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REPORT

**for the period
September – December 2015**

As we have done in the past, we are providing you with a short report on Women in Black activities for the stated period, and if you are interested in more detailed information you can find it on our web site www.zeneucrnom.org or write to us on email address zeneucrnombeograd@gmail.com.

We solidary thank you in advance.

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STREET ACTIONS

During the period covered by this report we have organized twelve (12) actions, and we also took part in other street actions.

- Commemorations/memorialisation of important dates of crimes committed in our name
- Feminist, antifascist, anti-war, antiracist and antimilitarist actions...

Commemorations of important dates of crimes committed in our name, as well as of other crimes against civilians during (and after) the wars in ex-Yugoslavia:

October 5th, Belgrade: We will never forget the crime in Topčider! –On October 5th it was the anniversary of murder of the two guardsmen Dragan Jakovljević i Dražen Milovanović, in military facility 'Karaš', military barrack in Topčider (October 5th 2004). The guardsmen are killed in the military barrack under unexplained circumstances, and there is reasonable suspicion that they were murdered because in the barracks they saw at the time the Hague fugitive Ratko Mladić. In occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the murder of the two guardsmen, Women in Black organized commemorative protest in silence and in black, on October 5th 2015 outside the barracks Karaš in Topčider; solidarity with the parents and families of the murdered soldiers with support to their quest for truth about the death of the two young men was expressed by about twenty (20) activists of the Network of the Women in Black from Serbia; Two slogans featured on the protest in Topčider: *"We will never forget the crime in Topčider"* and *"Women in Black for peace and justice"*.



October 22nd, Belgrade - We remember crime in Sjeverin: in occasion of 23rd anniversary of the crime in Sjeverin, Women in Black organized vigil in black and silence in main Belgrade street. On October 22nd 1992. Serbian armed formations kidnaped (in village Sjeverin) and killed seventeen (17) Bosnian civilians from the bus on the line Priboj – Rudo, near the border between Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. This peace action was attended by 20 activists.



November 18th, Belgrade - "We will never forget the crimes in Vukovar": on occasion of 24th anniversary of crimes in Vukovar, we organized vigil and performance 'Vukovar We remember 1991-2015. In 1991, Vukovar was under siege of Yugoslav National Army (JNA) and paramilitary Serbian formations for full 87 days. In that town, more than 1000 civilians were killed, more than 25000 people were injured, while thousands of ill and wounded prisoners were taken into camps in Serbia, and town Vukovar was occupied on November 18th 1991 by Serbian armed formations. During a protest there was a small performance. On the sidewalk, it was written with salt "We remember Vukovar 1991-2015". This peace action was attended by some fifty (50) activists of Women in Black and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Reconstruction Women's Fund and the Autonomous Women's Center.





Feminist, antifascist, anti-war, antiracist and antimilitarist actions

We are presenting them in chronological order:

September 15th "Stop terror against migrants" - peace action organized in solidarity with refugees at the border crossing Bački Vinogradi (between Serbia and Hungary). The action was organized after the ban of crossing the border

for refugees from the Middle East. The activists of Women in Black and the No Borders pointed out banners: Terror against migrants has to stop, open the border!, Freedom of movement, No one is illegal, Save people, no borders ... The action was joined by refugees - men, women, children ...

September 17th „Solidarity forever“ – peace action with the refugees at the border crossing Horgos 2 (between Serbia and Hungary). In action participated activists of Women in Black and the Autonomous Women's Center, and joined by the dozens of refugees from the Middle East.

September 21st, Belgrade "Solidarity with Refugees" - peace action on the occasion of the World Day of Peace (September 21st) was organized in Belgrade, in the parks at the Faculty of Economics and the Central Bus Station. The action was joined by refugees, holding banners in Serbian, Arabic, English: Solidarity with Asylum Seekers! Solidarity is our strength! Solidarity forever! Stop the war in Syria!, September 21st - International Day of Peace, Stop the war now!, Solidarity with the people of Syria! etc. Artistic-activist collective Škart organized by the Peace musical playroom for children „Other rhythm“. The refugees - men, women, activists have joined, sitting, singing together, sharing toys (balloons, balls, rattle, whistle ...). We have shared badges "Solidarity" (in various languages), stickers.

September 20th Belgrade Pride: march for the rights of LGBT people, organized by Pride Belgrade, was attended by some twenty activists of Women in Black Network from all over Serbia, and in the final part of the march gatherings, Marija Perkovic, Women in Black, among others, addressed to participants.

October 9th, Belgrade "Give peace a chance"- Solidarity action jointly organized by Women in Black and the music band "Anti - Pro-tiv" (Jugoslav and Anastasia) from Belgrade. We raised banners of solidarity and peace in Arabic, English, Farsi, Serbian, and as in similar actions, refugees have joined. Women in Black activists from Geneva, Switzerland, also participated. The action was held in the park at the Faculty of Economics, and we organized it on the occasion of 24th anniversary of the Women in Black, Belgrade.





October 17th, Belgrade, "Knitting peace and solidarity" - a peace action on two important international dates (October 17th - World Day against poverty and October 18th - European Day against Human Trafficking) organized by Women in Black, along with NGO Astra and the Autonomous Women's center, in a parks near the Faculty of Economics and the Central Bus Station. We had following banners in Arabic, Farsi, Serbian and English: Stop human trafficking, Stop the war in Iraq, Stop the war in Syria, Stop the war in Afghanistan, War = Poverty, etc. Refugees participated in this action, but in far smaller numbers than usual because on that day the police limited access - actually banned further gathering of refugees in the park.



December 7th, "Not a single woman less!" - On the occasion of December 6th - International Day against femicide, dressed in black and in silence Women in Black and Network of Women Against Violence, organized the action against femicide in Knez Mihailova street in Belgrade. In Serbia, since the beginning of the year to December 1st, in the context of family and partner violence 33 women were killed. More than half of the murdered women, reported violence to competent institutions, we requested the establishment of responsibility of employees in the institutions due to impunity for crimes against women. Following banners were raised: 6th December - Day of fight against femicide, Stop femicide, Not a single woman less, Not a single dead!



Performance was organized. On the sidewalk, strips of white paper was laid out, on which we were printed in black, 33 names of murdered women in Serbia so far.

Activists were distributing cards with phone numbers to which women who are victims of male violence can call and seek help. This action was attended by some fifty (50) activists.

December 10th, "Refugees are welcome" - on December 10th, International Human Rights Day, Women in Black have organized an action of solidarity with war refugees from the Middle East. The action was organized in Knez Mihailova Street in Belgrade from 12pm to 13pm. Following banners were raised on Arabic, Farsi, Serbian, English: Refugees are welcome, No borders, no nations, open borders, Stop war in Syria, Solidarity is our strength, Stop the war in the Middle East, Open the border, No borders, no nations, Stop the war now!



Action was attended by some fifty (50) activists of Women in Black, Autonomous Women's Center, Reconstruction Women's Fund, and joined by lesbian activists participants of Lesbian week.

December 21st, Belgrade - in solidarity with Serbian journalists, activists of Women in Black Network Serbia, the Network of Women Against Violence, Reconstruction Women's Fund have joined the protest of journalists in front of the Serbian government, which require the dismissal of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Serbia Bratislav Gasic for his sexist statements, the degradation of women and the journalistic profession.





FACING THE PAST TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - A FEMINIST APPROACH

This is one of Women in Black's most important activities. This activity has many segments: street actions, workshops, lectures, creating various models of transitional justice from a feminist perspective, cooperation with similar organizations in form of mutual actions (campaigns, consultative meetings).

Visiting the sites of crimes „committed in our name” and other crimes committed against civilians during (and after) the wars in ex-Yugoslavia

During the reporting period, the Women in Black visited:

October 5th - Commemoration in Bela Reka (near Serbian town Šabac) – on the local cemetery where Dragan Jakovljević is buried; **10** activists of WiB Network attended the commemoration together with the family Jakovljević.

October 18th - Lovas/Croatia: We will never forget the crimes in Lovas: four activists (4) of Women in Black attended the commemoration in three spots in the village where, during the Serbian aggression on Croatia, 70 civilians were killed (October, 18, 1991).

November 20th - Vukovar/Croatia - “We will never forget the crimes in Vukovar”: on occasion of 24th anniversary of crimes in Vukovar, eight (**8**) activists of Women in Black together with the families of the victims and with citizens of Vukovar attended the commemoration on three different places in town.

(More information about this crime is available in section – Commemorations/memorialization of important dates of crimes committed in our name)





WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMES

Women's solidarity against the impunity for war crimes: the actions of female solidarity - feminist ethics of care and responsibility, acts of mutual support, exchange and cooperation in the region, in order to build a just peace. This concerns primarily exchanges and support to victims of crimes committed in our name, as well as to victims/survivors of crimes against civilians of Serbian nationality:

During this period we have organized visits, meeting with war survivors from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia:

September 23rd, October 18th, December 2nd - Lovas/Croatia – meeting with women from area of Lovas and Vukovar, some of them were witnesses at WoC.

October 5th - Commemoration in Bela Reka (near Serbian town Šabac) – on the local cemetery where Dragan Jakovljević is buried; 10 activists of WiB Network attended the commemoration together with the family Jakovljević.

November, 9th, December 20th, Vranić village, near Belgrade – in occasion of *International Day against Fascism and Antisemitism* WiB organized antifascist solidary visit to Pantić family's Memorial room, in Vranić village near Belgrade.

During the Second World War, in the night between 20th and 21st of December, 1943, Fascist Chetnik troops killed 68 residents of Vranić village, mostly members of the Pantić family. With this visit we express our deepest compassion with the families of innocent victims of fascist massacre and we foster a culture of memory. Vranić village was visited by 12 activists of WiB Network from Belgrade and Kruševac. In occasion of anniversary of crime, WiB activists together with activist from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia attended the commemorative act in Vranić village.



November 20th, Vukovar/Croatia - "We will never forget the crimes in Vukovar": on occasion of 24th anniversary of crimes in Vukovar, eight (8) activists of Women in Black together with the families of the victims and with citizens of Vukovar attended the commemoration on three different places in town.

November 16th at Belgrade and 17th at Leskovac– Visit of two Srebrenica women (Association from Tuzla).

December 25th, Đulići, Bosnia and Herzegovina - WiB Belgrade and WoC witnesses from Eastern Bosnia (villages Đulići, Klisa, Sapna) held working meeting – mutual support and planning common future activities.

War Crime Trials Monitoring at the Special Court: monitoring of the trials held at the Special Court - before the War Crimes Chamber in Belgrade. In this reporting period, we monitored the following trial:

Trial for the war crime in the village Trnje/Kosovo: The war crime against civilian population – killing of 31 citizens of Albanian nationality in the village Trnje at March 25th. For this crime, two members of Serbian armed formations are indicted.

In this reporting period, we attended following three sessions: *October 27th and 28th, November 27th.*

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



Other activities regarding confronting the past– transitional justice: lectures, debates, workshops, film screenings in organization of Women in Black and related organizations:

In this reporting period we organized a lot of sessions, debates, some of them are:

1. **The joint reflection - Dealing with the Past - critical analysis - alternatives:**

The cycle of debates about abuses of commemoration of victims of crimes anniversary (the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica and other crimes anniversary) by politicians, representatives of the international community, the media, some representatives of victims associations - a joint creation of different practices in relation to the dominant policy - against the nationalist-militaristic abuse of victims:

1. **September 12th, Vrnjačka banja** - WiB Network Serbia and Srebrenica women and victims associations from Eastern Bosnia (Zvornik area), activist from Montenegro (**32** activists)
2. **September, 25th Tivat/Montenegro** – regional meeting of witnesses of WoC and organizers (**30** persons)
3. **December 5th, Vrdnik** – regional meeting of witnesses of WoC and organizers (**25** persons)
4. **December 19th, Belgrade** – WiB Belgrade activists, other activist from civic associations of Belgrade, Zrenjanin, Kraljevo and activist from civic initiatives from Prijedor, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina and from Zagreb, Croatia; debate was attended by **17** activists.

Some common points, conclusions, learned lessons:

Misuse of commemoration by politicians - regional and international - which is particularly manifested on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the genocide in July 2015 in Srebrenica, and in August 2015 on the 20th anniversary of the Crime Operation Storm. The two commemorations were used in nationalistic and militaristic purposes and therefore, in the opinion of civil society activists and victims associations, politicians should be banned to speak at these events.

Such commemorations do not contribute to the bringing closer of victims of different ethnicities, have any effect on the process of confidence, and even less for the bringing justice for the victims. It was emphasized that some representatives of victims participating in these abusive commemoration, that they become a part of the political establishment, away from the needs of victims, and so on.

Participants of these debates believe that :

Demand for reconciliation should come from the grassroots– that means supporting demands of the community of victims, i.e. their base and much less their leaders, it also means supporting the initiatives of civil society, citizens...

It is necessary for victims' participation in the overall process of symbolic reparation: victims should participate in all the preparatory stages of the event: the design, determining the date, all the details. It is very important the participation of other groups - friends, civil society organizations. If these conditions are not met, it is meaningless to participate in these acts;

Symbolic reparations must satisfy justice for victims: The acts of apology or participation in the acts of symbolic reparations must hold a clear attitude on: the responsibility (of the state), taking over the obligation towards the victims, and if we don't have that, the acts of apology or the presence of politicians in the acts of symbolic reparations (most of all commemorations) are insulting, cynical and humiliating for the victims. Therefore, the recognition without the clear taking on responsibility about violence/injustices, without the clear moral critic, is delegitimizing the meaning of the recognition and is causing dissatisfaction among the victims. In the case of Western Balkans, not a single representative of states has met the above criteria.



It is necessary to develop new models of transitional justice: a joint creation of different practices in relation to the dominant policy; Participants as an example of alternative models of justice cited the importance of the feminist approach to justice, primarily through the process of the Women's Court.

2. Alternative history - pacifist view of the recent past - the promotion of the book by Drago Kovacevic "Gunstock of Bozo Kaurin and other stories" is a collection of stories about the war, political manipulation in Krajina during the 90s of the twentieth century (during the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina), the persecution of Serbian population (1995). Stories are primarily testimonies of antiwar resistance, resistance to forced mobilization, in short, the evidence of a different narrative about the war - humanity and kindness in times of evil.

This cycle of promotion and discussion took place in following cities:

30th September, Belgrade – WiB premises with participation of the author and activists, intellectuals, journalists (Lazar Stojanović, Lino Veljak, Tanja Tagirov, Goran Babić, Sonja Biserko, Staša Zajović and other WiB activists). This debate was attended by **28** persons.

November 14th, Novi Pazar, Sandžak – promotion and discussion was held in local cultural center and was organized by local NGO 'Forum 10' and WiB Belgrade. In debate participated the author of the book, local activists, historians (Fahrudin Kladničanin, Ramiz Crnovršanin), Lino Veljak, philosopher from Zagreb and WiB activists (Staša Zajović, Violeta Đikanović). This event was attended by **25** persons.

November 16th, Zrenjanin, Vojvodina – promotion and discussion was held in local cultural center „Petefi“ with participation of the author Drago Kovačević, Branislav Markuš, coordinator of Social forum of Zrenjanin, Lino Veljak, philosopher from Zagreb, Dragomir Olujić, social activist from Belgrade, Milica Lupšor and Vesna Đorđević, activists of association for women labour rights 'Rosa' from Zrenjanin, Nebojša Popov, sociologist and social activist. This debate was attended by **20** persons.

November 20, Vukovar/Croatia: In occasion of 24 anniversary of crimes committed in Vukovar by Serbian armed forces to activists of Women in Black Network Serbia was given a great honor to hold a 'School of Peace' - a history class for elementary school students from the region of Vukovar. The 'School of Peace' was attended by 183 students and eight activists WIB Network spoke about the peace activism of Women in Black, an ethic of responsibility, the importance of their visit to Vukovar, and has also shown a documentary about the peace action of Women in Black in Belgrade 'We will never forget the crime in Vukovar'. This class was organized by 'Memorial of Patriotic War'- Vukovar. It is important to note that Women in Black was the first group of outside of Croatia which was honored to hold this historic moment, which confirms the importance of consistent efforts of WIB for a just peace in the region.



In this reporting period we attended a lot of debates, conferences about the issues related to dealing with the past organized by Humanitarian Law Center, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia and other NGO's.



VIDEO ACTIVISM: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - FEMINIST APPROACH

With the aim of greater visibility of various transitional justice models, especially the one from feminist approach, promoted by Women in Black, during 2010, a group of video activists was organized and trained for recording, editing, digitalisation, posting of audio and video materials on internet, which were gathered during regular activities of Women in Black, so they would be available as short movies for wider audience. Maria Vidic and Goran Lazin are the coordinators of this group, in cooperation with Maria Arandjelovic, Zinaida Marjanovic, and other Women in Black activists. Besides movies produced about Women's Court (mentioned in previous chapter) in this reporting period the group have finalized following video documentaries:

- **“Srebrenica walk through world” (3:00 min.):** Peace Action, held in Belgrade on 6th July 2015 within the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.
 - **„Srebrenica attraverso il mondo”** – the same documentary was translated and titled in Italian
 - **„Srebrenica recorre el mundo”** - the same documentary was translated and titled in Spanish
- **„Peace cycling - Belgrade - Srebrenica in 2015” (6:50 min):** docu-film about the eponymous peace action (8th to 10th July 2015); movie showing peace cycling tour, and standing in Sabac (July 8th) and Loznica (July 9th). The action was organized in the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

This docu-movie was translated and titled in following languages:

- **Ciclismo per la pace Belgrado Srebrenica 2015** – the same documentary was translated and titled in Italian
- **„Ciclismo por la paz Belgrado-Srebrenica 2015** – the same documentary was translated and titled in Spanish
- **“When Serbia looks in the mirror - it will see Srebrenica” (4:29 min.):** Docu-film on stage action executed on June 11th, 2015 in front of the Presidency of Serbia, organized by Dah Theater, Women in Black Network Serbia, Women in Black Italy and Spain, activist women's organizations from Belgrade; publicly was read a letter / request *“July 11th - Day of Remembrance of the genocide in Srebrenica - Proclaim!*’ sent to the competent institutions of the Serbian state. The action was organized in the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.
 - **„Quando la Serbia si guarderà allo specchio, vedrà Srebrenica”** - the same documentary was translated and titled in Italian.
 - **„Cuando Serbia se mire en el espejo, afrontara Srebrenica”** – the same documentary was translated and titled in Spanish.





- **„Stumbling stone - Srebrenica for Serbia (4:31):** Docu- movie about action - setting a symbolic memorial by Women in Black and Art Clinic MMC / Led art in Novi Sad on 7th July 2015 in the Srebrenica Street in Belgrade. The action was organized in the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.
 - **„Srebrenica Pietra d'inciampo per la Serbia!“** – the same documentary made in Italian
 - **„Srebrenica – piedra de tropiezo para Serbia!“** – the same documentary made in Spanish
- **“20 years since the genocide in Srebrenica - We remember! (13:28 min):** Standing on Republic Square in Belgrade (organized by Women in Black and Dah Theater).
 - **„20 anni dal genocidio di Srebrenica – Ricordiamo!“** - the same documentary made in Italian
 - **„20 anos del genocidio de Srebrenica – Recordamos!“** – the same documentary made in Spanish.



- **“Solidarity is our strength” (16:36 min.)** - A documentary film about the activities of Women in Black- actions of solidarity with refugees from the Middle East.
- **Refugees are welcome (3:00 min)** - the action of solidarity with war refugees from the Middle East on the occasion of December 10th - International Human Rights Day. This film is translated and subtitled in English.
- **We will never forget the crimes in Vukovar (4:36 min)** - a documentary about the eponymous WiB action held on 18/11/15. in Belgrade; film is translated and subtitled in English.
- **“Not a single woman less – Stop femicid” (3:52 min.)** - documentary film about the action of Women in Black on December 7th 2015 on the occasion of the International Day against femicide
- **“The last words of Salvador Allende” (Último de Discurso Salvador Allende) - Street action of artist Alvaro Silva Wuth (6: 03 min.)** - The work of art which materializes the last speech of Salvador Allende (September 11th 1973). Action is a call to all people to revive the memory of the assassinated Chilean president. The operation was conducted on September 11th 2014 at Prado de Madrid (Santiago de Chile) and the film was translated from Spanish and subtitled in Serbian language.
- **She left a trace in us - Jasna Bogojevic (3.22 min.)** - A documentary about Jasna Bogojevic, anti-war, anti-fascist comrade, activist of Women in Black, who died in September 2015

Documentary films about the activities of the Women's Court - Feminist Approach to Justice are listed in the section of the same name.





WOMEN'S COURT FEMINIST APPROACH TO JUSTICE

We are giving you a short report on Women in Black activities regarding organization of Women's Court – feminist approach to justice, for the stated period. If you need additional information, you can find them on websites www.zeneucrnornom.org and www.zenskisud.org or write to us on email address zeneucrnornombeograd@gmail.com and office@zeneucrnornom.org.

The first Women's court in the territory of Europe, was held in Sarajevo from 07 to 10 May 2015, and it was organized by 10 women's groups from the former Yugoslavia (Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa, CURE Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Women War Victims, Centre for Women's Studies Zagreb, Croatia, Center for Women and Peace Education Anima, Kotor, Montenegro, Council for Gender Equality Skopje, Macedonia, the Women's Lobby Ljubljana, Slovenia, Center for Women's Studies and Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia).

Women's Court was attended by over **500** people from all the countries of the former Yugoslavia, but also from Argentina, Algeria, Palestine, Israel, USA, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, etc.

During the five years, Women in Black were carriers and main holders of program activities of the Women's Court.

The final event in Sarajevo is not the end of the process, but rather an incentive to the feminist perspective on with creating new models of justice. It is the responsibility primarily to the witness, but also an expression of our responsibility towards the huge burden of the recent past. In this report we inform about activities after the event in Sarajevo.

Women in Black, Belgrade coordinate the continuation of the process of WC, with the support of Anima (Kotor) and the Centre for Women Victims of War (Zagreb), the Foundation 'Cure' (Sarajevo). Some former members of the Organizing Committee of the Women's Court who seemed to events in Sarajevo participate sporadically (Council for Gender Equality, Skopje, Macedonia), while the other members execute a support without active participation.

In this reporting period we mention activities of Women in Black and other organizations who participate in the continuation of the process of Women's Court.

During this period we realized many activities, of which we will mention the most important ones:

I Feminist ethics of care - support for witnesses of Women's Court

Regional meetings of witnesses - these meetings of witnesses are part of the continuing process of the Women's Court and in this reporting period were held in:

1. Tivat, Montenegro, 24th-28th September

This regional meeting of the witness held in Tivat (24th to 28th) September attended by thirty (**30**) women, of which there were nineteen (**19**) witnesses from (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia) and eleven other participants were the organizers of WoC, therapist, Representative of the UN Women and one researcher (*Janine Clark*, University of Birmingham, UK):



- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** witnesses - Suad Selimović (Đulići), Šaha Hrustić (Klisa), Reiha Avdic (Tuzla) Šehida Abdurahmanović (Srebrenica); others - Jadranka Milicevic (Foundation "Cure"), Mira Vilušić (Horizonti, Tuzla) and Lejla Mamut (UN Women, Sarajevo)
- **Montenegro:** witnesses (Zaga Matović, Nikšić), Anka Vukićević (Nikšić), Sabina Talović (Pljevlja); Ljupka Kovačević (Anima, Kotor)
- **Croatia:** witnesses – Milica Miladinović (Zagreb), Marica Šeatović (Novska), Jelena Baketa (Vukovar), Ljubica Anđelković (Novigrad), Jovanka Carević (Zagreb); ostale - Nela Pamuković (Center women victims of war, Zagreb), Marijana Senjak (Zagreb)
- **Macedonia:** witnesses – Marionka Atanasovska (Veles) i Savka Todorovska (SOŽM, Skopje)
- **Slovenia:** witnesses - Mirjana Učakar (Ljubljana)
- **Serbia:** witnesses – Binasa Džigal (Priboj na Limu), Nadežda Kostić (Kruševac), Lidija Radičević (Kraljevo), Mirjana Mijailović (Leskovac), Marija Kovačev (Novi Bečej); ostale: Jelena Marković, Ljiljana Radovanović i Staša Zajović (Women in Black, Beograd).

In this meeting we organized a lot of activities (workshops, discussions, individual and collective therapy sessions, movie projection, recreative activities, etc.).

Some of the most common points were:

Workshop about impressions about the final event of WoC in Sarajevo (*What was most important at this event? How did the Women's Court affected you personally? How has it influenced your organization, community?*) and participants told:

- *The participants considered that the whole event was very well organized, beyond expectation,*
- *Participation in the process of WoC, as well as the finals of WoC,*
- *Compassion for the suffering and injustices experienced by other women in the former Yugoslavia - equal appreciation of the suffering of all women,*
- *Friendship among women - a community of courageous women,*
- *Pride, discovering their own strength and potential,*
- *The injustice and pain that emerged from the personal sphere and become, through WoC, part of public opinion and collective memory,*
- *Changing the dominant narrative of the wars in the former Yugoslavia - alleviating feelings of guilt in women from Serbia because Serbian aggressor policy regime, etc.*



As regards support to witnesses, they mostly spoke about the support of the immediate environment, especially families, organizations ...

However, the majority of participants considered that public support for the Women's Court is insufficient, that about the WoC is little known outside of our family /activist community. To spread the ideas of WoC, the participants agreed that it is necessary to invest a lot more effort to promote the ideas and contributions of WoC and concrete proposals have been put forward in the continuation of the WoC process.

Participants from all countries of the former Yugoslavia were cited numerous obstacles: impunity in the state and so-



ciety, in all areas there is a large number of unpunished crimes and criminals - it causes huge fear, uncertainty, frustration, manipulation of the victims, false promises, especially in election campaigns, political elites manipulated so called national interests, causing ethnic divisions, for the sake of making a profit, etc.

According to opinion of participants, Women's Court has contributed to the feminist approach to justice in following way:

- *Witnesses have created an area of freedom, witnesses are the actors of the whole process - it is also manifested in mutual support, working together with activists, experts,*
- *Respect for women's voices, mutual trust of women, female solidarity in action,*
- *Creating different histories, room for questioning the dominant narrative of wars, about the causes of the war in the former Yugoslavia,*
- *WoC is space to create justice because of distrust of women in the judicial justice,*
- *Democratic, horizontal character of the whole process of WoC, etc.*



Feminist codex - following discussions on the agreement on the publication of testimonies and an agreement was reached:

- **The statement of consent to audio and video recordings during the testimony.**
- **Declaration of the archives of WoC to be used for various purposes in the media.**
- **Consent - use of materials / testimony of feminist research**

Joint reflection about political climate in the region: Abuse of 20 years of commemoration of Srebrenica genocide: by politicians, international community representatives, by leaders of victims associations...

They expressed the necessity of community participation of victims in all the preparations for the commemorations, especially to continue to create alternative models of justice - the continuation of the Women's Court.

The plan of future activities - recommendations, proposals, obligations to continue the process of the Women's Court in the coming period. Some of them:

- *Feminist ethic of care* – providing continuous psychological support for witnesses,
- *Organize a concrete legal help for witnesses,*
- *Organize 'small' women's court* – on specific problems in all aspects of women's lives
- *Continuing Education* - feminist politics of knowledge production, shared learning, acquiring new knowledge, reflection, new theories based on experience
- *Women's book testimony* – publications of testimonies and other activities held in Sarajevo event, preparation of materials for book coordinated by WiB Belgrade, work on the texts of testimonies for the book,
- *Artistic-activist presentation of Women's Court - documentary on WoC, etc.*

Moral courage and responsibility - At this meeting were following screenings of films:

Heroes of the battle for the wounded: film talks about examples of humanity in Gorazde during the war in Bosnia, from 1992 to 1995, produced by the Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina

We will never forget the genocide in Srebrenica - Woman in black docu-film to mark the 20th anniversary of genocide



Women's Court in Sarajevo - documentary films and other documentary materials, photographs from WoC in Sarajevo

Phoenix / Phoenix - German film about a woman who survived a German concentration camp.

After each of these films discussions were held.

This meeting was organized by Women in Black Belgrade with the support of Anima, Kotor and Foundation CURE from Sarajevo.

