

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2515/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Compensation claims for victims of violent crime

A constituent of mine has raised the issue of problems with claiming compensation for victims of violent crime in Member States. The particular problem they raise is that of a national of one Member State claiming compensation for a violent crime committed in a second Member State.

The Council Directive 2004/80/EC¹ requires all Member States to have a compensation mechanism in place and that crime victims in the EU should be entitled to fair and appropriate compensation for the injuries they have suffered regardless of where in the European Community the crime was committed. Member States were to have complied with this Directive by 1 January 2006.

It has been brought to my attention that various Member States still do not have the appropriate mechanisms in place for citizens of the European Union to claim such compensation.

1. Can the Commission supply me with a list of the authorities in all Member States to which the victims of violent crime can apply for such compensation?
2. Can the Commission supply me with a list of Member States that have not transposed this Directive adequately into national law?
3. Can the Commission tell me what action is to be taken against those Member States that have not transposed this Directive adequately into national law?

¹ OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, p. 15.