

Consultation Paper: Compensating Victims of Crime

Consultation Paper on Compensating Victims of Crime sets out the key concepts that the Commission is considering in relation to reform of the state-funded Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

The Commission's Consultation Paper examines:

- the nature of awards of criminal injuries compensation;
- who is eligible to receive compensation;
- how the criminal injuries compensation process operates;
- who should make decisions on compensation awards and
- what a reformed statutory scheme should look like.

The Consultation Paper forms part of the Commission's [Fifth Programme of Law Reform](#).

It provides an outline of the Scheme's procedures and its development over time, as well as the origin of state-funded victim compensation schemes internationally. It provides the context in which such schemes were established and continue to operate, and traces the development and recognition of victim's rights, particularly the binding legal obligations that arise for EU Member States in various Directives.

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