2. Regional meetings of witnesses on Women's Court, Vrdnik, December 3-6, 2015.

This regional meeting of the witness held (December 3rd – 6th) in Vrdnik, 60 km from Belgrade, was attended by twenty five (25) women, of which there were fifteen (15) witnesses from (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia) and ten other participants were the organizers of WoC and feminist therapist:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Witnesses - Suvada Selimović (Đulići), Šaha Hrustić (Klisa), Rejha Avdić (Tuzla) Šehida Abdurahmanović (Srebrenica); Nura Mustafić (Srebrenica), Refija Alić (Srebrenica), Kadefa Rizvanović (Srebrenica), Zumra Šehomerović (Sarajevo), ostale - Jadranka Miličević (Fondacija „CURE“), Mira Vilušić (Horizonti, Tuzla)
- **Montenegro:** therapist Ljupka Kovačević (Anima, Kotor)
- **Croatia:** Witnesses – Jelena Baketa (Vukovar) i Milica Miladinović (Zagreb)
- **Serbia:** Witnesses – Binasa Džigal (Priboj na Limu), Nadežda Kostić (Kruševac), Lidija Radičević (Kraljevo), Mirjana Mijailović (Leskovac), Marija Kovačev (Novi Bečej); Rosa Jakovljević (Bela Reka), ostale: Violeta Đikanović, Ljiljana Radovanović i Staša Zajović (Women in Black)

Feminist ethic of care – first collective session coordinated by therapists (Ljupka Kovačević and Mira Vilušić)

During this session witnesses spoke about their motivation to continue the participation in WoC and some of the most important reasons are: common engagement for justice, friendship, solidarity, mutual support ('we are chosen human family'), joint knowledge.

In the session: **What does mean feminism for me?** coordinated by Svenka Savić, professor of Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad, witnesses expressed that they don't have 'theoretical' knowledge about feminism, but during exchange they showed that feminism has long been practiced in their life, that for them there are many forms of feminism and feminist struggle that connects elements of gender, ethnic, class and social. For witnesses feminism does mean: civic disobedience, freedom of expression, dealing with the past – accountability, fight against injustice and all kind of discrimination, education of women, getting knowledge together with other women, women's autonomy, etc.

From speech to the note - working on texts testimony - During the joint work on testimonies made on Women's Court in Sarajevo (preparation for book of testimonies), Svenka Savić as coordinator explained feminist ethic and method of this work:

- *The testimony of women is an important historical document: the testimony of the Women's Court remains forever recorded in the history and it is very valuable for the history,*
- *The woman is the subject of your story, and not an object - a woman must give consent: this ethical rule is strictly adhered to in the case with the testimony of WoC,*
- *The method of analysis - intersectionality, text editing, etc.*

In continuation in two sessions, the witnesses, with the support of the organizers, view the text of their testimony, add some changes (ie. a slight shortening, where the facts are repeated ...), commented footnotes brought by the working group of Women in Black, and authorized the testimony. After this phase, the working group will include all of the



changes and access the editing of the text of the testimonies. This process takes place in accordance with the horizontal and democratic character of the entire process of organizing of WoC.

Imanas shadow/Sombra de Imana (*The story of the eponymous book written by Veronik Tađo/Veronique Tadj, writer from Ivory Coast*)

After reading the above story, the joint consideration of the issues of truth, justice, healing that are discussed in the text, encouraged the women to a variety of associations, feelings, memories, opinions, questions. In short, it showed the importance and characteristics of cultural memory for women in different contexts but above all, the common experience of women in the struggle for justice.

During the exchange of information on the current political situation in the region, participants stated the main problems they face in their community: *the repression over the opposition and all who think different, climate of fear and insecurity, manipulation and abuse of the Srebrenica genocide, militarization, corruption, hopelessness, etc.*

The activities related to the process of the Women's Court of the previous period (since the previous regional meeting, September 2015), spoke: Jadranka Milicevic (BH), Ljupka Kovačević (Montenegro) and Stasa Zajović (Serbia).

International experience in the field of justice and reparations - the case of Chile - Stasa Zajović

Arrangements for the next period: continued work on the book of women's testimony, documentary film about WoC, regional meetings, promotions of WoC in the local community, etc.

Screenings of movies:

- **The fight for the education of girls, peace and justice - two documentaries were shown, which caused admiration for the struggle for the right of girls to education:**
 - **Kakenya Ntaiya:** A girl who demanded school, speaking at TED 2012 forum (SAD) Duration: 15:16 minutes
 - **The girl whom the Taliban shot in the head** - Malala Yousafzai speech (Malala Yousafzai) United Nations, New York July 12, 2013; Duration: 19:35 minutes.
 - **'Lemon Tree'** - Israeli film lasting 103 minutes. It talks about a Palestinian widow who must protect his orchard, because Israeli defense minister moved in her neighborhood. The film is also a story about the relationship between the Palestinian and Israeli women.

This meeting was organized by Women in Black Belgrade with the support of CURE Foundation from Sarajevo.

II Working meetings with the witnesses at the national level

Common thinking on finalization of WoC - joint evaluation of the contribution of WoC feminist approach to justice, proposals to continue the process of WoC ... participated in this cycle were witnesses to the WoC, activists organizers who participated in the process of WoC

In this period we held cycles of debate in the following countries:

July 2nd, Zagreb, Croatia – at the Center for Women's Studies, it was attended by 22 women, the meeting was organized by the Center for Women War Victims from Zagreb.

Septembar 12th, Vrnjačka banja, Serbia – within the framework of the meeting of the WiB Network, debate was held with the participation of 23 women (witnesses from Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina), organizers and activists.





November 1st and 2nd, Pljevlja, Montenegro – this working meeting was attended by ten (10) persons - witnesses from Montenegro, organizers of WoC; worked on transcripts of their testimonies at the Womens Court in Sarajevo, and also talked about strengthening a network of mutual support, as well as the current situation in Montenegro. The meeting was held in a local NGO Bonafide, this meeting is organized together with Anima, Kotor.

III Promotion of Women's Court - local and national level

1. Promotion of WoC in activist groups - WiB Network Serbia activists organized in their groups a lot of sessions promoting WoC event in Sarajevo and also feminist approach to justice. In all of presentations activist used the material produced about WoC (documentaries, photos, publications).

2. Presentacion/promotion of WoC - Leskovac, November 17th, 2015.

This presentation took place in Cultural center of Leskovac and was organized by WiB Belgrade and Women for Peace, Leskovac. This event was attended by **40** people – activists, but also women and men from local community.

The promotion was consisted by following segments:

"She left a trace in us" - a documentary film, a tribute to Nevena Kostic-Nena (1968-2011). Nena was activist of Women for Peace, Leskovac and Women in Black Network Serbia, since 1999. Nena, among other things, was also one of the coordinators of the activities of the Women's Court and she weaved her tireless activist passion, commitment, knowledge, solidarity ...

- **Women' Court – feminist approach to justice** (*What does mean feminist approach to justice? About the process of organizing of WoC*) presented by Miloš Urošević, WiB Belgrade

Witnesses speak about their experiences in WoC Sarajevo (*What I witnessed? What meant for me the testimony at WoC?*). Speakers:

Rejha Avdić, Association of Women of Srebrenica, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Jasminka Bogdanovska, Tetovo, Macedonia

Marijonka Anastasovska, Veles, Macedonia

Binasa Džigal, Womens Voice, Priboj, Serbia

Mirjana Mijailović, Women for Peace, Leskovac, Serbia

Documentary films on the final event - the Women's Court in Sarajevo (May 2015)

- *Feminist Approach to Justice* - author Noah Pintarić, duration 9:40 minutes

- *Women's Court, Sarajevo* - the author Berin Džamailović, duration 5:26 minutes

Effects of the Women's Court- Speakers:

Savka Todorovska, Gender Equality Council, Skopje, Macedonia

Slavica Stanojlović, Womens Association Sandglass, Kruševac, Serbia

Milka Rosić, Women for Peace, Leskovac, Serbia

Staša Zajović, Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia





The audience followed the presentation with extreme care, particularly women who have put forward a number of proposals on the maintenance of 'small Women's Court' in their town. These are the most important issues that should be dealt with by WoC: ethnic discrimination and discrimination in the workplace, ie. degradation of women's labor rights due to predatory criminal privatization. Women in Black and Women for Peace are committed to organize this 'small WoC' during 2016. The promotion was also attended by the media.

3. Presentation of WoC, Sarajevo, December 10th - on the occasion of Human Rights Day at a meeting of the Network for Peace Building, coalition of 97 NGOs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jadranka Milicevic, the Foundation 'Cure' was spoke on WoC.

4. Women's Court – international level- WIB activists participated in a lot of international events and presented the process of organizing WoC event in Sarajevo and feminist approach to justice.

Here are some of those events:

Berlin, Germany, October 18th, 19th, 20th: Conference Dealing with the Past and Spaces, Places, Actions, and Institutions of Memory: A Reflection on comparative European experience, spoke Zajović Staša, WIB.

Madrid, Spain, October 7th – lecture at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Research (Instituto de filosofía e investigaciones sociales) Staša Zajović spoke for 2 hours on feminist approach to justice and in particular on the WoC, lecture was attended by over 20 scientists, historians, anthropologists and artists.

Milan, November 21st – Stasa Zajović spoke about WoC in the Women's house in Milan (Casa delle donne di Milano), the lecture was attended by over 50 activists from Milan and other cities in northern Italy.

Torino, November 23rd – Stasa Zajović spoke about WoC and feminist approach to justice at the Cultural Center of the City of Turin; event was organized by Women in Black from Turin and attended by 100 people.

