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Dear friends,

We're delighted to present you the Youth Resource Center's (ORC) Tuzla and BiH Youth Center's November edition of the monthly bulletin. At the moment this movement accounts for 182 organizations and 115 individuals from 75 places across BiH.

Currently, the newsletter is published in Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian and English language.

The newsletter contains information about Youth Resource Center's (ORC) activities; monthly activities of the youth organizations, informal groups and individuals – BiH Youth Network's members, their plans for the upcoming period and all the other information intended for the young people of today and the NVO sector (donor invitations for projects, conferences, seminars, tuitions, scholarships etc.).

If you wish to be on the mailing list for the coming editions of our monthly informative newsletter or if you have any questions or suggestions at all, please let us know. You can find the Monthly Informative Bulletin (as well as the archive of our previous editions) on the BiH Youth Network's website:

www.omladina-bih.net



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ORC/HCA Activities in November 2017

"Youth for a better future"

Within the confines of a project "Youth for a better future" being realized by the members of the Youth Resource Center, in November we've prepared for visits to our partner organizations in Brcko, Doboj and Vitez, as well as for peer educators training, which will be held in Tuzla, in December. The video labeled "Life in Tuzla, year 2017th" recorded by individuals from our organization and posted on multiple portals and social networks, so far had 96.576 views, 336 shares via private social network profiles, 1000 reactions on the ORC Tuzla page and 1.300 reactions on the profiles that shared the video itself. The clip is available on the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/ORCTuzla/videos/1548994761815457/>

We'd like to invite all our readers to share the clip on their profiles and by doing this support our desire for a youth society without discrimination.



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"Divided past – Joint future"



Youth Resource Centre Tuzla is a partner alongside 17 different non-governmental organizations from the region in the project "Divided past – Joint future". The project is supported by the European Union, and the main bearer of

activities is the Youth Communicational Centre Banja Luka. The purpose of this project is the construction of infrastructure as an effective malady for reconciliation in western Balkans and Turkey.

In Bitola, Macedonia in the period of 15th – 18th November, within the project activities a training for partner organizations was held. The host of the training was Youth Cultural Center Bitola. The goal of the training was adapting to the usage of new and innovative means for peace advocacy and informal education, as well as intersectoral approach to peace and reconciliation.



The participants of this training had an opportunity to research the concept of social innovations, as well as to review their reflection towards the project design and project activities. Using such an approach in the correspondent way could influence the credibility of civil society organizations in the field of peace building and reconciliation. Strengthening personal capacities, all partners could position themselves as equal participants in debates regarding building peace and reconciliation in the public sector, the business community, as well as amongst the citizens and other civic society organizations.



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Youth Group ORC Tuzla

Workshop "Preventing and opposing violent extremism at the local level"

OSCE Mission in BiH organized a series of workshop at the local level in cities such as Cazin, Bihac, Brcko, Tuzla and Zenica with many parties interested in the topic: **"Preventing and opposing violent extremism at the local level"**. The workshops gathered township representatives, civic society organizations, educational institutions, social services, mental health centers, religious communities, correctional services, journalists and similar.



The workshop held on 13th – 14th November 2017th, at the "Mellain" Hotel in Tuzla among others, hosted the Youth Resource Centre Tuzla members, **Slobodan Blagovcanin and Mirela Bikovic**.

Our members had an opportunity to attend lectures on topics such as: the process of radicalization into violence; psychological aspects of radicalization; aspects of faith, religion and ideology in preventing and fighting violent extremism at the local level; as well as participating in debates on preventing

the phenomenon of violent extremism.

The lectures were presented by eminent names such as: dr. Sead Turcalo (Atlantic Initiative), Aida Gonovic (psychologist), Muhamed Jusic (theologist) and Hamza Visca (independent expert for security sector reforms).

The goal of the workshop was to advance the knowledge of local participants with means of opposing the violent extremism and radicalization by sharing and learning the best praxis, clarifying security issues and projecting future activities for certain areas. Bringing in local community actors and creating a platform for dialogue and cooperation, the workshops will assist in solving the issue of violent extremism as a multi-dimensional problem which influences the society as a whole.

During the workshop which was increasingly instructive for the members of the Youth Resource Center, we tried to answer questions such as: Is extremism a problem of our local community, do we have mechanisms for suppression and prevention of violent extremism. With preventing the issue, we'd like to raise the citizens' awareness on travesty of violent extremism. This is reachable via informing and educating the youth, the teaching staff, police, social services, leaders, religious services and others, as well as publishing educational content. A better cooperation amongst all actors in preventing and opposing violent extremism at the local level is reachable with authorities, civic societies and the actors themselves working together and by upgrading the capacity of police and other agencies.



