

# Legislation for the victims in Serbia: an analysis of the current situation and suggestions of changes

Project Legislation for the victims in Serbia: an analysis of the current situation and suggestions of changes was implemented in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Serbia in the period from September until December the 15th of 2008th. The objective was to estimate the achieved level of legal protection of victims of crime in Serbia, identifying deficiencies and gaps in the existing legislation and laws that are missing, and then write a new draft model legislation for victims in Serbia. The ultimate goal is to continue to advocate for changes to the relevant legislation in order to build an integrated, comprehensive and effective system to protect victims.

Activities that were carried out:

1. Meeting of experts to define the role of each in the project and the methodology of data collection for the analysis of legislation in Serbia and their application in practice in relation to the status of the victims in general and victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual crimes, war crimes and child victims of violence.
2. Creating a questionnaire to collect data.
3. Data collection.
4. Analysis of the collected material and writing papers that will be published in a book that will be edited by the professor. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović. The topics:
  - a. mr. Sanja Ćopić - The position of victims in criminal proceedings and the possibility of restorative justice
  - b. Prof. Dr. Natasa Petrović-Mrvić - Compensation to crime victims in Serbia
  - c. Prof. Dr. Slobodanka Konstantinović-Vilić - Criminal misdemeanor and protection of victims of domestic violence
  - d. Prof. Dr. Nevena Petrušić - Family law protection against domestic violence in Serbian law
  - e. Dr. Mirjana Dokmanović - Law on Weapons and Ammunition, and victims of violence (with a special focus on the victims of domestic violence)
  - f. Mirjana Tejić - Victims of sexual violence
  - g. Dr. Biljana Simeunović-Patić - Victims of Trafficking
  - h. Doc. Dr. Slađana Jovanović - Harassment at the workplace: legal protection of victims of international and national perspective
  - i. Dr. Ivana Stevanović - Legal protection of child victims
  - j. Prof. Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović - Victims of War Crimes

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