Verona, November 25th – Stasa Zajović spoke about WoC in City Library, event was organized by Women in Black, Verona.

Venice, December 14th – at the international conference "1995-2015. - 20 years of cold peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (1995 - 2015, 20 anni di pace fredda to Bosnia and Herzegovina), in a session Women Justice (Giustizia delle donne), about WoC spoke: Rejha Avdic, Association of Women of Srebrenica, Tuzla, BiH ; Stasa Zajović, Women in Black, Belgrade and Marianita D'Ambrogio, Women in Black, Padova. The conference was organized by the University Ca'Foscari, Venice.

At the same time, a number of researchers, international network of activists, journalists visited the Women in Black, as well as the Foundation 'Cure' and talked about WoC. Here are just a few of those meetings:

November 27th – phone conversation between Grace Harbour, prosecutor at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), as well as a member of the Organization of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development and Stasa Zajović. Main subject was the experience of WoC, in particular, organization of WoC.

December 11th, Sarajevo – during a visit to the Foundation CURE Marsha Henry Associate Professor, Gender Institute and Deputy Director, Centre for Women Peace & Security at The London School of Economics and Political Science talked about the WoC with Jadranka Milicevic, CURE Foundation.

IV Joint Work-Consultative Meetings- in this period we held a short operative working meetings – preparing future activities:

September 6 and 7 – working meetings in which participated Marijana Senjak (feminist therapist of WoC), Nela Pamuković (Center for Women War Victims) and Stasa Zajovic (WIB).



September 24.-26.- working meetings in Tivat in which participated organizers of regional meeting (WiB Belgrade, Foundation Cure from Sarajevo, Anima, Kotor and Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb)

December 4-6.- working meetings in Tivat in which participated organizers of regional meeting (WiB Belgrade, Foundation Cure, Sarajevo, Anima, Kotor)

V Working meetings of Women in Black: As a holder of program activities in the whole process of WoC, we held working meetings (reporting activities, electronic communication with other organisations of WoC, preparation of regional meetings of witnesses, publications, documents and archives of WoC, translates articles about the event in Sarajevo, preparations of testimonies (Women's book testimony), coordinating working group for documentary on WoC, etc.

VI Documentary and Feature Film Screenings

Documentaries produced by WiB's video activism group include films on access to justice, peace, and security. All screenings are followed by discussions about the film and the initiatives related to Women's Court – Feminist Access to Justice.

In this period following movies were screened:

- **Documentary about the presentation** of WoC in Leskovac (6.48 min)
- **'Women, peace, justice'** witnesses speak (WoC in Sarajevo (7.39 min)

Also WiB translated and subtitled these documentaries on WoC, Sarajevo:

- **Staća Zajović/Women's Court – feminist approach** (9.40 min.) – documentary made by author Noah Pintarič, Zagreb (9.40 min), translated and subtitled in English, Spanish and Italian.
- **Women's Court, Sarajevo** (5.25 min) – documentary made by author Berina Džamilović, Sarajevo, - 5.25 min, translated and subtitled in English, Spanish and Italian)
- **Speech of Malale Jusafzai in United Nations** (37.04 min.)
- **Kakenia Ntaija** - a girl who was looking for school (15.15 min.)

VII Publications

The following publications were arranged in this period:

- *Transcript of regional meeting of witnesses, Tivat, 37 pages*
- *Report on regional meeting of witnesses, Tivat, 23 pages*
- *Transcript of testimonies of witnesses at WoC, Sarajevo – 60 pages*
- *Transcript of regional meeting of witnesses WoC - Vrdnik -20 pages*
- *Report of regional meeting of witnesses of WoC, Vrdnik – 16 pages*
- *Report of meeting of witnesses of Montenegro – 6. pages*



NETWORKS, COALITIONS MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

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

In this period, we have accomplished many activities and we mention the following:

Meeting of the Network of the Women in Black: September 11th, 12th 13th, Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia: three days seminar, attended by **32** people: 3 from Montenegro, 1 from Croatia, 3 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 25 from 10 cities in Serbia.

Program included the following activities:

Friday, September 11th

- **In image and word** "" – on activities of the Network of Women in Black inbetween two Network meetings, reported by: Miloš Urošević, Staša Zajović, Ljiljana Radovanović, Ljupka Kovačević, Goran Lazin, Mirko Medenica i Snežana Tabački. Photographs and films presenting some of the street actions and internal debates were shown.
- **On autonomy and collectivity:** presentation of activities conducted by participants in their own environments, weather self-organized or with support of Network of Women in Black; this part was moderated by Jelena Memet and Ivana Ristić.



Saturday, September 12th

Civil society in the grip of the state - a panel discussion on co-optation of civil society organizations (CSOs) by the authorities, misuse of the CSO to comply with EU standards, the impact of that in the process of dealing with the past, autonomy as opposed to the partnership with the state, producing discord within the CSO and possible alternatives.

In this debate participate:

Ljupka Kovačević, Anima, Kotor (Montenegro)

Slavica Stojanović, Reconstruction Women's Fund, Belgrade

Aleksandar Kraus, Antifascist Union of Serbia

Fahrudin Kladničanin, Academic Forum 10

Snezana Obrenovic, Women in Black, Kraljevo

Sabina Talović, Bona Fide, Pljevlja

Slavica Stojanović, Reconstruction Women's Fund, Belgrade

Binasa Džigal, Female Voice, Priboj

Ljiljana Radovanovic, Women in Black, Belgrade





Marija Kovačev, Novi Bečej

Rejha Avdic i Hava Muratovic, Association Women of Srebrenica, Tuzla

Suvad Selimović, Association Anima, Đulići, BiH

Nadezda Kostic, Pescanik, Krusevac, etc.

The debate was moderated by Staša Zajović

Work in groups – afternoon

Group I: Joint reflection final event of the Women's Court, Sarajevo (May 7th to 10th 2015)

The witnesses, organizers and participants of WoC, Network activists jointly evaluate the event from the perspective of its contribution to feminist approach to justice, the conversation was moderated by Ljupka Kovacevic and Stasa Zajović.

Group II: "Neighbours" - screening of a documentary film produced by the Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina; film talks about the bright examples of caring for neighbors of other nationalities at the time of the most serious crimes in the Prijedor region during the war in BiH, 1992.

After the screening, a discussion was held.

Discussion corner - where / how to proceed - on the current situation in Serbia and Croatia, in the light of the increase of revisionism and ethno-nationalism in Serbia and Croatia, participants:

Snežana Tabački, Women in Black Belgrade

Lino Veljak, Faculty of Philosophy, Zagreb

Miodrag Kapetanovic, Women in Black, Belgrade

Aleksandar Kraus, Antifascist Union of Serbia

Fahrudin Kladničanin, Forum 10, Novi Pazar,

Miloš Urošević, Women in Black, Belgrade

Snezana Jakovljevic, Peščanik, Krusevac

Tanja Markovic, Antifascist Union of Serbia and WiB

Activist art - Group for video activism of Women in Black - coordinated by Goran Lazin and Marija Vidic presented documentaries

The last day of the meeting was devoted to plans for the Network in the future and evaluation of the work. Participants stressed as an important discussions on civil society and the process of rehabilitation of war criminals and audit and reinterpretation of historical facts about World War II, as part of a discussion corner.

(If you are interested in the integral Network report from this meeting, you can find it on the WiB web site.)

Solidarity is our strength

Solidarity actions with members of vulnerable and deprived minority groups- Social, class, ethnic, racial, sexual groups), and with citizens whose human rights (work rights, education rights, cultural rights) are violated, and the defenders of human rights at risk.

Solidarity with war refugees in Serbia: Women in Black began in 2013 when they organized solidarity action against racist attacks which culminated at the end of 2013 and from then until now Women in Black organized a multitude of activities, which you can find information on the WiB site. Solidarity activities are intertwined, involving multiple dimensions simultaneously - peacekeeping, humanitarian, artistic and activist, informative ...





During this period, we have organized the following activities:

Direct action - solidarity aid in the field has more segments and includes:

- **Visits to places where there are refugees** - asylum centers, parks at the Faculty of Economics and at the Central bus station in Belgrade; border crossings, self-organized refugee camps, reception centers for refugees, etc. - In 2014 and 2015 we organized about fifty (50) visits, most of which are one-day visits, but on several occasions activists of Women in Black have stayed more days in self-organized camps - Old brick factory near Subotica, near the border camp crossings, etc.
- **Peace Action charity - providing humanitarian assistance** - through humanitarian actions encourage solidarity, friendship, meetings with war refugees, the acquisition of knowledge on the situation of refugees, information about their position, and so on. These actions are organized during visits to places where there are refugees.
- **Knitting peace and solidarity** - within the Network of Women in Black organized a knitting woolen gloves and slippers for the needs of refugees in the winter; in this action initiated in October 2015 dozen activists from the cities in Serbia and Montenegro (Bonafide, Pljevlja) took part. In this action about 500 pieces of woolen clothing were made.
- **Artistic-activist campaign of solidarity with the refugees** - street peacekeeping actions with refugees in parks, border crossings, music and street art workshops with refugees, peacekeeping musical playgrounds for refugee children, street actions of solidarity in order to encourage citizens to help war refugees. It also is important to the aesthetic dimension of solidarity - print leaflets, wearing badges, banners in Arabic, Farsi, English, Serbian language; In the design and implementation of these actions we cooperate with the following artistic collectives Škart, Anti Protiv, Dah theater.
- **Documentary films about solidarity actions:** Group for video activism of Women in Black made five short films about street actions, artistic and outreach programs. We also have a rich photo documentation of the actions of solidarity.

