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REPORT

**for the period
September - December 2013**

As we have done in the past, we are providing you with a brief report regarding our action in this period. If you are interested in more detailed information you can find it on web-site **www.zeneucrn timer.org** or by contacting us by mail at **zeneucrn timer@gmail.com**

We would like to thank you in advance, in solidarity.

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STREET ACTIONS

In this reporting period we have organized thirteen actions (13)

- Commemorations/markings significant dates of crimes committed in our name
- Feminist, antifascist, anti-war, anti-racist, anti-militaristic street actions.

Commemorations/markings important dates of crimes committed in our name as well as other crimes over civilians during wars on the territory of ex Yugoslavia

Belgrade/Topcider, 5th of October: We will never forget crime in Topcider:

Twenty activists of Serbian Women in Black Network, two activists of the Women's Alliance Srebrenica from Tuzla, as well as Meira Dautovic from Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina) attended the commemoration in front of the Karas barracks in Topcider, Belgrade, on the occasion of anniversary of the crime-murder of guards Dragan Jakovljevic and Drazen Milovanovic (2004). They were killed on 5th of October, 2004 under unexplained circumstances, and there is a reasonable doubt that they were killed because they had seen Hague fugitive Ratko Mladic. Women in Black and the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies/CEAS have published a statement on the occasion of the eighth death anniversary of the of the two guards, expressing solidarity with the parents and the families of the victims, supporting their search for the truth regarding the death of the two young men.



Lovas/Croatia, 18th of October: We will never forget the crimes in Lovas:

eight activists (8) of Women in Black attended the commemoration in three spots in the village where, during the Serbian aggression on Croatia, 70 civilians were killed.



Sjeverin/Serbia, 22nd of October: We will never forget the crimes in Sjeverin:

eight activists (8) of Women in Black attended the commemoration on the bridge in the place of Mioce, where Serb armed forces abducted 17 passengers with Muslim names from the bus Priboj-Rudo, in 1992.



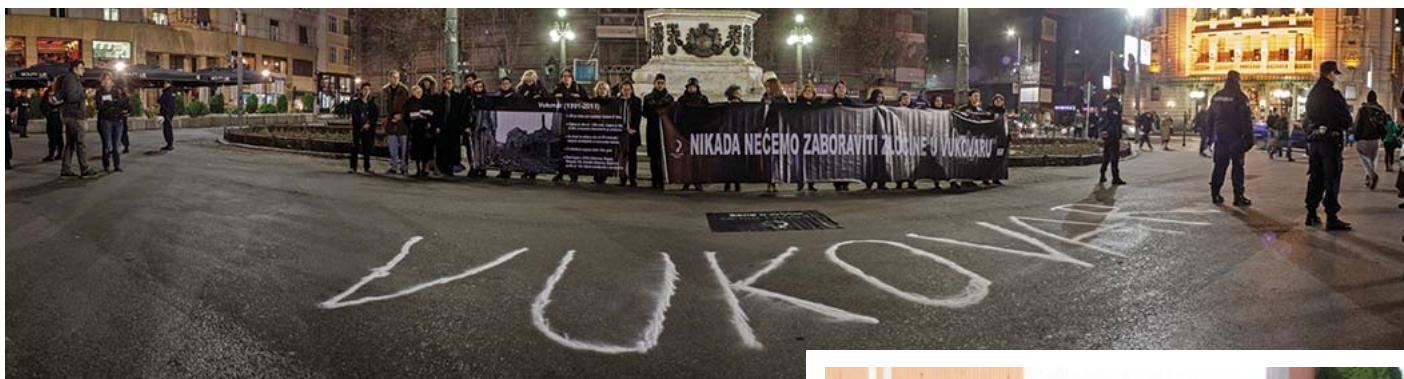
Tuzla/Bosnia and Herzegovina, 11th of November:

We are looking for our missing persons. (8) Eight activists of Women in Black Serbian Network participated in the Peace March together with organizers of the Women's Alliance Association Srebrenica from Tuzla.





Vukovar/Croatia, 18th of November: We will never forget crimes in Vukovar: Peace action on Republic Square in Belgrade, in commemoration of the anniversary of crimes in Vukovar in 1991. Approximately thirty (30) activists attended.



Feminist, antifascist, anti-war, anti-racist, anti-militaristic street actions: actions in chronological order

Belgrade, 18th of September, 'Stop war in Syria': due to increasing war violence in Syria, Women in Black organized in Belgrade Republic Square a peace action against the dictatorship of Bashar al Assad, all the other armed forces as well as against the announced military intervention. By this peace action, solidarity with civilians of Syria was expressed as well as with all non-violent and peaceful movements of Syria and the whole Middle East. Forty activists were involved in the action.



Leskovac, 21st of September 'Stop war in Syria': Women for peace from Leskovac in cooperation with Women in Black Belgrade organized a peace action on the Main Square. Fifteen activists were involved in the action.



Belgrade, 2nd of October 'On what a sexual rapist advises Serbian authorities?' - Stross Khan out of Serbia: Feminist performance against the appointment of Dominique Stross Khan (International Monetary Fund ex-director) as economic counsellor of Serbian authorities. He has been accused several times already of sexual violence, rape and prostitution. Forty activists were involved in the action in Republic Square.





Belgrade, 9th of November `Antifascism is our choice`: The action of collecting signatures due to 9th of November, International Day against fascism and anti-Semitism. Women in Black in cooperation with the Helsinki Committee on human rights and the Alliance of Serbian antifascists organized the above mentioned action at Terazije, the site where antifascists in the Second World War were being executed. We have collected a couple of hundred of citizens' signatures. During the action, we drew attention to the current fascist tendencies and misdeeds in Serbia toward various vulnerable groups: anti-Semitism, concentration camps for Croatian and Bosnian prisoners in Serbian territory (during the 1990's, for which nobody has been prosecuted yet), criminal privatization, fascism against women and LGBT persons, discrimination of Roma population in Serbia. A few dozen persons participated.



Leskovac, 9th of November-the action of collecting signatures for the Antifascist Manifest: Women for Peace in cooperation with Women in Black, Belgrade have organized the same action like in Belgrade. More than 15 activists took part in this action.



Belgrade, 6th december "Stop femicide": Feminist action, during which they read out testimonies of women victims and women survivors of sexual crimes all over the world (Congo, India, Syria, Columbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina...) as well as names of 41 women-victims of femicide in Serbia during 2013. More than 60 activists took part in the protest, from Women in Black Network and from the victim community of Bosnia and Herzegovina-ten women (Djulici and Zvornik) and twenty women from the Roma Women Network from Banat.



Belgrade, 10th of December, `Solidarity with asylum seekers`: On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, an international-antiracial-feminist action was organized, because of the deplorable situation of asylum seekers in Serbia, frequent brutal and racist excesses of local population toward asylum seekers, and discrimination of asylum seekers inflicted by the state. The action was organized by Women in Black and Roma Women Network from Banat. More than fifty (50) activists took part.





FACING THE PAST TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - A FEMINIST APPROACH

This is the most important activity of Women in Black. It consists of numerous segments: street actions, workshops, lectures, creation of various forms of transitional justice from feminist perspective, cooperation with similar organizations through joint actions (campaigns, consultative meetings).

VISITING THE PLACES OF CRIMES COMMITTED IN OUR NAME

During the reporting period Women in Black visited:

- *Bela Reka, Serbia, 5th of October*: **15** activists of Women in Black Network, as well as two activists from Women's Alliance Srebrenica and mother Meira Dautovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), participated in the commemoration to Dragan Jakovljevic from Bela Reka village, near Sabac, organized by his family.
- *Lovas/Croatia, 18th of October,*
- *Sjeverin/Serbia, 22nd of October*
- *Tuzla/Bosnia and Herzegovina, 11th of November,*
- *Vukovar/Croatia, 19th of November*

(Other details are listed in the part Commemorations/marking important dates of crimes committed in our name).





WOMEN SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE IMPUNITY FOR WAR CRIMES:

Actions of women's solidarity-feminist ethics of care and responsibility, acts of mutual support, exchange and cooperation in the region, aimed at building peace with justice. Our main focus is on exchanges and support to victims of crimes committed in our name, as well as victims/survivors of crimes against civilians of Serbian nationality:

5th of October and 28th of November, Bela Reka, Serbia: Visit to Jakovljevic family whose son Dragan (together with Drazen Milovanovic from Paracin) was killed in 2004 in the barracks of Topcider (2004), and on that occasion, we expressed solidarity with the parents and relatives of the killed soldiers, supporting their quest for the truth regarding death of the two young men.

