

Costs of victimisation and benefits of victim support in Serbia

ESTIMATED ANNUAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF SERIOUS CRIMES IN SERBIA



OF THE POPULATION

MORE THAN

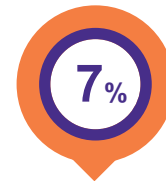
1 million



PERSONS

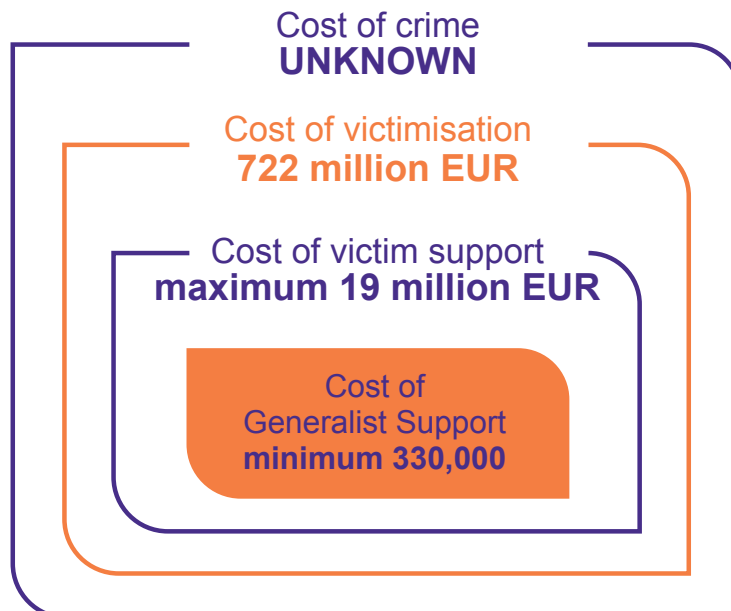
NUMBER OF REPORTED VICTIMS IN SERBIA **IN 2016**

68,465



TOTAL CRIME

DIFFERENT COSTS RESULTING FROM CRIME



COST OF VICTIMISATION

722 million
EUROS IN **2016**

COST TO GOVERNMENT

246 million EUR



POLICE

180 million EUR



PROSECUTION

10,8 million EUR



COURTS

21,8 million EUR



MEDICAL CARE

9,1 million EUR



SOCIAL SERVICES

24,5 million EUR

VICTIMS' COSTS

457,5 million EUR



LEGAL COSTS

13,6 million EUR



MATERIAL DAMAGE

37 million EUR



MEDICAL CARE

91 million EUR



PAIN AND SUFFERING

314 million EUR



FUNERAL

1,8 million EUR

COST TO SOCIETY

min **18,5 million** EUR



COST OF THE EMPLOYER

17 million EUR



COST OF CIVIL SOCIETY FOR VICTIM SUPPORT

1,6 million EUR

Cost of future generic victim support in Serbia

Between **330.000 EUR** (basic minimum immediate investment) and **19 million EUR** (high performance investment including court infrastructure, training of officials etc.).

330.000 EUR
minimum immediate investment &
19 million EUR
high performance investment

Expected minimum benefits **BETWEEN 84 & 470** million EUR



At least **4,34 EUR** benefit for every **1 EUR** spent on victim support



Systematic support to victims during trial can save **BETWEEN 23,2 & 329** million EUR in legal fees.



Early psychological support to victims of domestic violence can reduce PTSD and save **BETWEEN 16,7 & 25,2** million EUR



TO PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES, SERBIA WILL NEED TO



- ✓ **Set up generalist and specialist services;**
 - ✓ **Use existing NGO resources;**
 - ✓ **Join State and non-state actors to develop services;**
 - ✓ **Guarantee a satisfactory quality assurance system;**
 - ✓ **Dedicate funding for victim support services;**
 - ✓ **Have ring-fenced financial sources for victim support;**
 - ✓ **Transparent system of financing;**
 - ✓ **Systematically collect data;**
 - ✓ **Conduct in-depth analysis of the benefits of victim support in the future;**
 - ✓ **Commit to a long term plan of action;**
 - ✓ **Introduce services in phases based on the:**
 - 'light' support obligations within the duties of police, prosecutors, court staff etc.;
 - Delivering foundational training for staff impact of crime on victims, victims' needs, respectful treatment, etc.;
 - Developing internal protocols for appropriate treatment of victims and internal oversight of the implementation of those protocols.
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