

RightsApp



Mobile Technologies applied to protect victims of a crime within the EU Area of Justice



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Background

Subject to certain conditions, citizens of the EU and their family members have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the EU. This right is conferred directly on every EU citizen by Article 21 on the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. As a consequence, in 2017 around 17 million of EU citizens have taken advantage of this right and now live, work or study in another EU country. According to 2017 EU citizenship report, EU citizens made more than 214 million cross-border trips to other EU countries for business and/or tourism.

The European strategy on the Area of Security, Freedom and Justice, was to ensure that the EU citizens' rights are protected sufficiently even when they are in a different Member State than their own. Thus, when an EU citizen faces a criminal proceeding as a victim four main problems arise: i) **lack of awareness regarding EU and national legal framework**; ii) **lack of harmonization, legal frameworks varies from one Member State to another**; iii) **lack of legal background from citizens** causes difficulties to understand their rights; and iv) **different language than your own**, especially if you are abroad.

Objectives

The **main idea** envisaged in this project is to create a **one-stop provider** in EU smartphones and/or tablets regarding **EU citizens' rights when they fall victims of a crime**, deploying a **citizen-centric, user-friendly and dynamic**

mobile application for Android and iOS operative systems–**named RightsApp**–. The RightsApp application will provide tailored knowledge from many different sources: i) EU legal instruments; ii) national legal frameworks; and iii) supplementary information, for instance, contact details of nearby victims association. Thus, RightsApp will provide concrete and case-based assistance to the victim of a crime. Furthermore, the project foresees the piloting of the use case of citizens that study abroad within the EU. This pilot will be developed, from the language perspective, including versions in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. On the other hand, national legal framework of Spain will be considered.

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