Financing youth work for inclusion and acceptance of diversity in Europe



In November, from 13th – 21st November 2017th, in Mali Idjos a training course "Financing youth work for inclusion and acceptance of diversity in Europe" was held for youth workers and activists from Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, BiH, Albania, Greece, Italy and Kosovo Republic.

The goal of the project, which was realized under the patronage of European Commission through the Erasmus+ program, is to inform and learn about the means of financing and writing

projects for social inclusion of the marginalized groups and using IT tools in collecting funds for projects and activities.

The training organizer is the organization "Centre for developing youth potential" from Serbia. The representative of the ORC Tuzla Youth Group was Emir Karamujic.

CAT (Citizens against Terrorism)



On Wednesday, 29th November 2017th, within the confines of the campaign "Citizens against terrorism", members of our group included in the activities of the CAT campaign, alongside with students from Brcko and Bijeljina had realized a street action which had a goal of pointing out the youth numbers fighting radicalism and violent extremism. Also, thanks to the OSCE Mission in BiH partner, 400 manuals "Preventing and fighting violent extremism – Everyone has a role!" were distributed to Tuzla citizens.

You can follow the campaign activities on the following link:

www.facebook.com/CATBiH



OSCE Mission in BiH Conference

The OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the support of the BiH Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations in BiH, organized a Review Conference on respecting BiH's security obligations towards the OSCE and the UN which brought together local and regional security experts, political actors and representatives of international organizations and civil society. The conference assessed the progress BiH has made in fulfilling its international security obligations, with a special focus on



cyber security issues, which encourages representatives of relevant institutions to develop appropriate mechanisms to more effectively deal with security challenges in the cyber space. Part of the youth work group was Slobodan Blagovcanin, project manager at ORC Tuzla.

Insightrainers – Creatrainers (Comics and visuals)

In Istanbul (Sariyer), from 20th to 25th November 2017th, a course was held for trainers and youth activists called "Insightrainers - Creatrainers" from over 20 countries of the world.

The goal of the project is making tools out of comic books, which will be used by the trainers who work with the children refugees in different parts of the world, but especially in Turkey which deals with

several million refugees from Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. Both the program and its course are financed by the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission and Turkish national agency.



Course organizer is TNA (Turkish National Agency). ORC representative was Adnan Cirak.

REGULAR ORC/HCA TUZLA ACTIVITIES

In November we worked on sustain and development of coordination and communication within the BiH Youth Network (www.omladina-bih.net). Within the confines of this we distributed interesting information for the youth and the youth activism in BiH on a daily basis to the mailing list of the network (posta@omladina-bih.net), but also on other addresses across Bosnia & Herzegovina and the region. We corresponded with organizations and the individuals appealed by the network's work and responded to queries about specific activities, education and all the other information about the activism of the youth in BiH.

HRC/ORC PLANS FOR DECEMBER 2017

- Implementation of regular activities through the Youth Network in Bosnia & Herzegovina;
- Continue to work on winding up funds for the year 2017.
- Preparation and a start of a partner project with PRONI Brcko and Dutch organization "Pax for peace" – "Youth in a struggle against violence and extremism". The project is supported by the Dutch embassy in Sarajevo, within the MATRA program.
- Within the confines of a project "YOUth 4 better future", we're planning to visit our partners in the field and preparation for trainings.
- Organizing trainings for our peer educators within the project "YOUth 4 better future" in Tuzla. The training will be held at the end of the current month.
- Organizing the traditional New Year's Eve party of the Youth Resource Centre
- Preparations for a start of a media campaign within the project "Divided past – Joint future" supported by the European Union.

BIH YOUTH NETWORK MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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Business forum in Neum: Only an opportunity to conduct businesses and progress will persuade the youth to stay in BiH

BiH must secure a stable life to its citizens, and this is possible only by strengthening the economy and ensuring a high income – this is only one of the messages from the business forum "Dissipation of Economy to new job openings", which was held in Neum, on 8th November 2017th.



Business forum in Neum gathered businessmen, representatives of the governmental, non-governmental and academic sectors and young entrepreneurs that discussed the burdens restricting the growth and development of the economy in the Federation of BiH, with a focus on the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Neum Municipality, the possibilities for overcoming

them, initiatives and activities undertaken for the purpose of economic reforms, programs and measures of incentives for employment and self-employment, especially for young people, and opportunities and obstacles for starting a business.

"Problems in the economy must be solved by cooperation of all levels of the government, additional education and more financial support for starting a business, especially for young people because they are our strength" - said Zivko Matusko, Mayor of Neum Municipality.

During the forum, the initiative for amendments to the VAT Law was introduced, which foresees the shift of the VAT payment period for small businessmen in order to facilitate business, as well as the results of the research on the allocation of budget incentives to the economy in the period 2012-2015.

