

**Question for written answer E-003857/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Restorative justice

Restorative justice helps victims of crimes to recover and to obtain reparations and satisfaction by giving them a voice in the justice process.

Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)8¹, agreed on by European justice ministers, calls for the development of restorative justice services that are:

- generally available throughout the Member States;
- trained and resourced to a high standard;
- operated in accordance with core principles (e.g. voluntariness, respect);
- provided for in legislation that clearly states how they should be integrated into the legal system for the purposes of referrals, confidentiality, sentencing, etc.
- continuously monitored and reviewed to ensure that they are being provided safely and effectively.

However, legislation on restorative justice as set out in Directive 2012/29/EU on victims' rights² requires only that victims be informed of existing restorative justice services and that safeguards be in place³.

How will the upcoming revision of Directive 2012/29/EU better reflect the agreed-on terms of Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)8?

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¹ <https://rm.coe.int/09000016808e35f3>

² OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2020%3A188%3AFIN>