4-7th of October, Belgrade: Visit of Women in Black to Mother Meira Dautovic, Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Her children Edna and Edvin Dautovic were murdered in 1992 in the concentration camp Omarska held by Serbs (Bosnia and Herzegovina). During the visit we organized numerous activities-lectures, seminars, visits...



18th of October, Lovas, Croatia: the meeting with families of the victims as well as with citizens of Lovas in the local Cultural Centre

11th and 12th of November, Tuzla/Lukavac, Bosnia and Herzegovina: After the peaceful protest in the Genocide Square in Tuzla, **30** women (Women in Black Serbian Network from Belgrade, Leskovac, Krusevac, Pljevlja-Montenegro) together with relatives of the two soldiers killed in Topcider, we had a two-day meeting in Lukavac during which, among other things, as part of women's solidarity for just peace, we heard testimonies about the suffering they went through, but also their resistance, and we agreed on joint actions in the coming period



19th of November, Vukovar, Croatia: meeting with families-relatives of the victims of crimes in Vukovar, with the association 'Vukovar's mothers' and citizens in the Workers' House.



Punishment of Crime - the path toward just peace: monitoring the trials in the Special Court – this is done at the War Crimes Court in Belgrade.

During the reporting period, the following trials were monitored:

Trial for crime in Cuska/Kosovo: On 14th of May 1999, during the armed conflict in Kosovo between the Liberation Army of Kosovo and the Serb police and military forces, nine members of the 'Jackals' unit executed at least forty three (43) civilians of Albanian nationality in the village of Cuska, in the Pec municipality. Since the very beginning of the trial, which started on 20th of December, 2010, Women in Black have attended all the hearings, and in this reporting period there were **13** hearings.

September: 23, 24, and 25.

October: 16

November: 5, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

December: 9, 18 and 20.

The above mentioned hearings were monitored by Milos Urosevic and he reported both to the organizations within Women in Black Network and also to the international networks we cooperate with.

ART ENGAGEMENT IN CONFRONTING THE PAST/ TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

In this reporting period we continued the practice joint activities and cooperation with art troupes, professional theaters, artists engaged on expressing resistance to war, to war crimes, repression and the abuse of human rights through art. Besides those which were mentioned in the chapter 'Street actions', twenty meetings connected to designing and finalizing activist-art actions were organized in this period with the following art troupes: Art Klinika, Skart, Dah Teatar, act Women and Art, concerning joint activities in the reporting period. Operational meetings were held in Belgrade and Novi Sad. We also organized numerous art-activist events (debates, video presentations...) and we took part in the listed activities:

16th of November, Belgrade 'In the honor of war deserters in the territory of ex Yugoslavia': The exhibition dedicated to all forcibly conscripted deserters, first of all in Serbia, was organized by Corrado Salzano, Dah Theater, Nicola Dzafo (Art Clinics), Magnet Group, photographer Srdjan Veljovic, and Women in Black. This artistic event was held in Inex, cultural center of the film-gallery Inex film.





5th of December, Belgrade: Films of Albanian directors from Kosovo: 'The return' of Blerta Zeqiri from Kosovo (21') and Shkurta (20') of Arzan Kraja. Both of the movies were awarded numerous international awards and after the movies of the Regional women's encounters, women expressed their admiration for the courage of directors to deal not only with the disappearance of the people but also with the patriarchal mentality of the Kosovo community.

5th of December, Belgrade, the first night of the play 'The presence of the absence' Dah Theater: The theatre performance deals with the crimes of the missing persons in the territory of ex Yugoslavia and the whole world, relying on authentic testimonies of the families, first of all their female relatives, many of whom were present at the premiere and at the Regional Women's Encounters (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo and Serbia) organized by Women in Black and Dah Theater (5th, 6th and 7th of December).



6th of December, Belgrade, 'Women and borders': art-activist collective Act Women have organized an exhibition and performance on the occasion of the Day against female foeticide and within 16 days of activism combating violence against women. The event was organized in Rex Cultural center and was attended by thirty participants of the Regional Women's Encounters.



24th of December, Belgrade- 'My life without me': promotion of the book written by Jasmina Tesanovic, writer and Women in Black activist. The event took place in the Cultural Center Grad.

26th of December, Center for asylum seekers/Bogovadja - 'Solidarity with asylum seekers': Artistic program organized by civil society organizations (484 Group, Reconstruction Women's Fund, Rex Cultural center) and art troupes (Skart, Act Women, Ljubica Duvnjak-artist) in the center for asylum seekers in Bogovadja, 70km away from Belgrade.





VIDEO ACTIVISM: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - FEMINIST APPROACH

With the aim of improving the visibility of the effect of various transitional justice models, especially the one conceived from the feminist prospective, promoted by Women in Black. During 2010, a group of activists was formed and was trained for shooting, editing, digitalization and posting on the internet of audio and video materials, collected during regular activities of Women in Black, so that they could, in the form of short movies, become available to wider publicity.

The group coordinators are Marija Vidic and Goran Lazin, in cooperation with Marija Arandjelovic, Zinaida Marjanovic and other Women in Black activists. In this reporting period the group finalized the following materials:

Campaign-Proclaim! (4.39'): the movie shows the opening of the exhibition 'Labyrinth' and the protest vigil with the demand of the authorities to declare 11th of July the Srebrenica Genocide Memorial Day.

Women in Black and refugees (4.49'): the movie shows Women in Black work in the refugee camps during the 1990's, as well as coercive conscription of the refugees. It is based on the movie of Women in Black TV Arte.

Stop the war in Syria (2.35'): Women in Black action against the war in Syria (18th of September, 2013).

Stross Khan out of Serbia (3'): The movie shows Women in Black action as of 2nd of October 2013 and against the appointment of Stross Khan as the economic counselor of Serbian authorities.

Visiting places where crimes were committed-Lovas (2.30') the movie shows the visit of Women in Black to Lovas and their attendance of the commemoration in Lovas.

The garden full of women's hope (32'): the movie speaks of the experience of Women's commission for the truth and historical memory in Columbia, initiated by the network Ruta pacifika/Women peace route. In this movie were presented experiences of Women's commission for the truth and historical memory, testimonies of women from all over Columbia, women's solidarity in fight for the justice, contribution of women victims to feminist justice concept. Translation and subtitling were made by the video-activism group of Women in Black.

'Women we do not forget' (4'): the movie shows scene action (Women in Black Spain/Seville) of the activists who denounce the crimes against women victims of the terror during Franco's regime in Spain, the movie is a tribute to women rebellion and the continuity of women's struggle for the historical memory.

We will never forget the crimes committed in Vukovar (3.35'): the movie shows vigil and performance organized by Women in Black in commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the atrocities committed in Vukovar.

Stop femicide (6.35') the movie shows the vigil and the performance organized by Women in Black on 6th of December-Day of fight against femicide.

Antifascism (4.20'): video clip made of photos of Women in Black antifascist action. Two versions of the movie were made with two different music soundtracks.

Antifascism - my choice (3.40'): the movie shows action of signing the Antifa Manifest organized by Serbian Antifascist Alliance, ARTIE-Center for the promotion of culture, art and design and Women in Black.





WOMEN'S COURT FEMINIST APPROACH TO JUSTICE

Late in 2010, members of seven feminist organizations from the former Yugoslavia launched the initiative for the setting up of a Women's Court in the area of the former Yugoslavia. The Organizational Committee of the Women's Court is made up of the following organizations: the Foundation Cure, Sarajevo, Women's Forum, Bratunac and the Movement of mothers of the enclaves of Žepa and Srebrenica, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Anima, Kotor (Montenegro); Women Studies Centre and Centre for Women Victims of War, from Zagreb (Croatia), Kosovo Women Network; Council for Gender Equality, Skopje (Macedonia); Women's Lobby, Ljubljana (Slovenia); Women in Black and Women Studies, Belgrade (Serbia).

Women in Black are responsible for program activities, and we arrange and coordinate all activities with organizations of the Organizational Board.

This report mostly concentrates on activities implemented in Serbia, as well as activities implemented together with partner organizations. Activities implemented in other former Yugoslav republics are represented inasmuch as Women in Black have received information about them from other Women's Court Organizational Board organizations.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Women's Court we invite you to visit www.zeneucrnom.org or www.zenskisud.org (this one is specifically about the Women's Court).

