

ISO: MT

COUNTRY: Malta

MINISTRY: MINISTRY of Justice

OFFICE: Victim Support Unit within the Malta Police Force

NOTES:

The Malta Police Force has set up a Victim Support Unit. **The Victim Support Unit within the Malta Police Force** was officially launched by the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security on the 19th April 2017. Its functions are to provide a single point of contact for victims of crime, especially the most vulnerable victims, shortly after lodging a police report; provide crisis counselling services to victims of crime, depending on the nature and severity of the particular and facilitate effective and timely referrals to other support services;

"Victim Support Malta": registered non-governmental organization that provides support and assistance to victims of crime in general. This organization includes: the provision of emotional support to help victims overcome trauma following a crime; legal information regarding the relative criminal procedures (for example, the right of victims to request compensation and access to forms of protection provided by law); and practical assistance (for example, liaison with the police or other auxiliary services).

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- Victim Support Unit within the Malta Police Force: victimsupport.police@gov.mt

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Victim Support Unit within the Malta Police Force: <https://pulizija.gov.mt/en/police-force/police-sections/Pages/Victim-Support-Unit.aspx>

Victim Support Malta: <http://victimsupport.org.mt>

Name of the law: Victims of Crime Act (Laws of Malta, Cap 539)

National legislation covers victims of crime in general, including victims of terrorism. In particular, the Victims of Crime Act (Laws of Malta, Cap 539), which transposes the EU Victims Directive, provides for various rights for victims of crime, including victims of terrorism.

The Regulation on the Compensation System for Criminal Injuries (S.L. 9.12) provides for the payment of compensation to victims of violent intentional crimes.

Art. 698 of Cap. 9 of the Laws of Malta authorizes the Minister to regulate the compensation of victims of crimes.

link to the law

Specific Law: