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**PRESS RELEASE**

***Protection of crime victims' rights; The perspective of a generic approach***

Info day on the support of Victims of Crime in Greece

Even after the transposition of the EU Directive 2012/29 / EE into the Greek legal framework, there is no generic support system for providing services to all kind of victims. Support services provided to victims of crime focus on specific categories and therefore do not cover a wider range of beneficiaries.

The slow pace of criminal justice remains a major problem that often leads to secondary victimization. Finally, the competent services are often impeded to provide efficiently their services due to under - funding and under-staffing problems, which justifiably affect the quality and the range of the support services provided.

All the above result from an in-depth analysis of the legal framework of the rights and protection of victims of crime and its implementation in Greece, performed by KMOP and EKKA, as part of the SupportVoC project.

The results of the analysis as well as the legal framework and effective application of the EU Directive 2012/29/EU will be presented and discussed at the info day “Protection of crime victims’ rights; the perspective of a generic approach”, organized by the KMOP and EKKA on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 at EKKA premises, Tsoxa 8, Athens.

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