"There is no room for economic development in BiH. There is no environment that gives young people the opportunity to develop businesses and that is why the Youth Development Institute KULT has decided to cope with the challenges of creating a better business environment for young people as well as all BiH citizens, because they will keep them in BiH. Ambiance that gives them the opportunity to earn and advance" - said Jasmin Besic, executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

Biznis forum was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT under the High Patronage of the Chairman of the BiH Presidency dr. Dragana Covic, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts and the Municipality of Neum.

Business forum is organized within the initiative called "Business space BH", implemented by the Institute for Youth Development KULT since 2014 within the Civil Society Sustainability Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (CSSP), implemented by the Center for Civil Initiatives (CCI) and the Center for Civil Initiatives Civil Society Promotion (CPCD), which is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Dialogue with the KS youth: Every day of indifference is another bus of youth leaving BiH

We need to care about young people and we must solve problems in those segments that are most concerned about them - said Minister of Education, Science and Youth Elvir Kazazovic who officially opened the "Youth Dialogue KS".

"Youth dialogue KS" was organized on November 24th, 2017th as one of the segments in the process of drafting the Strategy for Youth in Canton Sarajevo which will define activities and measures for improving the status of youth.

"The inclusion of young people is one of the most important parts of the whole process because the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Youth is working on the Strategy and it is precisely the importance of the Diagnostics with young people that is therefore greater. This event is an occasion for the opinion of young people for whom the document is the most important and that their proposals and solutions are included in the Strategy itself. The problem is in many areas and it should act equally in each one of them."- said Minister Kazazovic.

Ministry of education, science and youth KS, together with the Institute for Development of Youth KULT conducted a research in 2016 on the needs and problems of young people of the Sarajevo Canton, on the basis of which the process of drafting the Strategy started. The research is a detective problem, and the Strategy will offer solutions.

"Every country that does not take care of young people is condemned to economic, social, value and any other degradation and decline. The strategy itself will not bring about revolutionary changes, but will create a path to the directional, planned and synergistic work of all those who are responsible for the care of young people. Every day of indifference, is one bus of young people departing BiH, "said Jasmin Besic, executive director of the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

The process of drafting the Strategy for Youth is coordinated by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of the Canton of Sarajevo, and the Institute for Development of Youth KULT is expert-advisory support to the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of the Sarajevo Canton for providing support in the process of drafting the Strategy for the Youth of Sarajevo Canton.

By adopting the Law on Youth of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, all levels of government have committed themselves to creating and adopting the Strategy for Youth. It presents a document of the institutions of the government with a programmatic approach to youth action, including defined problems and needs of young people, strategic direction of action, goals and measures for their realization.



FBiH received new officials for youth

Officials of Youth in FBiH who have been trained by the Institute for Youth Development KULT in November have been awarded certificates. This is a training that has the purpose of enrolling the students to learn performing the duties of an official, and those people in the civil service who are or will perform the function and duties of the civil servant are professionally qualified for working with young people with the possession of professional competencies and certificates necessary for the performance of that position in the civil service body.

Training was attended by 22 attendees in seventeen communities in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Certification Ceremony was organized on 23.11.2017. year in Sarajevo. Having a certificate of a person who is not already employed in the civil service has the opportunity to apply to the post of a civil servant for the fulfillment of the conditions of a civil service agency.

A Youth Officer is a civil servant who is professionally trained for youth work and has a certificate of knowledge on youth policy and work with youth. (Law on Youth of the Federation BiH)

Although the position of youth officers is a significant segment of youth policy, according to the information available to the Institute, all municipalities in BiH do not have a youth officer. 59% of local self-government in the Federation of BiH and 68% of local self-government in the Republika Srpska have a person dealing with youth issues.





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Robotics and coding in INPUT



On 27th November 2017th inn the INPUT Youth Center there was an hour from robotics and programming (Arudino, Lego Mindstroms, mBot and Rasberry Pi) attended by students of the **Technical School of Zenica**, led by professors Anel Husakovic and Nermin Hodzic. The purpose of the class was to familiarize students in a practical way with the principles of Arduin, Lego Mindstroms, mBota and Rasberry Pi, and on the basics of programming. We must emphasize that today is

based on knowledge from the STEM area (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), and that the future of the economy of every society lies in STEM disciplines. For this reason, it is important to educate young people in STEM areas in order to be competitive in the labor market and for more economically competitive Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the moment of robotics and programming organized by the INPUT Youth Center, 30 students from the Department of Computer Engineering and Electrotechnical Electronics responded to Arduino's projects (assembling LEDs, displaying and programming them) and programmed LegoMindstroms. Thanks to this, we are grateful to the very good cooperation with the Technical School, led by the director prof. Mujom Zvekic and professors Anel Husakovic and Nermin Hodzic, who are trying to improve the students' knowledge and extend their education. This is another one in a series of activities and projects that have been implemented for a couple of years by the INPUT Youth Center, which aims to educate and affirm children and young people in the field of information technology. All interested parties can contact us via FB and the website www.inputcentar.com.

INPUT marked the day of the state of BiH with children in JU "Home and Family"

Members of INPUT marked the occasion on 25th November - Statehood Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina with children and youth from JU "Home and Family" Zenica. The INPUTs have organized an event and ceremony on this day. Trainers and Children JU "Family House" Zenica have taken part in the program of recitations and reading the verses about BiH.

With the intonation of the hymn, music, conversation and socializing we wanted to make children and young people beautify this day and remind them of the love they should feel for their homeland. This is one of the traditional activities of young people from INPUT.

For the 10th year, INPUT members and members have been helping children to write assignments, help them learn, as well as to visit the cultural and educational institutions of the City of Zenica, various educational and social workshops, said Adi Salcinovic.



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11th month of the 2017th in the Association of High School students in BiH was filled with a series of activities:

Ten years of AsuBiH

The ceremony was held on the occasion of marking the 10th anniversary of the ASUBiH, held in the House of Armies in Sarajevo on November 4, Over 150 people from over 15 local communities attended the ceremony. At this event, we have presented the work of the organization so far, looking back at everything we have achieved, and to all that we are planning to achieve. Our call was also attended by former members of the Steering Board, former presidents, but also the founders of ASUBiH. Each generation of the current Steering Boards has had a representative who addressed and shared with everyone his experience in this organization.

So far, we've been able to include more than 60 cities in our organization's work, research, exchange, education and camps, change laws ... We've all seen it through a program that lasted over two hours. Also, visitors had the opportunity to watch for the first time a video that was made with a view to presenting the work of the organization in the last 10 years.

The international day of high school students

Shortly after the successful celebration of the tenth birthday, we started implementing the most important date for all high school students - the International High School Day. The Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina this year in 56 local communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina marked its 17th anniversary on 17th November. - International High School Day. This day is marked in memory of student protests held in Prague on November 17th, 1939th where students protested against the Nazi occupation, and were shot without prior trial.



17th November, an international high school day is a day when high school students around the world put the public's focus on their problems. This year, the Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina focussed on a unified education based on quality practical teaching and identifying the problems of high school students and thus contributing to the democratization of society, and this year's slogan:



The aim of the activity is to inform high school students about the importance of the date, the quality of practical teaching and how to do it. Central activities included the sharing of promotional materials, the silent silence and the banners in the city. The accompanying activities consisted of lending and public ranking of the 5 biggest problems of high school students within the local community.

Over 1,000 high school students went out to street on 17th 11th so we have shown that we do not want to stand still and watch what's

happening around us. We want to fight and contribute to the achievement of a "better tomorrow" with our joint forces."

This wasn't just another 17th 11th for us, this was one of those dates where we've shown we want to fight for positive changes in our society.



A 62nd Local team of AsuBiH was established – team Visegrad

November of this year is very special for our organization. Namely, at the beginning of this month we established 62. Local Team of High School Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Visegrad!

High school students from Visegrad have decided to join this big family and have set up a team in their local community. This happened after a couple of high school students participated in the SHL Stand up seminar held at the end of last month in Visegrad. They realized the importance of youth gathering and joint action, and they were motivated by the whole story to realize the two activities needed to set up a team.



High school students gathered at the local team Visegrad have decided to organize the "Children are the decoration of the world", where they have visited the students with special needs in the Vuk Karadzic Elementary School. They showed the willingness to socialize with the children to make them even more beautiful one day with their presence where they did the occasional show. At the end of the show, they met Santa Clause that decided to share the packages to everyone as a small sign of attention.

Second activity: "Schoolyard setting", thus officially becoming the 62nd local team of High School Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The students of the secondary school "Ivo Andric" gathered together with the common goal of editing the school yard. They painted windows, fences and cleaned the garbage from the yard.

After the accomplished activities, they formed a team with more than 20 members.

Research on the quality of practical teaching

November 12th was a day when we continued working on our "Quality Practice Study" project. The first meeting with the support group was held, followed by the meetings of the PAR Group of high school students and activities were prepared for the next period.

Participants of the research group PAR Group of Mostar in its earlier meetings defined their topic of research, namely "Collaboration between schools and firms in the field of realization of practical teaching". The rest of the time to work on this research will devote to just analyzing the situation around the topic mentioned. In this connection, the first meeting with the Support Group was held on Friday, 10th November 2017th, at "American Corner". Our meeting was attended by representatives of schools, institutions and businessmen, namely the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Sports of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of Mostar and Katarina d.o.o. At the meeting, representatives of the research group PAR presented to our guests the work of our organization, the need and the purpose of realizing this research and its goals. Also, the participants presented all the results and conclusions we have made to previous meetings of the PAR Group.