In the time period covered by this report the following activities were implemented:

I Educational activities - seminars, public debates, public presentations within the process of organizing Women's Court-feminist approach to justice

1. Seminars-held in Montenegro and Serbia, 32 persons in total took part, mostly women:

25th and 26th of October, Kotor/Montenegro: 18 activists took part, coming from the following cities in Montenegro: Kotor, Cetinje, Niksic, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje, Rozaje, Herceg Novi, Ulcinj and Pljevlja. The seminar was held in House of free thought, Kavac. The group consisted of women who have been involved in Women's Court activities so far, but also of new women who joined them.

- **(25th of October):** We discussed the actual situation of women's movement in Montenegro, its perspectives and possibilities of joint actions of women's groups.
- **(26th of October):** Stasa Zajovic held lectures and workshops: **1.** lecture on Uruguay: political, socio-economic context, societal movements (against impunity, association of families of the missing persons, the policy of reparations in now days Uruguay...), **2.** 'None of the women should be battle field' -XVI International Conference of International Network of Women in Black, Montevideo, Uruguay, 19th-24th of August, 2013 dedicated to issues relevant to the process of organizing of Women's Court



for ex Yugoslavia: Not in our name-ethical principles of Global Women in Black Network, Combating impunity-the struggle for justice and reparations (Congo, Guatemala, Spain, Argentina, Serbia), Feminist approach to justice-international experience: on Women's commission for truth and reparations in Columbia, **3.** Projection of documentaries-struggle of women's groups for peace and justice, Joint dreams (Argentina), Find the name for it (Congo), We remember-20 years of crimes against women in Bosnia and Herzegovina-Group for video-activism of Women in Black, Women we do not forget-Spain (Women in Black, Seville) and Garden full of women's hope-on Women's commission in Columbia. The movies were followed by a discussion.

1st of November, Novi Sad: Seminar organized by Women in Black, Belgrade, held in premises of Civil Centre of Vojvodina. It was attended by **14** persons from Novi Sad and Belgrade.

2. Public presentations-Women's Court

The public presentations represent the part of research-activist process aimed at collecting information, suggestions regarding the phenomenon and concept of justice and selection of the issues for Women's Court. Public presentations were held in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

- **25th of October, Zenica,** Initiative for Women's Court were presented by: Nela Pamukovic, Renata Cuk, Nada Petrovic and Marijana Senjak in the premises of *Infoteka-Women's Informative and document Centre of Zenica*, and during the informal meeting of the feminist network dealing with problem of war rape. This Public presentation was attended by **24** women from Zenica, Sarajevo, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Sibenik, Cologne, Hamburg, London, New Zealand, Tuzla and Belgrade). The meeting was organized after the conference of Medica Zenica for their 20th anniversary, therefore there were participants from all over the world. They wanted to be informed regarding the process of Women's Court organizing, activities conducted so far, plans in the coming period, etc.
- **17th of November, Zagreb:** Within Vox Feminae festival, and after the projection of Jasmina Zbanic's movie-`For those who can speak`, in Europe cinema, a discussion was held with the director of `Justice for those who can speak.` There was also a short presentation of Women's Court initiative by Rada Boric and Paula Zore.
- **25th of November, Zagreb:** The presentation was organized by lesbian group Kontra, in the premises of LGBT Centre, attended by **7** persons. Moderators were Sanda Brumen and Nela Pamukovic. That was the **29th** public presentation which was organized by Women's Court Initiative Board by members from Croatia, in 2011.

3. Public debates Gender and Nation, Montenegro: from 25th of November until 10th of December, six (**6**) panels were held, in six (**6**) cities:(Bar, Bijelo Polje, Budva, Pljevlja, Podgorica and Niksic) which were attended by a total of **179** persons, (13 men and 166 women).

- 26th November, Pljevlja, NGO Bona Fide, 48 persons,
- 27th November, Bijelo Polje, NGO Strong Mama, 36 persons,
- 28th November, Niksic, NGO Women Voters League, 40 persons,
- 29th November, Podgorica, NGO Anima, 17 persons



- 6th December, Bar, NGO Heegar, 18 persons,
- 10th December, Budva, NGO Anima, 20 persons.

4. Documentary and feature movies projections: This educational program consists of documentaries and featuring movies projections regarding women`s experiences, as well as experiences of women`s groups and networks connected to violence against women etc. After projections discussions were organized about movies and the initiative for organizing the Women`s Court-feminist approach to justice.

In this period a movie projection was held in Nis, on 28th September, in the premises of Women`s Space. This movie `Polling spirits` (63`) follows the life story of two women-Nusreta Sivic and Jadranka Cigelj, who survived in the concentration camp Omarska during Serb aggression on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

II Operational consultative meetings

In accordance with feminist codex in organizing the Women`s Court, which implies democratic distribution of knowledge and a process of joint reflection, those encounters are the part of the democratic process. During those meetings we analyze the results of activities implemented so far, define future steps in the process of comprehension and creation of justice from the feminist prospective. In accordance with feminist ethics of organizing the process of Women`s Court, besides joint operational consultative meetings, we initiated numerous forms of work on the level of countries, regular operational meetings, workshops, meetings of the legal team, focus groups discussions, roundtable discussions, etc. In this report of all the activities in Serbia were listed first, as well as those that were reported by partner organizations from all the successor countries of ex Yugoslavia:

1. Organizing Board of Women`s Court-regional working meetings of the members of Women`s Court Initiative Board

In this period were held meetings of Women`s Court Initiative Board:

- 27th and 28th September in Tivat, Montenegro
- 23^d and 24th November, Zagreb/Sljeme, Croatia
- 22nd and 23rd December, Bosnia and Herzegovina



On the meetings of Women`s Court Initiative Board the activities from the previous period are analysed, as well as challenges, difficulties and joint activities are agreed for the coming period.

2. Regular working meetings - Women`s Court Initiative Board organizers, creation of support groups with-in civil society, legal team meetings...

Three meetings of Women`s Court Initiative Board organizers were held in Zagreb (2nd, 9th and 10th December).

22nd October in Priboj, Serbia: Meeting of `Women activism-peace building` arose from the need of activists in the field and issues concerning civil society, Serbian Women in Black Network, introducing with activities of



Women's Court, their inclusion in the process itself and joint agreements were addressed. It was organized by Women in Black from Belgrade and NGO Women's Voice from Priboj.

3. Regular working meetings connected to Women's Court-In this reporting period in the premises of Women in Black we held meetings every Thursday, attended by members of the coordinating team of Women in Black, and occasionally joined by members of Women Studies from Belgrade. During those meetings information is exchanged, reflections, dilemmas, the results of conducted activities are being analyzed, new activities are agreed and defined, etc. Usually five or ten members of the coordinating team take part.

4. Joint reflection of the feminist approach to justice in the process of organizing of Women's Court-meeting of moderators of educational activities in Serbia.

14th of September, Vrnjaska Banja: the meeting with activists of Serbian Women in Black Network, who are involved in the activities of the process of organizing of the Women's Court. The meeting was attended by **10** activists from: Belgrade, Kraljevo, Novi Becej, Leskovac, Pirot, Dimitrovgrad, Krusevac, Sombor.



13th and 14th of December, Belgrade: The meeting of coordinators of educational activities for Women's Court-feminist approach to justice. The meeting was attended by: **15** activists from: Belgrade, Novi Becej, Krusevac, Kraljevo, Vlasotince, Leskovac, Pirot, Dimitrovgrad and Nis. The meeting consisted of several segments: a short review of the regional process of Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, the plan of future activities on the regional level (for 2014), international experiences of women-alternative models of justice-Women's Commission/Columbia, followed by the above mentioned movie projection-'Garden full of women's hope,' feminist approach to justice, joint reflection of feminist approach to justice and the process of organizing of Women's Court (analysis of feminist codex, feminist policy and perspectives of work on organizing Women's Court, the significance of feminist perspective in the process of Women's Court from the point of view of moderators-organizers, impact and lessons learned of the attendants of working groups, challenges, problems, etc. During the meeting, reports were presented regarding Women's Court process in Serbia, public presentations, movie projections, feminist ethics of care-meetings with potential witnesses, discussion on challenges in the field, individual testimonies-discussion on experiences in the filed, plan of future activities in organizing the Women's Court in Serbia and on the regional level in 2014.





III Creation of support groups-experts for Women`s Court

22nd and 23^d of November, Sljeme/Zagreb: the meeting of the Regional Organizing Board with Women`s Court experts. The meeting was attended by **24** activists and experts from **12** cities and **6** countries. Besides the Organizing Board of the Women`s Court, the participants of the meeting of experts were: Sabiha Husic (Medica, Zenica), Teufika Ibrahimfendic (Viva zene, Tuzla), Jasmina Husanovic (University of Tuzla, Tuzla), Dr Janja Bec (sociologist, professor, Belgrade), Nada Raduski (demographer, Belgrade), prof. Dr Rada Ivekovic (philosopher, Paris), prof. Dr Svetlana Slapsak (anthropologist, Ljubljana/Belgrade), Jelena Milic (director in Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Belgrade), Gorana Mlinarevic (expert for feminist and societal-legal researches, Sarajevo), Marijana Senjak (psychotherapist, Zagreb), prof. Dr Fuada Stankovic (economist, Novi Sad), Jagoda Milidrag Smit (union activist, Zagreb) and Nela Porobic (WILPF, Sarajevo).

The meeting lasted for two days and the following program was adopted:

I session - ethnic based violence: panelists: Dr Janja Bec (sociologist, Pancevo), Dr Nada Raduski (sociologist, Belgrade), and prof. Dr Jasmina Husanovic (culturologist, Tuzla), moderator Rada Boric.

II session - military violence: Jelena Milic (director in Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Belgrade) and Stasa Zajovic, Women in Black, Belgrade, moderator Rada Boric.

III session – Continuum of gender based violence: panellists Gorana Mlinarevic (expert for feminist and societal-legal researches, Sarajevo), Marijana Senjak (psychotherapist, Zagreb), Teufika Ibrahimfendic (Viva zene, Tuzla), sociology master Sabiha Husic (psychotherapist, Zenica), moderator Nela Pamukovic.

IV session-economic violence over women: prof. Dr Fuada Stankovic (economist, Novi Sad) and Jagoda Milidrag Smit (Zagreb), moderator Ljupka Kovacevic.

V session-General political context: panellists were prof. Dr Rada Ivekovic (philosopher, Paris), prof Dr Svetlana Slapsak (anthropologist, Ljubljana/Belgrade), Dasa Duhacek as moderator.

IV final session: Agreements, moderated by Rada Boric and Stasa Zajovic.

Besides those joint meetings, numerous operational meetings with certain experts were held in this reporting period, in order to foster mutual support between activists and experts.

IV Focus-discussion groups: Montenegro

The aim of those focus groups is collecting `CV`s` of women who have lost their jobs, including in the process of Women`s Court as potential witnesses on Women`s Court and providing psychosocial support. Groups were formed in cooperation with the Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro in three (3) cities and with the presence of 19 women:

- Cetinje, 3rd October: Municipal Assembly, 5 women attended,





- *Herceg Novi, 8th October*: in the premises of Union of Free Trade Unions of Meljine hospital, 7 women attended
- *Bar, 8th October*: in the premises of Union of Free Trade Unions 7 women attended

V Feminist-ethics of care-support for potential witnesses (Serbia and Montenegro)

1. Regional meeting with potential witnesses

Tivat, Montenegro, 26th-29th September: the three-day workshop was attended by **29** women: twenty (20) potential witnesses from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Serbia, as well as nine (9) members of the Regional Organizing Board of the Women's Court. The workshop was conducted by *Marijana Senjak* (Zagreb), psychotherapist with years of experience in working with PTSP in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia and *Ljupka Kovacevic* (Kotor), psychotherapist with working experience in Montenegro. This was the first regional workshop with potential witnesses and the next one is scheduled for January 2014.

2. Meetings with potential witnesses-in Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia and Macedonia

Vrnjacka Banja, 12th and 13th September: The meeting with potential witnesses for the Women's Court, attended by **17** women (14 women who have applied during the process of organizing of Women's Court). Certain issues were discussed at the meeting: Feminist ethics of care-support for the potential witnesses, Solidarity in practice-support for the victims of war, military violence during and after the war, Women in Black activities in refugee camps and support for the displaced, women as subjects of justice and joint agreement on preparations of witnesses in Serbia.

Pirot, 28th October: The meeting was held in the premises of *Women of the South*, attended by thirteen (13) activists from Pirot, Dimitrovgrad and Belgrade. Coordinators of discussion were Ivana Vitas and Marija Perkovic.

Belgrade, 6th and 7th December: The meeting was held in the premises of Women in Black, attended by 31 activists, those from Women in Black Network: Belgrade, Zrenjanin, Leskovac, Priboj, Novi Becej, Mladenovac, Kraljevo, Krusevac, Dimitrovgrad, Bela Reka, as well as three activists from the Association of Women from Zvornik and ten activists from Djulici. At this meeting on 7th of December, it was decided that the second regional meeting of potential witnesses would be attended by six (**6**) women from Serbia, who have survived military, ethnic and economic violence, during and in the post-war period.



Kotor, 7th December: 15 women attended this meeting as well as one man. The information was exchanged and decisions of the expert meetings, (Zagreb, November) as well as other plans on the regional level. It was decided that **4** women as potential witnesses who have survived various types of violence (economic, ethnic and military) would attend the second regional meeting in Lipik/Croatia.

Skopje, 21st and 22nd December: At the meeting with potential witnesses for Women's Court in Macedonia, **20** women attended coming from **8** cities (Stip, Kavadarci, Struga, Ohrid, Tetovo, Kumanovo, Veles and Skopje), besides the exchanges regarding the process of organizing Women's Court conducted so far in Macedonia and the whole region, women have witnessed violence and injustice and have decided on potential witnesses



for the second encounter of potential witnesses for the whole region (Lipik, January 2014). This meeting was coordinated by: Ljupka Kovacevic (Anima, Kotor), and Savka Todorovska (Council for Gender Equality, Skopje).

3. Individual conversations with potential witnesses-Serbia

At the meeting of potential witnesses held on 12th and 13th of September, as well as at the next meeting of the coordinating team of Women in Black Network for Women's Court, held on 14th September, 2013, it was agreed that a Guide for interviews with potential witnesses for Women's Court should be made. Namely, during the process of organizing the Women's Court, it became clear that numerous women are not ready yet to testify within educational activities (Public presentations, movie projections, etc). With the purpose of overcoming trauma caused by numerous injustices the women have suffered, and due to the fact that they find it impossible to speak up publicly, it was concluded that in the forthcoming period it is necessary to encourage personal contacts with potential witnesses. During September and October 2013, the *Guide for interviews with potential witnesses* for Women's Court was prepared. In order to prepare it we used our experiences from field work, as well as the experiences of *Women's Commission for truth*, initiated by Ruta pacifika/Peace path from Columbia.

During November and December 2013, a pilot study was conducted, and also five (5) individual testimonies in Belgrade (1), southeast Serbia (3) and Bela Reka (southwest Serbia). Women's testimonies show that they have at the same time suffered various types of violence, but first of all military, economic, sexual and ethnic violence. Since the modest sample was really important, it was agreed that work on individual testimonies should be continued.

4. Individual therapeutic work with potential witnesses-Croatia

Center for Women Studies, Center for Women Victims of War and Civil Action from Porec, with the support of therapist Marijana Senjak, organize individual consultations, both with women who have participated as witnesses in the process of Women's Court, as well as with new potential witnesses.

VI Artistic and activist engagement

Developing and strengthening of feminist responsibility, as well as non-violent resistance to all kinds of discrimination and exploitation. We cite street actions connected to issues tackled during process of organizing of Women's Court.

1. Street actions: Actions organized in Serbia are already listed in this report of ours, so we are listing only those organized by activists in Montenegro: *We say no to it*, 9th of November: International Day of combating fascism and anti-Semitism. Nine persons were involved in this performance in Kotor.

2. Visiting places where crimes were committed in our name: This activity of Women in Black is already listed in this report.

3. Engaged art and facing the past

Dah Theater in cooperation with Women in Black have organized Regional meeting of women from Serbia and region. The meeting attended Women in Black activists from Serbia and Montenegro, potential witnesses for Women's Court from Serbia, members of the association of victims/survived and missing persons



from Bosnia and Herzegovina (Zvornik, Djulici, Tuzla), refugees, displaced, and missing persons from Kosovo, members of art collectives from Kosovo, Serbia, Poland, Sweden. During three days we spent time together walking around Belgrade and sharing reflection, laugh, tears and planning together for fifty women.

