostat) every three years. The transmitted data shall not contain personal data.	

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		synchronised timeline for this reporting to ensure data comparability. The transmitted data shall not contain personal data.		
177	3.The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights shall support Member States and the Commission in the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on victims of crime and in reporting on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	3.The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights shall support Member States and the Commission in the collection, production and dissemination ***and qualitative analysis*** of statistics on victims of crime and in reporting on how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	3.The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights shall support Member States and the Commission in the collection, production and dissemination of **available** statistics on victims of crime and in reporting ~~on~~**available data showing** how victims have accessed the rights set out in this Directive.	
178	4.The Commission (Eurostat) shall support Member States in the data gathering referred to in paragraph 1, including by establishing common standards on counting units, counting rules, common disaggregation, reporting formats, and on the classification of criminal offences.	4.The Commission (Eurostat) shall support Member States in the data gathering referred to in paragraph 1, including by establishing common standards on counting units, counting rules, common disaggregation, reporting formats, and on the classification of criminal offences.	4.The Commission (Eurostat) shall support Member States in the data gathering referred to in paragraph 1, including by establishing common standards ~~on counting units, counting rules, common disaggregation, reporting formats, and on the classification of criminal offences.~~**.**	
179	5.The Member States shall make the collected statistics available to the public. The statistics shall not contain personal data.	5.The Member States shall make the collected statistics available to the public ***in an easily accessible manner***. ***In compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679*** the statistics shall not contain personal data~~.~~	5.The Member States shall make the collected statistics available to the public. The statistics shall not contain personal data.**';**	
180	6.The collection of data under paragraph 1 shall not affect the dedicated data collection under	6.The collection of data under paragraph 1 shall not affect the dedicated data collection under	~~6.The collection of data under paragraph 1 shall not affect the dedicated data collection under~~	

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	Article 44 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].; ,	Article 44 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].; ,	~~Article 44 of Directive (EU) …/… [on combating violence against women and domestic violence].;~~ ,	
180a		***(16a) The following Articles are inserted:***		
180b		***Article 28a***		
180c		***Coordination of the EU strategy on victims' rights***		
180d		***1.In order to ensure consistency and effectiveness of actions in relation to victims' rights policy, Member States shall facilitate the tasks of Victims' Rights Coordinator, established by the Commission.***		
180e		***2.The Victims' Rights Coordinator shall in particular ensure a smooth functioning of the Victims' Rights Platform and implementation of the EU Strategy on victims' rights and this Directive as well as synchronise victims' rights related actions of other Union level stakeholders, notably where relevant to the application of this Directive.'***		
180f		***Article 28b***		***Article 28b***

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				Text Origin: EP Mandate
180g		***Resources***		***Resources*** Text Origin: EP Mandate
180h		***Member States shall ensure adequate and stable human, technical and financial resources for the full and timely implementation of this Directive, including for public and non-governmental organisations' support services.'***		This article would be horizontal and, also replacing partial references to resources in Chapter 2. Lines 47a 60b 71 See similar wording in VAW, Article 25(3).
181	(17) Article 29 is replaced by the following:	(17) Article 29 is replaced by the following:	(~~17~~**16**) Article 29 is replaced by the following:	
181a				
182	' Article 29	' Article 29	' Article 29	
183	Reporting by the Commission and review	Reporting by the Commission and review	Reporting by the Commission and review	
184	By [six years after adoption], the Commission shall submit a report on the application of this Directive to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall assess the extent to which the Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with this Directive,	By … [six years after ***the*** adoption ***of this Directive***], the Commission shall submit a report on the application of this Directive to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall assess the extent to which the Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with this Directive,	By [six years after adoption], the Commission shall submit a report on the application of this Directive to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall assess the extent to which the Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with this Directive,	

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	including the technical implementation.	including the technical implementation. ***The Commission shall take into consideration the findings of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Eurostat in that report.***	including the technical implementation.	
185	The report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by a legislative proposal.; ,	The report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by a legislative proposal.; ,	The report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by a legislative proposal.; ,	
186	Article 2 Transposition	Article 2 Transposition	Article 2 Transposition	
187	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive [by two years after the entry into force] with the exception of the provisions necessary to comply with Article 26b which shall be adopted and published [by four years after the entry into force]. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive [by two years after the entry into force] with the exception of the provisions necessary to comply with Article 26b which shall be adopted and published [by four years after the entry into force]. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.	1.Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive [by two years after the entry into force] with the exception of the provisions necessary to comply with Article 26b which shall be adopted and published [by four years after the entry into force]. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.	
188	When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.	When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.	When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.	

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189	2.Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main measures of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.	2.Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main measures of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.	2.Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main measures of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.	
190	Article 3 Entry into force	Article 3 Entry into force	Article 3 Entry into force	
191	This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	
192	This Directive is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.	This Directive is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.	This Directive is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.	
193	Done at Brussels,	Done at Brussels,	Done at Brussels,	
194	For the European Parliament	For the European Parliament	For the European Parliament	
195	The President	The President	The President	
196	For the Council	For the Council	For the Council	
197	The President	The President	The President	