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RIGHT TO MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES IN NORTH MACEDONIA

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WHO IS ENTITLED TO MONETARY COMPENSATION?

If you are a victim of violent crime, including **gender-based violence, domestic violence, violence against a person's gender integrity, human / child trafficking, slavery** or other crimes with serious consequences, such as physical and psychological, you are entitled to monetary compensation.

The right to compensation also applies to those who have attempted to prevent the commission of such a crime, as well as to those who provided assistance to the victim or assisted the police in apprehending the perpetrator. Compensation can also be requested if you are a **family member of a victim** who died as result to violence.

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WHAT IS THE PREREQUISITE?

The criminal offense has occurred in North Macedonia and has been recorded or reported to the police or the public prosecutor's office, who shall issue an appropriate notification (note of confirmation, official note).

This right applies regardless of your status or citizenship, provided that you are in the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia at the time of the commission of the crime. Citizens of North Macedonia, foreign citizens¹, a person without citizenship or a person not registered in the birth register have the right to request compensation.

The right to compensation applies even if the perpetrator **is not known** or **if there is no criminal procedure**.

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WHAT ARE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION?

The monetary compensation includes:

- costs of treatment and medical devices (maximum amount up to 2.000 EUR)

- lost earnings (maximum amount up to 2.000 EUR)
- funeral expenses (only if you have not charged them on another basis)
- lost alimony (maximum amount of 4.500 EUR) and
- solidarity assistance for suffered consequences of the crime (maximum amount up to 500 EUR in MKD equivalent value)

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONETARY COMPENSATION CANNOT EXCEED 5,000 EUR IN MKD EQUIVALENT.

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WHERE TO SUBMIT THE REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION?

Submit a written request directly through the archive of the Ministry of Justice, by mail or electronically to :

COMMISSION FOR MONETARY COMPENSATION

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If you are a child victims or persons deprived of legal capacity, the request can be submitted by the parent, guardian or representative.

The form for the request for monetary compensation for victims of a violent crime can be downloaded and printed from the website of the Commission

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WHAT RIGHTS DO YOU HAVE DURING THE PROCEDURE?

- **the right to free legal aid**, including for filling out the request for monetary compensation.
- **no administrative fees are paid** for this procedure.
- **the right to an interpreter** during the entire procedure, and the respective costs are borne by the state (for foreign citizens/persons without citizenship).
- **any type and form of discrimination is prohibited**.²
- exercising the right to compensation with this request **does not exclude the right of the victim to demand compensation for damage or to make another claim according to another law before a competent court**.
- authorities, including the police, the public prosecutor's office, the courts, the Ministry of Justice, the centres for social work, health and social institutions in North Macedonia, are responsible for providing **the persons who have the right to monetary compensation with information** about the said right, as well as about the competent authority which they can refer to, to exercise this right.

¹ monetary compensation is available to a victim which is citizen of a member state of the European Union and will begin to be applied from the day of the accession of the Republic of North Macedonia to the European Union.

² on the basis of race, colour, origin, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, membership of a marginalized group, language, nationality, social origin, education, religion or religious belief, political belief, other belief, disability, age, family or marital status, property status, health status, personal feature and social status or any other basis in exercising the rights to compensation for damage.