Beside the above mentioned movies of Albanian directors from Kosovo, participants of this meeting had a chance to see more documentaries:

Movie from Argentina *'Joint dreams'* (21'). This documentary was made on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the famous women organization for peace and justice in Argentina-Mothers from May Square. The movie shows the reasons for establishing this kind of organizations: searching for missing sons and daughters during military dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983), combating impunity as well as huge strides the mothers have made in education, social justice and historical memory.

'The women we do not forget' (4'): the movie shows scene action (Women in Black, Seville/Spain), an activist who discloses crimes over women terror victims during dictatorship of Franco in Spain, it is a recognition to rebel women and continuity of women's fight for historical memory.

'They have left an imprint on all of us-We will never forget the Srebrenica Genocide' (11'): film on scene action in Belgrade on 10th of July, 2013 which have organized Women in Black cooperating with Dah Theater, Art Clinic and Skart group.

The first night of the theater piece *'The presence of absence'* held on 5th December, has already been described in this report.

VII Video-activism - beside the already listed video materials (October-December 2013) in the course of September, the following were also made:

'They have left an imprint on all of us-We will never forget the Srebrenica Genocide' (11.11'). Movie on scene action in Belgrade on 10th of July, 2013, organized by Women in Black in cooperation with Dah Theater, Art Clinics, and Skart group. It is prepared in English language.

Commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the closing down of the Omarska concentration camp (5,44'): the movie shows a discussion in front of ex-concentration camp Trnopolje, on 5th of August, as well as award ceremony when Women in Black were awarded for combating the denial of genocide.

VII Publishing activity

The aim is deepening knowledge needed for the process of organizing of Women's Court-feminist approach to justice: transcripts, manuals, brochures, etc.

In this reporting period, out of publishing units, Women in Black have prepared for publishing listed materials, as photocopies and in restricted number due to lack of means:

- *Support for war victims-support for refugees and displaced* (Women in Black and solidarity actions with victims in Serbia). The brochure has five chapters: work in refugee camps in Serbia, Krajina, Kosovo, military violence in war and post-war period (Serbian Radio Television and Topcider) and politically assembled trials-for the victims of regime of Slobodan Milosevic. It consists of 43 pages.



- *Transcript of the meeting Support to potential witnesses for Women`s Court in Tivat*, 29 pages
- *Transcript of the meeting with experts for Women`s Court in Zagreb*, 35 pages
- *Brochure Ethnic violence against women-process of organizing of the Women`s Court* (for the experts meeting), 85 pages,
- *Brochure Military violence against women-process of organizing the Women`s Court* (for the experts' meeting), 118 pages

In this period the following leaflets were also made: On process of organizing Women`s Court in Serbia (February-September) 2013, Legal regulations on war rape and support to victims of war-support to refugees and displaced persons (Women in Black and actions of solidarity with victims in Serbia).

WOMEN, PEACE, SECURITY FEMINIST-ANTIMILITARY APPROACH

As part of our continual work on feminist-antimilitary approach to security and UN 1325 Resolution (Women, peace, security), we have initiated numerous and various programs.

I Educational activities: `Gendering of human security-toward feminist security`

Autonomous Women`s Centre, ASTRA/Anti-trafficking centre and Women in Black from Belgrade implement project `Gender perspective of human security.` The purpose of the whole project is promotion of peace, human security, women human rights, protection from gender based violence through empowering women for cooperation in building coalitions of solidarity and greater participation in peace processes and decision making in accordance with 1325 Resolution `Women, peace, security.` This 18-month program started in September 2013 and consists of the following segments:

1. `Women build peace together`-Regional peace encounters are intended for joint reflection of women`s role in peace building, further strengthening of women`s solidarity, cooperation and mutual support, exchange and fellowship, with the aim of building peace with justice and human security in the region, four regional peace encounters have been planned in this reporting period, the following having been completed so far:

11th and 12th of November, Lukavac near Tuzla: Organized by Women in Black from Belgrade and Association of citizens `Srebrenica`s Women` from Tuzla. The encounter attended 30 women and one man from: Tuzla (Simin han, Slavinici), Srebrenica, Zivinice, Vlasenica, Potocari, Bajramovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as well as Women in Black Network activists (Belgrade, Leskovac, Krusevac), Pljevlja (Montenegro). The participants are the activists of the Association of Victims/Survivors from the territory of Srebrenica and Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as well as Women in Black Serbian Network. During the encounter were held workshops, lectures, documentary film projections:



- *Coexistence in diversity*-dynamic exercise, workshop, lecture on coexistence, differences, tolerance
- *Engaged women's art-documentaries* on the struggle for equality, solidarity, mutual support, gender dimension of security-we showed video materials from different parts of the world (Iran, Turkey, Serbia)
- *Equal but different*-getting acquainted with others, various cultural customs-a dynamic exercise aiming to introduce differences as challenges, exchange, cultural treasure
- *'What would happen if there...I dream of a different world'*-workshop during which participants expressed their vision of a different world
- *Building peace through women's solidarity*: Women in Black actions in commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide (Srebrenica-peace activism-activist cycling-peace march from Belgrade to Srebrenica, protests in Sabac and Loznica, exhibition 'Memory and responsibility' in Belgrade, continuation of the campaign '11th of July-Remembrance Day of the Srebrenica genocide - to be proclaimed!,' scene action 'They have left an imprint on us-We will never forget the Srebrenica genocide,' agreement on joint regional actions for just peace, etc. Moderators were: Ljiljana Radovanovic, Stasa Zajovic, and facilitators: Borka Vasic, Danica Pupovac, Violeta Djikanovic (Women in Black, Belgrade), Ivana Ristic and Milka Rosic (Women for peace, Leskovac, all of them are Women in Black Serbian Network activists).



2. Training for instructors of educational program-`Engendering of human security-to feminist security`:

The purpose of this educational activity is to introduce civil society activists, of different generations, ethnic, social, educational affiliation and sexual preferences to the phenomena, content and significance of human security, especially security from the gender perspective of active participation in peace building, on 15th and 16th of November, Radmilovac, near Belgrade. Eleven (11) women were involved in the training and one (1) man from seven civil society organizations within Women in Black Network and Network of women against violence in Serbia, who deal with questions of violence against women, labor rights of women, Roma women, women human rights, peace and security. During this training session, educational material was distributed to the participants: a manual for educational activities 'Engendering of human security-towards feminist security' and together with moderators the activists participated in selection of the whole material for the field work, during which will be finalized ten (10) seminars lasting one day all over Serbia. Moderators were Stasa Zajovic and Gordana Subotic. Borka Vasic and Diana Miladinovic -Women in Black activists - were involved in the preparation of materials.

II Communication with institutions of Republic of Serbia which are the competent ones, for the implementation of National Action Plan for 1325 Resolution:

10th of October, Belgrade: conference in the National Assembly of Republic of Serbia 'Independent monitoring and reporting on implementation of National Action Plan for 1325 Resolution -Women, peace and security in Serbia.'

During the panel 'Achievements and challenges in the implementation of National Action Plan for 1325 Resolution in Serbia' the findings of Belgrade Centre for security policy and of results of preparations of its



implementation (Sonja Stojanovic-Gajic and Maja Bjelos), while the report was presented by Gordana Subotic on behalf of Women in Black, Stasa Zajovic and Diana Miladinovic-Zeba took part in the debate.

III Participation at international, regional and local conferences, seminars connected to human security and 1325 Resolution:

- 31st of October, New York, USA: In the Canadian mission to the UN, Gordana Subotic from Women in Black presented the report on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Co-authors of monitoring, besides Women in Black are the Humanitarian Law Fund, the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy and the Autonomous Women Centre. Gordana Subotic spoke about reintegration and rehabilitation programs for those involved in armed conflicts, sexual and gender rooted violence during wars in ex Yugoslavia, reparations for victims of sexual crimes, court decisions and femicide, laws which protect women and its implementation in Serbia.

IV Newsletter on 1325 Resolution: By publishing our Newsletter as of June 2011, we want to contribute to a better informed readership upon UN security resolutions, demilitarisation, greater influence of women on post-conflict resolution, first of all in Serbia, but in the west Balkans as well, and broader. The Newsletter also deals with reconsideration of the traditional concepts of national security, reform of security, gender dimension of security, security integrations. It consists of the following chapters: Women in Black and 1325 Resolution, Women in Black activities on demilitarisation of human security, Serbia-1325 Resolution and security integrations, experiences of the world, reflections on security questions from feminist-antimilitary prospective and announcement of the event. The Newsletter is published monthly in Serbian and English language. In electronic form, it is available on the internet pages www.zeneucrnom.org. Since its beginning (2011) it was edited by Tamara Kaliterna, in between September and October 2013. However, it was discontinued due to the deterioration of health of Tamara Kaliterna, who passed away in December 2013, which is heavy and irreparable loss for us and civil society in general, both in Serbia and the region.

V Publishing activities: In this period were published:

`Gendering human security-to feminist security` - Manual for educational activities (50 pages) prepared by Stasa Zajovic in cooperation with Gordana Subotic, Borka Vasic, Diana Miladinovic. This draft version of the mentioned Manual consists of detailed description of those activities as well as a Glossary with 157 relevant terms related to human rights, security, multiculturalism/interculturalism. Its purpose is to be a useful guide for better comprehension and later transfer of knowledge in the field connected to issues on the whole, related to this educational activity. The final version will be published in 2014, prepared by Stasa Zajovic.

Independent monitoring of 1325 Resolution implementation in Serbia-2013: Results of the research and monitoring of the indicators of Women in Black group until January 2013. This `shadow report` has 268 pages, Gordana Subotic is the editor.





NETWORKS, COALITIONS MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Women in Black are the initiators or active participants of numerous regional networks, coalitions and alliances, active participants in the activities of similar organizations, in order to strengthen mutual support, solidarity of civil society and democracy in Serbia and whole region.

In this period were finalized numerous activities of which we select listed:

Serbian Women in Black Network: Women peace network within which activist groups and individuals from all over Serbia are active, the network has working meetings during which joint actions are agreed and in this period beside the above listed joint activities, listed working meetings were held:

Vrnjacka Banja, since 13th until 15th of September: The meeting was attended by 61 members of Women in Black out of 15 Serbian cities: Belgrade, Nis, Topola, Zrenjanin, Leskovac, Kraljevo, Sombor, Krusevac, Novi Becej, Pancevo, Presevo, Bajina Basta, Dimitrovgrad, Pirot, Novi Sad, and 7 cities from the region: Tuzla, Bratunac, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Hercegovina), Zagreb (Croatia), Kotor, Bijelo Polje, Pljevlja (Montenegro), as well as representatives of Kvinna till Kvinna, International Criminal Court for ex Yugoslavia and Serbian government office for cooperation with civil society.

The program included the following activities:

- **Civil society in the jaws of the state**-Ivana Cirkovic on behalf of Serbian government office for cooperation with civil society and Kristina Todorovic, a lawyer from Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights. Jelena Cakic moderated the discussion.
- **Controversies of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (the Hague Tribunal) in the light of recent judgments.** Morgiana Brading from The Secretariat of the Hague Tribunal in Belgrade took part in this session. The moderator of discussion was Stasa Zajovic.
- **Feminist reading circle**-Two dramas were presented: 'The workers die singing' and 'National drama' directed by Belgrade playwright, theatre critic and writer Olga Dimitrijevic, who lectures on movie, theatre and queer. Moderators were Snezana Tabacki and Jelena Memet, and the author was invited as a guest and answered the questions.
- **Identity, class and women's question in turbo and pop-folk culture**-debate on political, social, class and gender aspect of turbo-pop music and media culture, with accent on actual theoretical, cultural, and activist controversial connected to this phenomena. Ivana Kronja, Olga Dimitrijevic and Dragan Jovanovic participated in the debate, and Miroslava Malesevic provided her written contribution. Ivana Kronja moderated this debate.
- **On peace activism in Serbia and the region**-*peace activism and activist cycling*, Vladimir Jevtic and Nadja Duhacek spoke and Marijana Stojcic moderated.



- **Feminist internationalism**-on International Women in Black encounter in Montevideo (Uruguay), held on 19th until 24th of August, 2013. Stasa Zajovic reported about it and Sofia Vrbaski spoke of her visit to refugee camps in Syria during the spring of 2013.
- **On autonomy and fellowship**-activists from numerous groups of Women in Black Network, but from new organizations in Serbia and the region as well, presented their activities which were conducted in their communities, on their own or supported by the Network. This part of the meeting was coordinated by Ivana Ristic.
- Agreements on joint activities in the future.

(integral report of this Network meeting-20 pages may be found on Women in Black site)



In this reporting period were held numerous meetings of focus groups regarding issues Women in Black are concerned with (Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, feminist-antimilitary approach to security, video-activism, artistic engagement in facing the past..) which have already been elaborated in the previous chapters.

Bulletin `Solidarity is our strength/Solidarnost je naša snaga`: Bulletin on international solidarity campaigns in which Women in Black are involved. It is published every second month, but the material for the Bulletin is collected every day. These are campaigns of international organizations which are dealing with the protection of human rights-such as Amnesty International, Women Living Under Muslim Law, CODE PINK, Human Rights Defenders, etc. The campaigns are related to pressure on international institutions of a certain country, with the purpose to save the lives of human rights defenders and but can also be related to the preservation of the environment and other societal issues. We are calling you to get involved in campaigns of solidarity and mutual support. The Bulletin is coordinated by: Sasha Kovacevic.

Editorial activities

In addition to the already mentioned publishing units, in the course of this period we also issued the following publications:

Women's Peace Agenda 2014: dedicated to anti-fascism, anti-fascist/anti-racist networks and movements on the international level, anti-fascist resistance in the region, notably in Serbia after 2000. The Agenda for 2014 has 182 pages and it was prepared by Snežana Tabacki and Staša Zajović in cooperation with Gorana Lazin, Miloš Urošević, Ljiljana Radovanović, Violeta Đikanović, Zinaida Marjanović and Srđan Knežević. The layout and design was done by Marija Vidić.

The Women in Black Peace Calendar for 2014: The calendar contains photos from taken during Women in Black street actions, the layout and design was done by Marija Vidić.



Solidarity actions-with members of threatened and disadvantaged minority communities

(on social-class, ethnic-racial, sexual grounds), citizens whose human rights (labour, educational, cultural) are being violated, human rights defenders...

Solidarity with Roma population: against the institutionalized violence over Roma population, for human security and human rights: support and solidarity were continued for the Roma population, who are exposed to forced evictions and other kinds of discrimination:

Zemun polje, November: at that time, violence of non-Roma population and racists escalated and there was no reaction of the authorities and the police, as in previous outburst of national chauvinist organizations. The escalation of threats and fostering of ultra rightists' activities is a consequence of years of impunity for criminals. Civil society organisations met several times in Women in Black premises, visited the mentioned location and demanded of authorities to stop the violence. Borka Vasic, activist, have visited several times Zemun polje in November.

Solidarity with asylum seekers in Serbia-visiting Centre for asylum seekers in Bogovadja 10 and 26th of December:

The violence escalated in November of 2013 and manifested itself through brutal attacks on asylum seekers, through racial, xenophobic, Islamophobic outrage of one part of the population. Beside the already mentioned protest, Women in Black activists, activists of the Roma Women Network from Banat and Reconstruction Women's Fund activists collected humanitarian help for asylum seekers, which was distributed to the Center for asylum seekers in Bogovadja. Asylum seekers testified on brutal repression of society and prosecution by the local population, as well as on the problems with institutions.



Anti-fascist solidarity-trial monitoring for clerical fascist organizations

Trial to Mladen Obradovic, leader of clerical fascist organization 'Honour': He is accused of criminal act of 'racial and other discrimination' during preparations of Pride Parade in 2009 (Criminal Law, article 387). The verdict was pronounced on 6th of September in 2013, when Mladen Obradovic was sentenced to a 8-month prison term for discrimination, spreading of hate talk and inciting violence toward LGBT population.

Mutual support and solidarity: In this period we also participated in numerous initiatives of civil society organized by similar organizations. Here is a list in chronological order of those in which we actively took part (lecturers, panellists...):

21st of September, Zrenjanin 'Anti-war monument-to name it war': Debate organized by Centre for Cultural Decontamination in Belgrade and the association of citizens-Equality. The debate took place in the Cultural Centre Zeleno zvono, Zrenjanin. On behalf of our organisation Marija Perkovic and Borka Vasic were present.

24th-27th of September, Srebrno jezero, Serbia: Meeting of NGO's financed by Swedish foundation Kvinna till Kvinna. During the meeting women's movement key issues in the period from 1980's until now were



discussed, as well as of joint plans, strategies, and challenges for the future. Women in Black activists Ljiljana Radovanovic and Snezana Tabacki were involved in the conference.

27th-29th September, Nis *'The school of remembrance-gathering knowledge on genocide over Roma population and how to fight against anti-Roma behaviour'*: The conference was organized by Women's space (Nis), Forum for Applied History (Belgrade), Roma Centre (Göttingen). The attendants of the conference were activists Borka Vasic and Marija Perkovic.

30th September-6th October, Belgrade *'A week of discussions on perspectives for Balkans'*: International conference held in Centre for cultural decontamination in Belgrade, organized by Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung, and in one part of the conference Tanja Markovic and Marija Perkovic were involved on behalf of Women in Black.

11th October, Belgrade *'presentation of files 125 Motorized Brigade of the Yugoslav Army'*. It was organized by Humanitarian Law Fund on war crimes committed in Kosovo within zone of responsibility of above mentioned unit, which killed 1,813 Albanians from Kosovo, 216 of whom are still missing. Milos Urosevic and Ljiljana Radovanovic attended.

17th October, Belgrade *'Anti-fascist manifest-No to fascism!'*: Presentation of the mentioned manifest against clerical fascist tendencies, historical revisionism in Serbia. At the press conference in the Media Centre and organized by Serbian Antifascist Alliance, the Helsinki Human Rights Committee in Serbia, Women in Black spoke: Aleksandar Kraus, Aleksandar Sekulovic, Goran Babic, Nedim Sejdinovic, Sonja Biserko and Stasa Zajovic.

30th October, Belgrade *'Women's media forum, Ženerama'*: The conference was organized by the Youth Center of Belgrade and Women's info and documentation training centre, where Marija Perkovic spoke of the Women in Black Serbian Network-background and challenges.

9th November, Belgrade *'Stuck in periphery-peripherization process analysis and critique of the transition discourse'*: Debate organized by Center for emancipation policy, held in Youth Center of Belgrade, and Marija Perkovic participated in debate.

8th November, Belgrade *'Media and Constitution changes'*: conference in the office of the Ombudsman organized by Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights. Attended by Ljiljana Radovanovic and Stasa Zajovic.

9th November, Belgrade *'The state without society'*: debate within the project 'To name it war,' organized by the Centre for Cultural Decontamination. Attended by Women in Black activists (Stasa Zajovic, Jovan Pavicevic, Borka Vasic, Ruzica Karalic, Slavica Stanojlovic, Ljiljana Radovanovic and Marija Perkovic).

11th and 12th November, Belgrade *'20th anniversary of Women's Autonomous Centre in Belgrade'*: attended by Women in Black activists-Milos Urosevic, Sasa Kovacevic and Snezana Tabacki.

13th November, Novi Sad *'Lesbian festival, Antifa society'*: organized by lesbian organization from Novi Sad-NLO. Attended by Marija Perkovic.

19th November, Belgrade: encounter of Women in Black and 17 girls from Krusevac, in the premises of Women in Black. On this occasion Women in Black activists discussed women peace policy (Women in Black Network), etc.

19th November, Belgrade *'20-ieth anniversary of Incest trauma Centre'*: the event was organized in Madlenianum in Zemun, and Marija Perkovic and Snezana Tabacki spoke about Serbian Women in Black Network.



7th December, Belgrade, `V Festival of feminist action and culture`: organized by Befem group, with the participation of Milos Urosevic, Nadezda Kostic and Marija Perkovic on behalf of Women in Black.

14th December, Belgrade, `Contribution to critics of actual economic policy in Serbia`: during this debate organized by Centre for emancipation policy, Women in Black activist Marija Perkovic spoke of `the influence of austerity measures on the status of women in Serbia.`

18th December, Belgrade `Bogujevci/visual history`: Opening of the exhibition on the annihilation and crimes against Bogujevci family. Members of Serb armed forces `Scorpions` killed in Podujevo (Kosovo, march 1999) 14 members of Bogujevci and Durici family. Three children of the Bogujevci family (Saranda, Fatos and Jehona) who have survived, spoke of it through art reconstruction of the crime. Opening of the exhibition was attended by ten Women in Black activists.

19th December, Belgrade, `Children after war`: The panel was organized by the Humanitarian Law Fund, and held in the Cultural Centre of Belgrade. It gathered all the survivors of various ethnicities from the territory of ex-Yugoslavia, who were children at the time when crimes were committed over their families. Milos Urosevic participated on behalf of Women in Black.

20th December, Belgrade, `Challenges in human rights protection and support for socially vulnerable groups`: Conference organized by Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, regarding Law on Free Legal Aid and status of human right defenders, etc. Women in Black activists who took part were Gordana Subotic and Ljiljana Radovanovic.

Campaigns, appeals: Besides the mentioned initiatives in this reporting period, we also initiated or actively participated in numerous campaigns, first of all connected with confronting the past-accountability for war crimes, demilitarization, against repression over political dissidents. These are some of our appeals and campaigns:

Against Stross Khan as economic counselor of the Serbian authorities: Women in Black demanded that the Serbian authorities not appoint as their counselor the former CEO of the International Monetary Fund, since Stross Khan is a sex assault perpetrator. `Because by this decision, they are sending the message to all citizens of Serbia that sexual violence, as well as men violence against women, is allowed and goes unpunished,` etc. This appeal was joined by 40 Serbian civil society organizations.

STOP the impunity-global campaign for the abolishment of immunity for the members of UN peace mission: International campaign was initiated on thirteenth anniversary of UN 1325 Resolution-`Women, peace, security.` On XVI International Women in Black conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, held on 19th until 24th 2013, it was decided that Women in Black as an international feminist and antimilitary movement would launch the above mentioned campaign, and Women in Black of Belgrade and Madrid are the authors of the text of the global campaign, which has been joined by numerous organizations from all over the world. Namely, UN send blue helmets and humanitarian army into the conflict zones and after the truce, instead of protecting women, those `humanitarian` armies in a great number of places all over the world, sexually abuse women and girls. That is why the purpose of this global campaign is to abolish immunity of the members of UN peace missions, as well as sanctions for sexual crimes committed by the `blue helmets.`



Initiative of Women in Black, Art Clinics and Vojvodina Civic Centre from Novi Sad to immortalize with a commemorative plaque the Croatian war prisoners in Begejci and Stajicevo: Women in Black and Art Clinics demanded in November of 2013 of deputies Zrenjanin and Zitiste Assembly to mark in an appropriate way concentration camps of Begejci and Stajicevo, where prisoners of Croatian nationality perished in the beginning of the nineties. This year our demand was joined by ten Serbian civil society organizations. The year-long initiative as such was repeated again and was related to the cities of Zrenjanin and Zitiste, for the concentration camps where there. The authorities have not yet responded to our request.

Antifa manifest: The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Serbian Antifa Alliance and Women in Black addressed the Serbian public with the Manifest on 59th anniversary of liberation of Belgrade from fascism, on 20th of October 1944. The manifest was directed against revisionism and rehabilitation of the Chetnik movement (Law on the Equalization of Chetniks and Partisans 2006 and Chetniks rehabilitation 2008). Therefore, Chetnik crimes during Second World War are in that way justified, as well as those committed by Serb armed forces in the wars of nineties, on the territory of ex Yugoslavia. Also, in this way powerful impetus to the fast growing right-wing extremism and neo-fascism is given, since nowadays in Serbia numerous extreme unregistered and registered neo-Nazi and neo-fascist, ultra rightist groups and movements are active, and organize street riots, glorifying war crimes by attacking and killing members of minority groups and human rights defenders. The Manifest was joined by a couple of dozen of NGO's from all over Serbia and the region, as well as numerous public figures of antifascist orientation.

Appeal for protection of human right defenders: On the occasion of 29th November and International Day of human rights defenders, Women in Black launched a public appeal *The silence of state encourages hate and violence*, in which, among other things, it is said:

'The silence of state to all threats of fascists and clerical fascist groups, who last year produced the so-called 'black lists' against civil society, and on their sites encouraged further attacks, first of all, on human right defenders. Continuous synergy of political elites and religious structures, encourages religious fundamentalism, just as continuous emphasizing of nation leads to further spreading of fascism in the society. In this kind of climate, it is possible to organize a headhunt of human right defenders, as it was done in the latest cases as well: of Aida Corovic and Sonja Biserko.' The demand was reiterated: 'Serbian authorities have to ban, in accordance with the Constitution, the work of fascist groups and sanction severely each all promotions of the fascist ideology.'

