



PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS SUSPECTED OR ACCUSED IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION LAW: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

As is well known, procedural rights of vulnerable persons suspected or accused in criminal proceedings are not sufficiently guaranteed in the European area of justice. The lack of an appropriate level of protection for these persons may jeopardize the mutual trust among EU Member States and undermine the judicial cooperation in criminal matters. This study focuses on the current status and future prospects of the procedural guarantees for vulnerable persons in the European Union law. In particular, it analyzes the Commission Recommendation of 27 November 2013 on procedural safeguards for vulnerable persons suspected or accused in criminal proceedings and the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings.