

Compensation

A punitive measure for retaliation in response to the commission of a prohibited act. According to Polish law, the court may award compensation of up to PLN 100,000 (Article 48 of the Penal Code) in the event of: conviction for an intentional crime against life or health or for another intentional crime resulting in the death of a person, serious damage to health, violation of the function of a body organ or disorder of health - to the Fund for Victim Assistance and Post-Penitentiary Assistance. - conviction for a crime against the environment - to the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management. - convicting the perpetrator of an offence specified in Articles 173, 174, 177 or 355, if the perpetrator was intoxicated or under the influence of an intoxicant or fled the scene of the crime – for the benefit of the Fund for Victim Assistance and Post-Penitentiary Assistance. - conviction for the crime of defamation – for the benefit of the victim, the Polish Red Cross or for another social purpose indicated by the victim. - if the ruling on the forfeiture of movable property which was used or intended to commit a crime would be disproportionate to the gravity of the act committed – to the State Treasury instead of forfeiture. If the crime was committed by several people, the compensation is awarded from each of them in the full amount. The compensation is subject to enforcement by the bailiff in the course of judicial enforcement, unless it has been adjudicated in favour of the State Treasury. In such a case, it is executed by the tax office on the basis of the provisions on administrative enforcement.