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### Claiming damages from the offender

Information on how to claim compensation from the offender of the crime

The relevant instrument of EU law is [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 (Victims' Rights Directive).

Article 16 of the Victims' Rights Directive requires that all victims of crime have a right to decision on compensation from the offender in the course of criminal proceedings.

Here you find information about **how to claim compensation from the offender** during a trial (criminal proceedings).

To find information which is relevant to your case you should look at information for the EU country in which the criminal proceedings will take place.

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