

***Compensation of damages from crime***  
***The Italian system and EU Law constraints***

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**Outline of the contribution paper**

1. The European legal context for compensations.
2. The Italian set of regulations regarding compensations and the Implementation of EU legal Instruments (Framework Decisions and Directives).
3. A case for <<reverse discrimination>> (Directive 2004/80/EC) and the ECJ case law.
4. The Italian <<poor>> system of Public Funds.
5. Procedural and substantial measures and regulations encouraging compensation of damages.
6. Conclusion: the way ahead to comply with European Standards.

**Abstract:** The intervention will clarify the status of the implementation into the Italian legal order of the EU obligations provided by Directives and Framework Decisions in the matter of compensations of crime damages. The Italian Law already provided some kind of compensative measures but limited with respect to the EU provisions. In the late years the system has been developed but the result is not still fully satisfactory. Italian Tribunals also proposed a preliminary reference to ECJ regarding an hypothesis of “reverse discrimination” due to the implementation of the Directive 2004/80.