

# CONSULAR PROTECTION AT EUROPEAN LEVEL



## BRINGING EUROPE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE



- ➔ Passport lost or stolen?
- ➔ Have you been a victim of violent crime?
- ➔ Have you had a serious accident?
- ➔ Have you been arrested or detained?
- ➔ Do you need to be repatriated?
- ➔ Do you need help urgently?

### You are entitled to protection:

As a citizen of the European Union, you can expect the embassies and consulates of any other EU country to assist you on the same conditions as nationals of that State and in particular to:

- › provide you with an emergency travel document
- › contact your family, your next of kin and the authorities in your country
- › protect you if you are in danger or difficulty, especially as a result of arrest, detention, an accident or serious illness
- › provide the help you need to be evacuated or repatriated.

To enjoy this protection:

- › you must be a citizen of an EU Member State
- › you must be in a country that is not a Member of the European Union
- › your country must have no consular or diplomatic representation in the country in question.



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