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Täter-Opfer-Ausgleich
(settlement between perpetrator and victim)
Benefits and opportunities
**TOA - WHAT IS IT?**

The Täter-Opfer-Ausgleich (TOA) [settlement between perpetrator and victim] is the attempt to reduce the negative effects of a criminal offence.

The perpetrator and victim have the chance to discuss the offence and its consequences as well as to negotiate a compensation. Provisions can hereby be made on civil claims such as compensation for personal suffering and damages.

TOA can bring about a suspension of legal proceedings or a reduced sentence.

This takes place with impartial mediation, which is voluntary and free of charge.

**THE VICTIM CAN...**

- express feelings such as anger, fear, frustration, harm and outrage in the settlement discussion,
- introduce ideas on compensation and look for a satisfactory solution together with the perpetrator,
- experience reconciliation and facilitate it personally
- if required, avoid lengthy and expensive civil proceedings.

**THE PERPETRATOR CAN...**

- outline the background circumstances of the offence and take responsibility for his/her own actions,
- demonstrate that he/she takes the victim's feelings and fears seriously,
- actively remedy the situation with a compensation,
- therefore obtain a suspension of the proceedings or a milder sentence.

**HOW DOES IT TAKE PLACE?**

In separate preliminary discussions, it is established whether the parties are willing to settle.

In the event of a subsequent exchange/mediation, those concerned try to work through the conflict and consider the possibility of a compensation.

The parties involved decide the type of compensation. The Public Prosecutor’s Office or the court is informed on the result of the settlement efforts and the compensation.

A TOA can be done in each stage of the investigation or criminal proceedings.

**WHO DOES IT?**

In Rhineland-Palatinate, TOA is carried out by associations from the offender support or social administration of justice sector.

The employees responsible have special training.

They are not biased; they are neutral.

TOA is also carried out by some youth welfare offices.

**ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?**

Employees of TOA facilities (see reverse) can answer any questions you have about TOA.

**Or look it up:**

On the Ministry of Justice website http://jm.rlp.de/de/themen/taeter-opfer-ausgleich-toa

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