

'Crime, victims and rights: what can EU countries do to strengthen victims' rights?'

More than one in four Europeans were victims of harassment and 22 million were physically attacked in one year. But crime victims typically do not report their experiences. They often have difficulties accessing their rights and may feel voiceless. Young people and minorities particularly suffer. These are the results of the first-ever EU-wide survey on crime victims the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) carried out in 2019.

So, what can countries do? How can governments better support victims? How can victims get justice?

On **Friday 19 February 2021**, FRA will present and discuss the results of its first-ever EU-wide survey on victims of crime. It promises key insights that will guide policymakers in shaping their victim support measures.

Watch live from **10:30 to 12:00 CET** on **FRA's [Facebook](#)** and **[YouTube](#) channels**.

The FRA survey details the experiences and opinions of 35,000 people from 29 countries. It gives the most detailed EU-wide picture ever of crimes ranging from violence and harassment to burglary and online fraud. Results also examine people's safety concerns and willingness to take action when witnessing crime.

FRA also breaks down the results by gender, age, income and educational level to help identify and support those most at risk.

FRA Director **Michael O'Flaherty** opens the event.

A presentation of the results and live debate will then follow with:

- **Joanna Goodey**, Head of Research and Data Unit, FRA
- **Sami Nevala**, Policy coordinator – Statistics, Research and Data Unit, FRA
- **Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska**, EU victims' rights coordinator, European Commission
- **Antony Pemberton**, Professor of Restorative Justice at KU Leuven, Belgium and Professor of Victimology, Tilburg University, the Netherlands
- **Anu Leps**, Criminal Policy Adviser, Estonian Ministry of Justice

The event takes place before 22 February, **European Day for Victims of Crime**. It will feed into the European Commission [Victims' Rights Platform](#) meeting on 23 February.

The platform is part of the EU's first-ever **[EU strategy on victims' rights \(2020-2025\)](#)**. The strategy aims at ensuring that all victims of all crime can fully rely on their rights, no matter where in the EU or under what circumstances the crime took place.

For more details see: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2021/crime-victims-rights>