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Barring orders are covered by Article 19 of the Violence Against Women Directive¹. Recital 46 of the Directive allows Member States to make this possible, where relevant, available, appropriate and given the circumstances of the case, through electronic monitoring. Where electronic monitoring is used, victims should always be informed about its capabilities and limitations. Member States have until June 2027 to transpose the Directive, following which the Commission will conduct transposition checks.

The Victims' Rights Directive² provides for a set of rights for all victims of crime, including victims of gender-based violence. The proposed revision of the Victims' Rights Directive³ on which the co-legislators have recently reached a provisional agreement will further strengthen those rights, including ensuring victims' physical protection. The Commission is monitoring the state of implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive in all Member States, including in Spain⁴. According to the Commission, the Spanish law fully transposes the victims' rights legislation into national law.

In addition, the European Protection Order Directive⁵ allows for protection measures for persons in danger taken in one Member State to be recognised by another Member State in order to continue the protection of such persons when they travel or move to another EU Member State. The specificities of national protection orders and the tools to enforce these, remain the responsibility of Member States.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on combating violence against women and domestic violence, OJ L, 2024/1385, 24.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1385/oj>.

² Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA, OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57.

³ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA, COM/2023/424 final. Co-legislators reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal on 10 December 2025.

⁴ In particular, the Commission has analysed whether Member States have completely transposed into national legislation all normative provisions of the Victims' Rights Directive.

⁵ Directive 2011/99/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the European protection order, OJ L 338, 21.12.2011, p. 2.