The guests emphasized that they were pleasantly surprised by the fact that high school students wanted better Pakistani teaching and were willing to fight for it. They supported our work and we sincerely believe that we will cooperate and help each other and that cooperation will contribute to the results of our research and to the quality and practicality of teaching in Mostar.



The Association of High School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASuBiH) is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-political organization whose main objective is to improve the status of high school students in the country and to gather all young people attending secondary school in BiH.



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CAT campaign

On 29th November 2017th on the streets of Tuzla young people gathered around the campaign "Citizens Against Terrorism" and realized the action aimed at distributing the manual "Prevention and the fight against violent extremism - Everyone has a role".

The CAT campaign aims to point out the importance of the role of youth in the prevention of radicalism and violent extremism. This is the second activity this year, attended by students from Bijeljina, Brcko and Tuzla with the support of the "PRONI Youth Development Center" and the partner organization Youth Resource Center Tuzla.



In today's street action "Citizens Against Terrorism", 11 students from the above mentioned cities participated who pointed out to their citizens their presence and offered an alternative in the form of youth organization. Also, thanks to the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina who actively cooperate with the youth and their representatives, as well as with the institutions of our country relevant to this issue, we have distributed 400 manuals on "Prevention and Combating Violent Extremism - Everyone Has a Role!"

The manuals have been prepared by the OSCE expert team.

We'd like to mention that our facebook page is still a part of our activities www.facebook.com/CATBiH on which you can find more information surrounding students' activities in the CAT campaign.

PRONI representative on Malta

Proni Center representative, Dejan Radjen, is currently on the [Conference "Youth Work Against Violent Radicalisation"](#) where he will represent our work and our projects to 100 youth from Europe and the world. The conference is held on Malta.

The project is supported by [Erasmus+](#) and EUPA.

Youth workers training

PRONI The Youth Development Center, in cooperation with the Government of Brcko District of BiH, organizes training for 52 youth workers working in 26 Youth Clubs in the Brcko District of BiH.

Project Youth Network Brcko District of BiH this year celebrates its tenth anniversary of work and PRONI The Youth Development Center at the Brcko Youth Center in Brcko District hosted a meeting with the Presidents of the Ministry of the Interior and the youth workers operating within the Youth Club Network.

On this occasion, the project "PRONI Academy of Youth Work" was presented, financed by the Government of Brcko District of BiH, by the public invitation 2017 and aimed at strengthening volunteers - youth workers to improve their skills in realization of youth work activities, youth people who are members of Youth Clubs operating within the Brcko District Youth Club Network.

The project will also motivate and encourage the participation of volunteer-youth workers on activities related to the development of youth work in the community, solving the problems of youth in the Brcko District of BiH and contributing to the culture of peace and nonviolence. The entire program will take place through the PRONI methodology of informal youth education using the Human Rights Approach.

A public invitation to the participants of the Academy of Youth Rada © is open until 20.12.2017. and you can sign up through the following [link](#) or you can personally obtain the application form at the PRONI Center for Youth Development Office ([google maps](#)).

Applications are open to all young people who have completed high school (IV degree) and who live in the local communities in which they operate [Youth Clubs](#).



Round table – "Energy poverty in BiH"



PRONI Center as a partner with [Centre for Ecology and Energy](#) and [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung](#) organized a round table on the topic of "Energy Poverty in BiH" in [American corner Brcko Distrikt](#).

Energy poverty is one of the key problems of today. According to the European Commission's assessment, there are between 50 and 125 million people living in Europe who are energetically poor. Estimates are that energy in Europe is already poor every 7th inhabitant.

Account meeting– Anti-corruption networks of the civic society organizations in BiH

On 2nd November, a regular meeting of the sectoral fight against corruption in education was held in Sarajevo, within "[Anti-Corruption networks of the civic society in BiH - Account](#)" supported by the USAID.

The meeting presented the results achieved so far within the activity of the sectoral group as well as the strategic planning of the activities for the period 2017 - 2018. Discussions on ideas and proposals to mark the day and the week of the fight against corruption.

Also, a youth team at the sectoral group for combating corruption in education was presented. [Emir Karamujic](#), a member of the PRONI Youth Development Center, is a Brcko representative for the youth team.

Workshop in Orasje

PRONI Youth Development Center Brcko District of BiH, on 24.11.2017 at the conference hall of the "Navis" Orasje hotel, starting at 13:30 organized a promotional workshop where we presented the results of the survey conducted over the past two months in BiH.

Within the Empower for Change of Stigmatizing Attitudes project, which is being carried out by the CDT ("Center for Democratic Transition" Podgorica, Montenegro), with the financial support of the European Commission through the Erasmus + program and the Commission for the allocation of part of the income from the Games of Chance of Montenegro, a research was conducted in the form of a survey for young people aged 18 to 30.

