

**Welcome to the
workshop:**

**Protecting Victims In
Criminal Proceedings And
Beyond**

Victims Rights in German Law - Code of Criminal Procedure -

Improvement of victim protection since 1986

- Victim protection act 1986
- 1. Victim rights reform act 2004
- 2. Victim rights reform act 2009
- 3. Victim rights reform act - draft

Victims Protection Act 18.12.1986

- Restructuring of the joint plaintiff (accessory prosecution)
- Information rights
- Adhesive procedure
- Protection of privacy

Further Reforms

- Witness protection act 30.04.1998
- Fighting against crime act 28.10.1998
- Possibility of contradiction to offender-victim-mediation 20.12.1999

1. Victims Rights Reform Act 24.06.2004

- Matching to the EU Framework Decision of 15.03.2001

- Justice modernization act 22.12.2006
 - limited joint plaintiff in juvenile justice

2. Victims Rights Reform Act 29.07.2009

- Extension of the joint plaintiff
- Improvement of information rights
- Lifting the age of protection up to 18 years

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-Act For Strengthening The Rights Of Victims Of Sexual Abuse –

- Lawyer for victims till the age of 18 years
- More judicial video interrogation
- Restriction of public for minor victims of crime
- Right to comment consequences in the aftermath of crime

Draft Of The 3. Victims Rights Reform Act

Main changes related to:

- Art. 3 EU-Directive =
Right to understand and to be understood

- Art. 6 EU-Directive =
Victims Rights to information about their criminal case

- Art. 8 EU Directive =
Right to gain access to victim support organisations

- psychosocial process monitoring

Thank you for your attention