Here are chronologically listed activities:

September 4th, Belgrade - solidarity visit to the parks between the bus station and the Faculty of Economics, meeting with refugees, this time activist and Violeta and Ljilja were brought modest humanitarian aid.

September 8th, Belgrade - solidarity visit to the parks between the bus station and the Faculty of Economics, meeting with refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia. On this occasion, Goran and Stasa shared humanitarian aid (fruit, toiletries).

September 9th, Belgrade - nine activists of Women in Black (Masa Malesevic, Stasa Zajović, Miloš Urošević, Ljiljana Radovanovic, Goran Lazin, Marija Vidic, Snežana Tabački, Tijana Mirkovic and Ljiljana Radovanovic ...) visited parks near the bus station and net to Economics Faculty. All of the refugees we talked with were in transit on the way to some of the developed countries of the EU.

September 11th, Belgrade - in the morning ten activists of Women in Black visited the parks, along with the women of Srebrenica and the Drina Valley, expressing solidarity and support to war refugees from the Middle East. About their impressions we talked that afternoon, at a meeting of the Network of Women in Black in Vrnjacka Banja.

September 14th, Belgrade - in the park there were fewer people, they were very upset because of the announcement of the Hungarian authorities to close the border and use of force on the border ... There were more refugees from Afghanistan, but also many from Syria, they all have asked us about the state of on the border between Serbia and Hungary ...





September 14th and 15th, on the train from Belgrade to the border with Hungary: Women in Black activist Goran Lazin together with the activists from No borders witnessed that on the train Belgrade-Subotica, refugees were exposed to brutal segregation (higher prices for a ticket, special wagons ...), activists said it looked like 'cell at concentration camps'

September 15th, 'Stop terror against migrants' - peace action of solidarity with the refugees at the border crossing Bački Vinogradi (between Serbia and Hungary) on the day they were banned to cross to Hungary, the action was organized by activists of Women in Black and No borders.

September 16th, on the border between Serbia and Hungary - Women in Black activist Goran Lazin, together with activists from No Borders was on the border between Serbia and Hungary at Horgos. He told us, among other things: "This is an alarming situation, breached the fence, which has since been set up. Hungarian army was there with tanks. Declared a state of emergency in the southern part of the state of Hungary. The army used tear gas against asylum seekers, after they fired rubber bullets." By phone calls during the night, Goran said that the situation continues to deteriorate ... The Diary of border crossings with Serbia - Hungary 'Doors apartheid' Goran Lazin was describing brutal violence of war refugees to the border closure on September 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, when the border was closed.

September 17th, "Solidarity forever" - peace action with the refugees at the border crossing Horgos 2 (between Serbia and Hungary). In action participated activists of Women in Black and the Autonomous Women's Center, and joined by the dozens of refugees from the Middle East (a detailed report on this action under the heading "Street actions")

September 21st, Belgrade "Solidarity with Refugees" - Peace Action on World Day of Peace was organized in Belgrade, in the parks at the Faculty of Economics and the bus station. The action was joined by refugees (extensive report on this action under the heading "Street actions")

September 25th, Belgrade - solidarity aid to refugees in the Middle East, parks at the bus station and the Faculty of Economics. Within this solidarity visit, we organized more activities: distribution of humanitarian assistance, joint creative activity 'Mapping the world' - writing messages in different languages on a large map of the countries from where refugees are coming and where they are going, the difficulties they encountered, and so on. This activity was coordinated by Vahida Ramujkić, visual artist.

October 1st, Belgrade - solidarity campaign to help refugees from the Middle East, parks at the bus station and the Faculty of Economics. Women in Black activists were distributing gifts that had arrived from Martha Correia, activist friends from Lisbon, Portugal. That day, most refugees came from Afghanistan, then Pakistan and Iran. As in all previous days, weeks, months, they are in a 'transit', everyone rushing to reach Western Europe, nor even they want nor it is offer them to stay in Serbia ...

October 6th, Belgrade - In this solidarity visit to refugees in the parks, we organized the distribution of warm clothes, fruit and hygienic wipes.

October 9th, Belgrade "Give peace a chance" - Solidarity action jointly organized by Women in Black and the music band of Jugoslav and Anastasia - „Anti - Protiv“ from Belgrade (a detailed report on this action under the heading "Street actions")





October 17th, Belgrade, "Knitting peace and solidarity" - peace action on two important international dates (October 17th - International Day against poverty and October 18th - European Day Against Human Trafficking) Women in Black, along with NGO Astra and the Autonomous Women's center organized a peace action at the Faculty of Economics and the Central Bus Station. (A detailed report on this action in the section "Street actions").

It was noticed increased police presence and the general militarization. In fact, these days route for refugees changed. They won't be allowed to stay and sleep in parks near the bus station and the Faculty of Economics in Belgrade, but they will be transported directly from Presevo (where registered) to Sid, from where they go to Croatia.

October 18th, the border crossing between Serbia and Croatia (Berkasovo-Bapska near Sid): solidarity visit to refugees from the Middle East, by activists of Women in Black (Violeta, Ljilja, Ruzica) and Jelena activist from Vukovar, Croatia. On that occasion, they visited the reception center for refugees located in the village of Opatovac. The camp was not able to enter because of the necessary permits.

October 20th, the reception center Preševo - visiting refugees in this center, which is located near the border between Serbia and Macedonia by activists of Women in Black (Violeta, Goran and Mirko), along with activists from our network in Presevo (Sanije and Riva). The humanitarian aid was brought (food, hygiene products, clothing, shoes, etc.). In this center it is carried out registration of refugees, and also number of international humanitarian organizations operate there. Because of the intensified police controls we were not allowed to make photos, or stay in the camp without the „permission“ of the Commissariat for Refugees of Serbia.

October 31st, border crossing Berkasovo-Bapska, between the Serbia and Croatia, Women in Black and Women's Reconstruction Fund activists on October 31st 2015, marked the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of Resolution 1325 by providing solidarity visit and help to war refugees at the border crossing Berkasovo / Bapska.

November 9th, reception center Preševo - Women in Black and the Reconstruction Women's Fund activists Violeta Đikanović i Slavica Stojanović on the occasion of the November 9th - International Day against Fascism and anti-Semitism, visited the reception center for war refugees from the Middle East, in Presevo. The police ordered us to leave the camp because we do not have permission to enter and forbade photographing, so we forwarded humanitarian aid to organization REMAR from Spain who works at the center. In this action also participated activists of WIB Network from Preševo, Vlasotince, Leskovac.

November 27th reception center Preševo - Women in Black activists (Violeta Đikanović) and Women for Peace from Leskovac (Milka Rosić) visited the reception center for war refugees from the Middle East in Presevo. Spotted a small number of refugees and the conditions in the center were 'catastrophic', activists were not allowed to visit, access to the registration center was banned for NGOs and international volunteers, humanitarian organization Remar was banned by authorities to share cooked food .. 'in short, access to the registration center for refugees is not allowed to those





who would witness what the state is doing - abuse, corruption, and the procedure for obtaining permits has series of administrative barriers, becoming a 'mission impossible'. The aim of these measures is arbitrary selection of „pro-government“ organization working with refugees, while for the 'unfit' it is impossible to get. It introduces the principle of 'undesirable' and 'desirable' or 'NGO of trust'.

December 10th, "Refugees are welcome" - On December 10th, International Human Rights Day, Women in Black have organized an action of solidarity with war refugees from the Middle East (a detailed report on this action under the heading "Street actions").

December 18th, a reception center Adaševci - Activists of Women in Black (Mirko, Violeta, Stasa) visited the reception center, which is located on the border between Serbia and Croatia. In Adaševci we found a lot of refugees who were waiting to board the buses that drive them to the railway station in Sid, about six kilometers away. We met several women with children, traveling alone from Syria, Afghanistan and fewer from Iraq. We brought humanitarian aid, above all the warm clothes for children - knitted gloves, scarves, sweaters ... made under the actions of the Network of Women in Black, „Knitting peace and solidarity“.

December 21st, reception center Preševo - It was noted the absence of the refugees, because they for a few days bad weather is at sea between Turkey and Greece, however, number of refugees has significantly reduced. In recent days, it was an average of about 1,000 a day and that day about 170. Violeta and Mirko (WIB) were not allowed to enter the center, not even to take the help that they brought (fruit, gloves, hats) to Remar's tent, which is located inside the center. Remar's volunteers went out to retrieve assistance.

December 21st, Belgrade - artistic performances during the "Invisible City" theater show by collective Dah Theatre, artists shared the information leaflets of Women in Black on war refugees from the Middle East. This theater performance on the promotion of multiculturalism, marked 10 years of existence of the collective, it was performed in a city bus number 26

December 30th, a reception center in Adaševci border crossing Sid - Women in Black activists Violeta Đikanović and Vahida Ramujkić with activists of the organization in Catalonia Igman-Accio Solidaria visited reception center for war refugees from the Middle East in Adaševci near Sid. On this occasion it is forbidden to take photographs and humanitarian aid can be brought only with the permission of the Commissariat for Refugees of Serbia. Thanks to mutual support Remar-a distributed humanitarian aid, we brought. We also visited the reception center at the train station in Sid. There was also forbidden to take photographs without the permission of the Serbian MIA.