RE: Generation – PRONI Ambassador and the project team

After the Great Summit of Youth, which was held in Sarajevo in the framework of the USAID Project, last month's generation, ten youth leaders - Ambassador of Reconciliation, including Dejan Radjen in front of Brcko and in front of the PRONI Center for Youth Development were selected. Ten separate teams have been selected to implement projects for advocacy of reconciliation and common future in BiH.

These young people, coming from different BiH municipalities (**Brcko, Dobo, Drvar, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, Jajce, Kotor Varos, Prijedor, Sanski Most, Stolac i Zvornik**), have shown that they want and can join forces in building a better and brighter future of their country by which they are selected for the holders of this two-year project.



Team leader in front of the BRCKO project team is Mirsad Zahirovic. On that occasion, Sarajevo's Magacin Kabare and the International Republican Institute in BiH gathered the young Ambassadors and educators from the field of culture, advocacy, art and communication at a three-day workshop last weekend, where the participants, besides education, received specific tasks related to their future activities in promoting reconciliation and strengthening coexistence among different ethnic groups.

One of the ambitions of the young Ambassadors will be to prepare a final documentary film that will tell the story of all their activities in the next year. **"Ambassadors will work closely with Magacine Kabare and gain the knowledge and skills that will help them to create the final documentary film. This film should record all their visits to municipalities, meet local people, visit places of suffering as well as their personal experiences and experiences. The documentary will be screened throughout BiH in the period from September 2018 to May 2019"**, said the Director of Magacin Kabare, Emir Kapetanovic.

A three-day workshop in Sarajevo and a meeting with Ambassadors were complemented by some famous personalities such as Frenki and Marcelo who talked to the youth about social change, civic courage and responsibility.

"I think we need such projects because the young generations are the only hope for a better future for this country. It is necessary to focus them more on the ethics of equality, understanding and respect, and to abandon stereotypes and prevalent prejudices", said the BiH rapper Frankie.

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The first phase of the project "Sport is the best communication" of the Youth Club Diamond has been completed

The project "Sport is the Best Communication" was implemented in four targeted cities, namely: Tomislavgrad, Donji Vakuf, Šipovo and Jajce.



Young people from four cities had the opportunity to meet, talk, share, exchange experiences and establish a lasting mutual relationship through sports and recreational workshops and sports meetings. They also had the opportunity to learn, first and foremost, about each other, about each other, their diversity. They also had an opportunity to talk about prejudice, conflict, hate formation. Young people were unique in their prejudices about the other and different but also unique that it is imperative to constantly fight prejudice and hatred, which is only possible through meetings, conversations, establishing relationships and bringing together each other. They contributed to the realization. Youth organization "DVOC" Donji Vakuf, Youth Council of Tomislavgrad, Informal group of young municipalities of Sipovo, Women's volleyball club "Jajce-Nansen" Informal group "Makljen" Prozor-Rama, Volleyball club "Inova" Banja Luka, Volleyball club "As" Vakuf, Primary School "Jajce", "Kruscica", 13th September, Berta Kucera" and "Jezce Brace Jezercic" Jajce,

our goal was to contribute to strengthening interaction, peace building, strengthening of tolerance, understanding, mutual knowledge and dialogue of different national In the forthcoming period, we expect the continuation of the second phase of the project and planned project activities. Unfortunately, the project was limited and could not meet all the stakeholders, and in the second phase we will give the opportunity to other interested parties to participate in project activities.

"This project was enabled by the generous support of the American people through the US Embassy in Sarajevo and all the views, opinions and conclusions outlined here do not necessarily reflect the position of the US Embassy or the United States, but only the author"

To the most successful employment is imminent

Within the project "CONCRETE @ MOTIVATED", a transfer and a list of materials and materials between the Youth Training Center "Dijamant" and the "Tika" Development Agency was carried out, enabling it to start professional training of registered candidates on professional machines.

In the premises of the Youth Club "Dijamant" in Bucica, the transfer of material technical means was carried out, which started a training program for professional cutting, sewing and handling of machines for 20 women from the horse-riding area.

The project value is 70,000 KM, supported by the Turkey Development Agency (TIKA).

Throughout the three months of training, led by Suad Hajder, all candidates will have the opportunity to master the Skill Skills, and after that the best of them will get a job opportunity.

Co-operation agreements were signed by the president of the Youth Club "Dijamant" Sekib Makic and the director of TIKE Omer Faruk Alimdzi



We have been working on the project "Concrete and Motivated" for two years now, and we have just done most of the work now. We have succeeded in having the "Training and Education Center" finally come to work, and we included middle-aged unemployed women. This is a positive story that will be of benefit to the whole society – said Makic.

In addition to TIKE, which supported most of the project, support was also provided by UNDP, the Federal Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the Federal Ministry for Refugees, and the Municipality of Jajce.





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Youth Meetings through classical music

On Saturday 11th November 2017th the third "Youth Encounter Through Classical Music" was held by the International Center for Children and Youth "Fortis" from Jablanica.



The project is focused on meetings between young people through learning and playing classical compositions, all about the further improvement of the cultural life of the local community and the city. Two cantons are connected: Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and West Herzegovina Canton, then Jablanica Municipality and Ljubuski City and two institutions: Ljubuski Basic Music School with Fortis Center from Jablanica. The set of activities (music workshops, joint concert) included learning, discussion, presentations, exchange of experience. This is also a unique project that, together with classical music, as the highest level of music, music workshops, concert concerts, can affect the cultural level of citizens. Through this project, there has been an affirmation of children and young people who already have a talent and will and desire to play, and thus their knowledge is increased by unprecedented composers like Bach, Mozart or Strauss. The project has removed all national barriers.

The meetings were attended by the students of the Elementary Musical School Ljubuski and the Small School of Jazz Piano Jablanica. Meetings were held in the newly constructed premises of the Ljubuski Elementary Music School. The students played at piano, violin and flute, after which all the participants met together: the Franciscan monastery of St. Ante Padovan in Humac, the Museum on Humac, saw a rich archaeological collection with specimens from prehistory, antiquity, middle ages and the new era, among them Humacic stoneplate written on archaic Bosnian and the waterfall "Kravice".



The project was co-funded by the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sport and the Youth Council of Jablanica.



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Daily workshops

The youth organization Svitac continued its daily activities in November. The participants are divided into two groups, 4-7 year old every day from 11:00h to 13:00h, and those aged 8+ from 14:00h to 15:30h. The morning workshop coordinator has prepared a program of activities for informal learning through play, imagination and creativity. During the month, for 4-7 year olds creative workshops were organized where participants made pumpkins, spider webs and ghosts out of paper. They also learned new words from the English-related to their family tree and continued with the alphabet in our language. One day in the week is planned for a joint



viewing of cartoons and competition games. The materials used for the realization of these workshops are glue, cardboard, collage paper, drawing blocks, waxes, flasks, wooden and watercolors. The goal of these activities as it is up to now is that children develop their imagination and use different materials to express their creativity, develop their motorcycles and respect for others and adopt a nice behavior. This month, up to 20 participants attended the morning daily workshops.

The afternoon group follows a schedule that is different every day, trying to cover as many different topics and activities as possible. (age 8+). On Monday, creative workshops and creative expression are scheduled. This month, the participants expressed their creativity through the making of pumpkins, flynets, vampires and ghosts. English language workshops are held on Tuesdays when participants through communicational exercises and various games learn new words and grammar. Topics this month were the family tree, questions what is your favorite: a book, a movie, a band, and a response to "My favorite". Wednesday was a Turkish language workshop and the themes were related to fruits, family trees, animals. On Thursday, there were movable workshops where the participants continued to make decorations for the Youth Center and thus presented their works to other participants and visitors. The German Language Workshop is scheduled for Friday, where the participants have the opportunity to complete their school assignments, improve communication and vocabulary and learn more about animals, seasons, weather or a memory game through German and partying.

The workshops are held in the premises of the Youth Centre Brcko District.

"Let's speak German" – communicational workshops in German language with native speakers

German language workshops are held every Thursday in the premises of the Youth Center Brcko District from 17:30 - 19: 30h. At the beginning of the workshop, the coordinator raises a few questions from the general knowledge in German and by doing this introduces the group into tasks. This month the group

worked on communication and continued to work on texts adapted to their knowledge of German. The group also worked on listening exercises, writing and reading. German language communication workshops are designed for those who want to learn the basics of grammar, but also to improve existing knowledge and acquire new experiences and acquaintances.

"I love English" – communicational workshops in English language with native speakers

English language workshops are held every Wednesday in the premises of the Youth Center Brcko District from 19:00h to 20:00h. English language communication workshops are intended for anyone who wants to learn the basics of grammar, the usage of everyday phrases and other elements, but also to improve the existing knowledge and acquire new experiences and acquaintances.

"Let's learn Turkish" – communicational workshops in Turkish with native speakers



Turkish language workshops are held on Tuesdays in the premises of the Youth Center Brcko District from 18:00h to 19:00h. Turkish language communication workshops are intended for those who want to learn the basics of grammar, the usage of everyday phrases and other elements, but also to improve the existing knowledge and acquire new experiences and acquaintances. Participants practiced everyday, simple dialogues this month.

Sporting workshops

Sports workshops are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the premises of the Youth Center Brcko District and are intended for young people who want to improve their motor skills, fitness and physical strength, and to gain new skills and acquaintances.

Guitar workshops

The participants continued their regular work.

Samba workshops

The participants practiced the compositions from previous months.

