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Within the scope of its competences, the Commission remains committed in assisting Member States to ensure that victims of crime receive fair and adequate compensation. However, EU law does not confer on the Commission a role in supervising or approving the design of arrangements that include compensation, such as the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ).

Under EU law, the 2004 Compensation Directive¹ obliges Member States to ensure that their national rules provide for the existence of a scheme on compensation to victims of violent intentional crimes committed on their respective territories which guarantees fair and appropriate compensation to victims. The modalities of the national compensation schemes, however, remain the responsibility of the national authorities.

Given that the scope of the EVZ differentiates from a national compensation scheme, the Commission is not in a position to assess its payments.

¹ Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims, OJ L 261, 6.8.2004, pp. 15 – 18.