In addition, solidarity with war refugees, Women in Black expressed and with other activities:





- **Writing and sending reports** - in Serbian and English, for domestic and international networks and institutions we work with, to learn about the problems of refugees, their status, their human rights abuses, discrimination, both at the level of institutions and society. Extensive reports from all the above actions can be found on the website of the Women in Black, in Serbian and English language.
- **Organizing solidarity support within the Network of Women in Black** - joint activities, coordination of actions, organizing discussions on the situation of refugees with groups and individuals in the network, as well as with related organizations with whom we have organized a large number of solidarity actions.
- **Monitoring the human rights situation of refugees has more segments:**
 - *recording of complaints and appeals on violence and discrimination against the refugees* - both by state institutions and society. The source of information are the direct contacts with refugees, meetings and exchange of information with activists of allied organizations and movements at regional and international level, monitoring media reports on the situation of refugees, contacts with representatives of international human rights institutions, especially those for Migration and the rights of refugees
 - *logging abuses and militarization of the refugee tragedy* - cases of repression, abuse, exploitation of refugees by state and non-state actors in the form of robbery and enrichment at the expense of refugees, profiting on migration from the Middle East and the creation of new wave of post-war profiteers layer
 - *monitoring the implementation of measures by the institution*, fulfilling the obligations assumed by the State on the basis of international conventions on the situation of refugees and asylum seekers - the gap between factual and normative status



International solidarity - participation in international conferences on refugees, contacts with international networks for the exchange of information, joint actions, organizing mutual visits, debates. In this period, Women in Black held a number of meetings, some of which were:

October 2nd, Belgrade - meeting with Sabina Fraser, advisor for questions of peace and security (Governance, Peace and Security) agency UN Women for Europe and Central Asia (Europe & Central Asia Regional Office) in Istanbul, Turkey. Activists of the Women in Black (Ljiljana, Violeta and Staša) presented their experience in working with refugees.

November 2nd, Belgrade - meeting with Galit Wolfensohn, the consultant UN Women (UN agency for gender equality and women's empowerment); participated in a meeting activists of Women in Black Ljiljana Radovanovic and Stasa Zajović and talked about the special needs and priorities of women migrants; the responses to the refugee crisis from a gender perspective, and so on.

November 16th, Belgrade - meeting of activists of women's groups from Belgrade with a delegation of women Nobel laureate Initiative in the framework of "Opening the borders - Women Refugees Welcome". They discussed the problems of war refugees, specific experience of women refugees, the contribution of activists in refugee centers, solidarity actions, etc. On behalf of the Women in Black Stasa Zajovic participated.

November 26th, Milano, Italy - participation in the international meeting of 'What happens to migrants on the Balkan refugee route?', organized by the Women's home in Milan (Casa delle Donne di Milano). Stasa Zajović and activists of the network People Before Borders of Italy participated.

December 16th, Belgrade - working meeting was held in the premises of Astra women's groups, between members



of the organization Women Refugees Commission (WRC) and women's groups engaged in humanitarian work with refugees. Representatives of the WRC were particularly interested in the protection of women and girls - refugees from gender-based violence. Activists of women's groups (Astra, Autonomous Women's Center, Atina, Women in Black and Impuls from Tutin) criticized the attitude of the authorities in Serbia related to refugees, spending international donations received by the state of Serbia untransparently, restrictions and even prohibitions to activists of civil society imposed by Commissariat for Refugees of RS (in the camps, centers for refugees). On behalf of the Women in Black in this workshop participated Ljiljana Radovanovic.

Visits of international activists, Belgrade, during November and December Women in Black were visited by activists from the Poland, Italy, Spain, which organized solidarity actions at border crossings, refugee reception centers on the route throughout the whole of Europe, during a visit they visited some reception centers and border crossings.

Discussion circles, lectures, debates in premises of Women in Black

We continued our practice of regular discussion circles, lectures and common reflection on important social and political issues in our country and in the world, also in this reporting period, when we organized thirteen (13) lectures and debates in which two hundred eighty one (217) persons participated:

September 16th - the screening of movie 'Pride'; This movie lasting is about cooperation between the LGBT movement and the trade union of miners in Wales, in 1984.

Screening and debate were attended by 10 activists.

September 23rd - Serbian "Nonviolence and feminist-antimilitarist alternatives to militarism" coordinated by Stasa Zajović, the workshop was attended by 10 people.

September 30th - Promotion of the book „Gunstock of Bozo Kaurin and Other Stories” by Drago Kovacevic, with the participation of 28 persons (read more about this promotion in the section "Dealing with the past").

October 7th - "Middle East – place of permanent Peace/Instability" - a conversation with participants: Mirko Medenica, an activist, who spoke about his experience of volunteer work in Israel and Violeta Đikanović who spoke about her experience from Syria before the war. We also discussed the current situation in the Middle East. Meeting was attended by 20 people.

October 14th - About the current political situation in Ukraine - conversation with Yana Zakorko from Ukraine, who several months volunteered at the Women in Black. Lecture and the discussion was attended by 22 people.

October 28th - screening of the Israeli movie "Lemon Tree" on violence of Israeli army and the state on the Palestinian widow, deprived of lemon tree plantations due to construction of villa for Israeli defense minister. The movie testifies the Palestinian struggle, as well as the support that she received from a woman of the minister. Projection was attended by 12 people.





November 5th - the film "Passionate Politics - life and work of Charlotte Bunch" (58 min), director Joyce Warshow. The film follows the lives and feminist activist engagement Charlotte Bunch (USA). In '60 of XX century she was active in the antiwar movement and the civil rights movement of African Americans, in '70 she was active in the radical feminist group Furies. In 1989 she founded the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University in the USA. Charlotte Bunch is one of the prime movers of the global campaign 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women, the Women's Court in Sarajevo was a member of the International panel of judges. The screening was attended by **13** people.

November 11th - The international policy - report from activist visits (Germany, Spain) submitted Stasa Zajovic, On this occasion and video materials were presented; It was attended by **18** people.

November 18th - debate on the anniversary of the crime in Vukovar and screenings of movies on Vukovar produced by videoactivism group of Women in Black. Participated activists of Women in Black and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia and was attended by **17** people.

November 25th - movie 'Time of butterfly' (95 min); director Mariana Barroso, based on the book by Julius Alvarez, on the Mirabal sisters, who fought for women's human rights during the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in Haiti during sixties. International campaign 16 days of activism against violence against women is celebrated in memory of their murder.

December 2nd - "Waiting for capitalism", debate about the book of Mladen Lazic, Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade. In addition to the author, the meeting was attended by **22** people.

December 7th - "Montenegro at a crossroads," the current political situation in Montenegro, keynote speakers: Esad Kocan from Podgorica, editor in chief of the independent Montenegrin weekly Monitor and Ljupka Kovacevic, activist of women's group "Anima" from Kotor. In this debate, **23** people participated.

December 16th - "Dignity - the history and meaning of the term", the study of the American philosopher Michael Rosen; debate was conducted by: Lino Veljak, Faculty of Philosophy, Zagreb and Vesna Stanoković- Pejinović, philosopher, Belgrade, with the participation of **21** persons.



December 23rd - 'She left a trace in us' - a tribute to Jasna Bogojevic (1946 - 2015), the anti-war, anti-fascist comrade, activists of Women in Black. The act of remembrance at Jasna participated **20** people.

Mutual support and solidarity

In this period, we also participated in numerous initiatives of civil society in organization of related groups. Here we state in chronological order the ones in which we had active participation (as lecturers, panelists...):

September 16th, Belgrade - Regional conference "Srebrenica - the culture of remembrance" was held at the Media Centre, organized by the Humanitarian Law Center, it was attended by Miloš Urošević, Women in Black.

October 23rd, Belgrade - The Humanitarian Law presented the dossier "Operation Reka" about the crimes committed on April 27th and 28th 1999 by Serbian forces. At least 350 civilians - Kosovo Albanians were killed and a few thousand of them expelled to Albania. The attack of Serbian forces against the civilian population in the Reka Valley by number of victims is the biggest crime committed against civilians during the war in Kosovo and one of the largest in the wars in former Yugoslavia in the nineties. Miloš Urošević, WiB activist, participated.



November 16th, Belgrade - "Human Right defenders in the Western Balkans Region" organized by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights; on behalf of the Women in Black participated by Mirko Medenica and Stasa Zajović

November 23rd, Leskovac - court proceedings against the witness Slobodan Stojanovic, was postponed due to the absence of the opposite parties, but this event was attended by Mirko Medenica, activist of Women in Black, along with other civil society organizations from Belgrade: Humanitarian Law and Helsinki Committee for Human rights. Stojanovic is a former member of the Serbian police and the witness of the crimes committed in Kosovo in 1998 by members of the 37th Special Unit battalion of MIA RS. Because of the intention of three police officers to testify on the events in Kosovo, they were the object of repression by the persons who in their statements were cited as perpetrators of crimes. It should be noted that up to date, crimes of which Slobodan Stojanović has knowledge have not been prosecuted. The culmination of prosecution of witness Stojanovic is a judicial procedure against him for alleged threats via e-mail sent to the prosecutor for war crimes Vladimir Vukcevic and his deputy Slobodan Stankovic. The aim of the procedure is to criminalize and discredit the witness Stojanović, as well as to intimidate him with threatening imprisonment. The next hearing is scheduled for 03.02.2016.

December 18th, Belgrade - Meeting with Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; in this working meeting participated activists of human rights NGOs, a WIB was represented by Ljiljana Radovanovic. They discussed the situation on defenders of human rights, attacks of state and non state actors, the absence of adequate response of public institutions, a climate of impunity in Serbia. The meeting was held at the Office of the Commissioner for Protection of Equality.