Stop femicide: On the occasion of 6th of December-Day of combating femicide, Women in Black demand that the Serbian authorities 'punish severely all men responsible for violence over women and killing of women.' At the same time it was demanded that the UN 'punish members of peace missions-perpetrators of sexual crimes.' This appeal is part of the global campaign for the abolishment of immunity of the 'blue helmets.'

'Solidarity with asylum seekers': Because of brutal violence and their extremely disadvantaged status of asylum seekers in Serbia, Women in Black and Roma women network from Banat, initiated on 10th of December the appeal demanding that the state: respect the rights of asylum seekers- the establishment of mechanisms for the protection of asylum seekers' dignity, respect the procedure for obtaining asylum, adopt appropriate legislation on asylum, provide the necessary conditions for their accommodation and sanction violence against asylum seekers and all persons of different race, ethnicity, socio-economic background or sexual orientation.



Roundtable discussions, lectures, debates

We have continued the practice of regular discussions, lectures, debates and joint reflections on significant societal and political issues, both inside and out of country, in this reporting period as well, in which eight (8) lectures and debates were organized with the participation of **183 persons**:

- **18th September `Uruguay- from military dictatorship persisting until the present, on new societal movements in Uruguay and Latin America:** Stasa Zajovic's lecture on impressive democratic achievements in the present-day Uruguay, on societal movements (against impunity, associations of families of missing, policy of reparations in Uruguay. nowadays.), `None of the women should be a battle field`-XVI International conference of Women in Black, Montevideo, Uruguay 19th-24th of August 2013, the lecture was held in front of **25** persons.

- **2nd October `Memorials against war`:** Presentation of video materials on antimilitary resistance in the world, prepared by activist and artist from Italy-Corrado Salzano in the premises of Women in Black and was attended by **18** persons.

- **23rd October `Doubts and secrets` and `Untouchables`:** Short documentaries which testify of `abandoned, lonely and old people-victims of human abuse by the authorities. The `Untouchable` speaks of arrogance, irresponsibility and intangibility, such as in cases of `medical errors` in Serbia etc. Movies were produced by NGO Pradok, and Zeljko Gvardiol, director Biljana Stanojevic, as well as lawyers and activists of `Pradok`. Movie projections were attended by **17** persons.

- **16th November, `Feminist approach to knowledge and learning`:** The lecture was held by Nadja Duhacek, anthropologist, and was attended by **14** persons.

- **23rd November, `When I was a boy, I was a girl`:** Movie projection and discussion with Gordana Goca Mitrovic, transgender activist, regarding difficulties, societal repression and the struggle of transgender persons in Serbia. With the participation of **27** persons.



`Yugoslavia: Totalitarian state-museum artifact-lived experience-alternative?`: Within this cycle, the following interactive lectures, debates, projections of movies were held:

- **16th October, `Cultural history: the case of the Students' Cultural Centre/SKC`:** The lecture and video presentation on art of resistance in Belgrade and SFRY (as of the 1970's until 1990's), the lecturer was Dragan Jovanovic, Professor of Philosophy, cultural worker from Belgrade. The lecture was held in Women in Black premises, and attended by **24** persons.

- **30th October `Black wave in Yugoslav film and the case of the movie `Plastic Jesus`:** Discussion `From criticism to repression` with movie director of the above mentioned movie (recorded 1971) Lazar Stojanovic, who due to his radical-critical approach toward SFR Yugoslav reality, was sentenced to a year-long prison sentence. Debate moderated by Dr Ivana Kronja, and attended by **28** persons.





- **18th December `Srdja-our friend forever`:** Homage to Srdjan Popovic, one of the best known human rights lawyers in whole post-war SFRY, as well in the period that followed. Srdjan Popovic died in November of 2013, and on this occasion well known dissidents (persons from academic community, writers, artists, activists...) testified on his engagement for democracy, civil liberties, anti-war engagement and the rights of oppressed: Vesna Pesic, Nikola Barović, Tanja Petovar, Bozidar Jaksic, Lino Veljak, Djordjije Uskokovic, Miroslav Josic-Visnjic, Sonja Biserko, and Women in Black activists. The event was attended by **30** persons and was organized by Dragomir Olujic-Oluja, who was also the moderator.



International policy: active participation in international conferences, global actions of solidarity, activist visits, etc. We list some of them here:

3rd October, Belgrade, meeting with activists from Sri Lanka: Ambika Satkunanathan, on behalf of foundation `Trustee`, we talked in Women in Black premises mostly of forms of transitional justice. Attended by ten Women in Black activists.

4th October, Belgrade, meeting with activists from Sri Lanka, India, Georgia, Indonesia, Serbia/Network of Peace foundation: The debate concerning the activities of Women in Black in facing the past on regional level was joined, besides our activists, by mother Meira Dautovic, Association of Srebrenica's Women from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

10-14th October `Activists tour in Italy`: Women in Black from Bergamo and Women in Black Italy organized a serial of public tribunes, meetings, workshops where Stasa Zajovic (Women in Black) and Rada Zarkovic (Women in Black and economic co-op `Insieme` from Bratunac, Bosnia and Herzegovina) spoke. Out of extensive program we highlight the following: 11th of October - meeting in the art school `Manzu` in Bergamo, 100 persons participated, meeting with foundation Serugetti La Porta from Bergamo, 12th of October-meeting with women of the initiative against `brutal humiliating women in Italy at the hands of a `macho predatory government` - `If not know then when?` (Se non ora quando?), on 12th and 13th of October-exchange with the Milan Women in Black Network activists and our Women in Black, on 14th of October roundtable in Bergamo, etc. During `the tour`: Rada and Stasa spoke of: peace activism, antimilitary efforts, aesthetics of resistance, Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, economy of solidarity, actual economic-social, political situation in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



21st-22nd October, Istanbul: OEBS Conference regarding recommendations for the improvement of human rights in the region and further. Women in Black activist discussed militarism, concrete steps for the future in order to help Women in Black Serbian Network to be recognized as an important antimilitary factor in the struggle for demilitarization of both Serbia and the region and providing credible alternatives. Women in Black were represented by Sasha Kovacevic, a Women in Black activist.

24th October, Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina: `Working towards dignity-twenty years of combating conflict-related sexualized violence` - 20th anniversary of `Medica Zenica and Medica Mondiale. At the panel `International and regional solidarity for women and girls`, Stasa Zajovic participated together with: Caroline Bowath, Medica Mondiale Liberia, Helai Sohak, Medica Afghanistan, Fehmije Luhza, Medica Djakovica/Kosovo and Nela Pamukovic, Centre for Women Victims of War, Zagreb. Ljiljana Radovanovic and Violeta Djikanovic, Women in Black activists, also attended event.

28th October, Belgrade, meeting with EU parliamentarians: Milan Antonijevic (Yucom), Vesna Petrovic (Belgrade Centre for human rights), Stasa Zajovic (Women in Black), Tibor Varadi - International law expert, Belgrade/Budapest spoke with representatives of the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the EU-Directorate General for External Policies, European Parliament. The debate was on actual political issues, human rights in Serbia, etc.

29th of October, Hanover/Germany `Women against war`: A lecture on Women in Black activities was held by Snezana Tabacki on Suana-counseling for migrants and women refugees jeopardized by violence in family. Suana organized lecturing within International women`s meeting `La Rosa` which has held been held for several consecutive years and it is about societal-political world phenomena.

13th November, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina-International Criminal Court for ex-Yugoslavia Conference: Marking of 20th anniversary of the Hague Tribunal/UCTY. Snezana Tabacki attended.

03rd-07th December, Zagreb/Croatia-seminar for Serbian civil society organizations: Conference on experiences of EU accession and transformation in function of OCD, etc. The conference was organized by feminist groups (Centre for Women Victims of War ROSA, AZKZ). There was a debate regarding related issues and Women in Black activities: visiting places where crimes were committed, feminist approach to justice. Danica Pupovac spoke on behalf of Women in Black.

4th December, Belgrade-On International power politics: Discussion in the Swedish embassy, organized by fthe oundation Kvinna till Kvinna, Women Reconstruction Fund and the Swedish embassy. Stasa Zajovic attended, on behalf of Women in Black.

In this period Women in Black have been visited international activists and researchers from Europe, USA and Canada.

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