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Role of civil society in implementing
Directive establishing minimum
standards on the rights, support and
protection of victims of crime



Implementation will require

- Legislation
- Awareness raising
- Training of professionals
- Victim support services/civil society



Victim support services will implement

- Right to information
- Right to (ongoing) individual assessments
- Referrals - right to access services
- Right to support services (minimum standards)
- Cross-border cooperation
- Training of professionals
- Identify best practice – assist overall implementation
- Monitor implementation, Member States fulfilment and victims' ability to access rights



Victim Support

- Challenges
 - Resources
- Opportunities
 - Practical expertise
 - Volunteers
 - Value for money



Future steps to strengthen civil society

- Formalise organisation
- Awareness raising
- Build trust
- Demonstrate benefit to criminal justice system



Thank you!

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