Campaigns, appeals: Along with mentioned initiatives in this reporting period, we also initiated or actively participated in numerous campaigns above all related to demands in confronting the past – responsibility for war crimes, violence against women, against repression over political opponents and war refugees

We mention some of the appeals and campaigns:

Solidarity with war refugees - Stop human trafficking - on the occasion of October 17th - the International Day against poverty and October 18th - European Day against human trafficking, the statement of Women in Black, Astra and the Autonomous Women's Center to emphasize that "refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, when they are in transit, they become easy targets, and are exposed to different kinds of exploitation, and often to human trafficking". Those organizations require competent institution "that persons at risk should be provided with protection and to urgently and adequately act if there is reasonable doubt that there is any kind of exploitation."

Justice for Victims of Crime in Sjeverin - on the occasion of 23rd anniversary of the kidnapping and murder of 17 Bosniak citizens in Sjeverin, Serbia (22. 10.1992), Women in Black pointed out that "killed residents of Sjeverin have not been properly buried, all the killers have not yet been convicted, and Serbia did not confessed this crime." WIB asks state of Serbia to arrest the perpetrators and their commanders", and to award financial reparations to surviving family members of victims from Sjeverin.

Antifascism is our choice - in a statement on November 9th - International Day Against Fascism and anti-Semitism, Women in Black have again expressed their "strongest protest against the rehabilitation of the Chetnik war criminals and quisling forces from the Second World War. Rehabilitation of historical revisionism cancels anti-fascist legacy and extends the already large space for the ultra-right forces (neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, clerical fascist) at the state and society. We will continue to demand legal sanctioning of such tendencies and movements and to nurture anti-fascist heritage and values".

Initiative of Women in Black from Belgrade, Multimedia Centre/MMC Led Art/Art klinika from Novi Sad for building a memorial plaque to Croatian war prisoners in Begejci and Stajićevo: Women in Black and Art klinika addressed



in November 2015 the representatives of municipal parliaments in Municipalities of Zrenjanin and Žitište appeals to adequately memorialize concentration camps Begejci and Stajićevo, where civilians and war prisoners of Croatian nationality suffered in the beginning of the 90ies. This year, our appeal is joined by a dozen of organizations of civil society in Serbia. This way, we repeated our years long initiative to adequately memorialize places of torture and suffering of Croatian war prisoners and civilians in concentration camps Begejci and Stajićevo, which are located on territories of town Zrenjanin and Municipality Žitište. The authorities in charge have not yet responded to this request.

Initiative to name one street in Belgrade by the name of Dejan Nebrigić – on December 29th 2015 was the sixteen anniversary of death of Dejan Nebregić (1970-1999), gay activist, pacifist and antifascist. Dejan was murdered in 1999 at twenty eight years of age. As declared antifascist, antinationalist and antimilitarist, he declined his military service obligation, publically announcing that he was homosexual, which at that time was treated as a disease for which he was permanently liberated from obligation to military service. In the beginning of 1992 he joins Women in Black, and he gave a very significant contribution to antimilitarist-feminist engagement of Women in Black with his enrollment in establishing a network for conscientious objection. From authorities in charge, we demand that “one of many streets in the city which are nameless be given the name by Dejan Nebrigić, one of the first fighters for respect of human rights of LGBT persons, a feminist, antifascist and antimilitarist”, which would be a way for authorities to show they oppose homophobia, and a way to “prevent discrimination of others and different to keep labeling the reality of Serbia”.

Dismiss Gašić! - Women in Black Network Serbia, Network of Women Against Violence, Reconstruction Women’s Fund supported the request of Serbian journalists, seeking the dismissal of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Serbia Bratislav Gasic. On while giving a statement in Trstenik (06.12.2015), to TV B92 journalist he said: “I like female journalist when they fall on they knees so easy.” According to the statement on 21.12.15., “the defense minister was not replaced, it evidenced not only undemocratic capacity of the Government of Serbia, but Serbian Prime Minister totalitarian tendencies and militarization of public life” and that “the defense minister non dismissal is clear indication that we all live in a climate of impunity and unpunished violence, which are achievements of crimes from the nineties, and autocratic government of Aleksandar Vucic. “

Not a single woman less! - The statement on December 6th - the International Day of Action against femicide, Women in Black and the Network of Women Against Violence seek “punishment of irresponsible civil servants who have missed or inadequately responded to application of male violence against women and thus failed to stop the recurrence of violence and murder of women. In Serbia, since the beginning of the year to December 1st, in the context of family and partner violence 33 women were killed. More than half of the murdered women reported violence to competent institutions.”

Publishing activity: along with already presented publications, in this reporting period we published:

Women’s Peace Agenda 2016 - Agenda 2016 is dedicated to the 25 years of the Women in Black. Women’s peace agenda for 2016 is a very concise overview of the activities of Women in Black from the ethical principles of our policy of peace through peace networks, coalitions, the largest portion is paid to the activities related to dealing with the past from the feminist point of view, the aesthetics of resistance, short display of practice active solidarity with all the marginalized and excluded from economic, political, social power, both in our region and in the whole world and briefly presents a comprehensive publishing - our alternative history. The peace agenda for 2016 - contains photographs taken during the street actions. Women’s peace agenda has 166 pages, edited by Stasa Zajović, in cooperation with Miloš Urošević, Ljiljana Radovanovic, Snezana Tabački i Violeta Đikanović, layout and design is done by Marija Vidic, the photos are done Vesna Pavlovic and Srđan Veljović.

Peace calendar of Women in Black for 2016: Calendar consists of photographs of the street actions of Women in Black (Srđan Veljović i Tijana Mirković), design was done by Marija Vidić.



"Dragoljub Todorović - left a trace in us" - a publication to commemorate Dragoljub Todorovic (1948-2015), a lawyer, a tireless fighter for democracy and for the punishment of war crimes and for the rights of victims. The publication has 20 pages.

International Politics

In previous sections of this report it was indicated participation in numerous international conferences, as well as visits at the international level.

Besides the above mentioned, we participated in the following international conferences:

October 19th and 20th, Berlin, Germany - international conference "Dealing with the Past and Spaces, Places, Actions, and Institutions of Memory: A Reflection on comparative European Experience". The conference was organized by the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies - John Hopkins University / AICGS / USA and Hafiz Merkezi - Istanbul / Turkey. Stasa Zajović, activist of Women in Black had a presentation on the panel: "Memorialization, Remembrance and Acts of Commemoration" (Memorialisation, memory and commemorative acts) and also participated in other debates within the two-day conference.

October 22nd and 23rd, Seville, Spain - International Meeting "The Eighth International Meeting of the Uniform wife" women for peace - 100 years after '(VIII Encuentro Internacional Mujeres Singulares' Mujeres por la paz. 100 anos despues'). Stasa Zajović had exposure 'Los efectos de la guerra en la vida de las mujeres. Paz en femenino' (The consequences of war on women. Peace in the female way). The meeting was organized on the occasion of the first women's peace conference in the world, The Hague Conference in April 1915, organized by the Federation of Maria Laffite (Federacion Maria Laffite) with the support of the Institute for Women of Andalusia.

October 25th, Seville – Stasa Zajovic met with activists of Women in Black from Seville, as well as meeting with Maria Garcia, leader of the trade union movement SOC (Sindicato obrero del campo / labor union), the MP of Podemos in Andalusia.

October 26th, Madrid - meeting Stasa Zajović, Women in Black Belgrade with activists of Women in Black, Madrid on the refugee drama, the activities of the International Network of Women in Black, etc.

October 27th, Madrid - lecture entitled "Rostros rastros y de la violencia "(Faces and consequences of violence" Stasa Zajović at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Research - Grupo de Investigación JUSMENACU (Justicia, memoria, y cultura narracion). These meetings and lectures were mostly about the feminist approach to justice, the Women's Court, the refugee tragedy - the response of social movements in Europe, and so on.

October 28th, 29th and 30th, Vitoria, Basque Country, Spain - XIII Seminar Fernando Buesa 'It was peace. Societies after the collective trauma '(XIII Seminario fernando Buesa' La paz era esto. Sociedades despues del trauma colectivo '). Stasa Zajović had a presentation at the panel: "How to overcome the tragedy from the Latin America to the former Yugoslavia '(Metabolizando la tragedia: del Cono Sur americano a la antigua Yugoslavia) together with the participants: Ricardo Brodsky, director of the Museum of Remembrance and Human Rights in Chile and Andres Cascio, social psychologist, professor, Argentina.

November 2nd to 5th, Freiburg, Germany - within the project "Women and Law", the organization Lawyers Without Borders (Anwältinnen ohne Grenzen) whose members are lawyers from Germany and 27 other countries around the world, organized the Conference "Women, peace and security in the Western Balkans," under auspices of the European Parliament, Women in Black activist, Marija Perkovic, participated. The purpose of the conference was to examine the situation of women participation in political and social life, with special emphasis on their participation in post-conflict processes and in particular in the process of integration of the countries of the former Yugoslavia to the European Union.



Novembar 25th, Verona, Italy – meeting with activists of Women in Black from Verona, Padua, Vicenza, as well as with participants of the international campaign 'Peace biking - Belgrade - Srebrenica 2015' by the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica.

December 10th to 12th, Batumi, Georgia - International conference 'Europe and Central Asia Activists Convening' organized by the women's foundation: Women's Global Fund, KtK, Women's Fund Georgia (Georgia). Topics of the conference were: the situation of LGBT people in that region, the security of activists, regional cooperation and mutual support of activists, etc. On behalf of the Women in Black participated Snezana Jakovljevic, activist groups 'Pescanik' from Krusevac and the Network of Women in Black.

During this period WiB also had a many international visits from activists and researchers from around the world.

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