Halloween Party

This year, Svitac Youth Organization organized a Halloween Party for Children and youth from Brcko District. The first day was a party organized for the age of 4-6 where the kids had the opportunity to participate in various games, and together they watched the cartoon "Bugs Bunny". After that, they had a snack, and the best hand-made costume was chosen for the prize.

The second day was a Halloween party held for the age of 8+. With the help of international and local volunteers, the Svitac Youth Organization organized an interesting program, where participants had the opportunity to participate in three Halloween-like stations, such as catching apple in water, music chairs, and hidden objects in decorated boxes. In the closing part of the party, the best hand-made costume was chosen, along with a snack with typical sweets for Halloween and face painting. During the two days of Halloween celebrations, the party was attended by about 150 guests.



The day of the Fight against Fascism

Youth organization Svitac along with the participants of daily activities, marked the November 9th – An International Day against Fascism and Anti-Semitism.

Participants of the first group, aged 4-7, watched the puppet show, prepared by international volunteer Manja Momirovic and local volunteer Adin Midzic. Adapted to the age of the participants, through the play and dialogue, the concept of fascism was clarified, and in the creative part of the workshop, participants drew various smiling faces and a poster of these works was made.

Participants of the second group of daily activities, aged 8+, also looked at the puppet show, after which they identified the characters and an example of fascism in the show. The creative part consisted of making a comic book by an example.

In the evening, a workshop was held for the age of 16+. After the brainstorming and associogram on what is fascism, the parts from the film "Die Welle", directed by Dennis Gansel were presented, after which a discussion was held.

International Day of Tolerance



On the occasion of November 16th, International Day of Tolerance, the Youth Organization Svitac organized creative workshops for two groups of participants (aged 4-7 and 8+). The aim of the workshops was to promote the importance of the world day of tolerance, stability and security, and the importance of cooperation and team work. The younger participants had the opportunity to make the planet of paper, around which they held hands and watched a cartoon in

which examples and symbols of tolerance and understanding were presented, while the afternoon group watched a puppet show on the topic of tolerance. At the end of the workshop a discussion was held adapted to their age.

Continuation of regular activities are planned for December.



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Besides regular activities H.O. Merhamet Doboje, did the following during November:

02.11.2017 Meeting "ACCOUNT NETWORK" - Health Sector in Sarajevo was held. The topic of the meeting was: Fight against corruption, preparation for 9.12. 2017 - Anti-Corruption Day. The meeting was attended by Avdic Faketa.



04.11-2017 Aktivists of H.O "Merhamet" Doboje completed the distribution of humanitarian assistance. The distribution grasped around 300 families.



11.11.2017 Coalition "Tolerant and positive" from Doboje on the occasion of the day of tolerance had extensive activities. Volunteers "Merhamet" Doboje attended NGO "ToPeer", a very interesting workshop on tolerance. In addition to Doboje volunteers, young people from Tesanj, Doboje South and Doboje East participated in the activities, together with OSCE representative Sinisa Petrovic, who is working hard to ensure that the "Tolerant and Positive" coalition has as many activities as possible and is recognizable in the city of Doboje. Deleting offensive graffiti was also one of the recognizable activities, the coalition continued its work.



15.11.2017 Meeting of regional Merhamet R.S., headed by director Jasmin Spahic, was held in Banja Luka. All praises for the activities that have been done so far and of course which can always be better and multiple in number. Director Jasmin Spahic is making every effort to empower all Merhamets in R.S. to have a legal status.



15.11 2017 On the occasion of the Tolerance Day, a very interesting performance by the elementary school Vuk Karadzic was held at the Cultural Center, led by Sanja Kovacevic in cooperation with the OSCE - Sinisa Petrovic. The show was phenomenal, and Sanja and the children fascinatingly performed extensive sketches, rhymes, athletics, and more. All praises for the activities of the "Tolerant and Positive" Coalition from Doboj that are still in progress.

20.11-2017 The president and secretary of "Merhamet" Doboj attended a round table organized by the "Victim Support / Victims Support Network in cases of criminal offenses in the area of jurisdiction of the District Court in Doboj".



22.11.2017 Merhamet activists attended a round table organized by the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the OSCE. Promotion of laws was presented where participants from local self-government institutions and non-governmental sector participated in the discussion. For the non-governmental sector, it is very important to provide free legal aid to citizens, as well as other clauses - rights to data protection.





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Commemorating the International Children's Day

On the occasion of commemorating the International Children's Day, a performance for the youngest members of our population named "Blue Colors of Snow" was organized in the premises of the Bosnian Cultural Center of the Tuzla Canton (BKC TK), organized by the Association of Medical Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Local Committee of Tuzla (BoHeMSA LC Tuzla)



At the General Assembly of the United Nations, in 1989, the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted, which changed the view of children as subjects with rights, and not only persons who require special protection. The aim of marking this date is to remind the public about the need to protect children and minors from abuse, violence and various forms of discrimination that, unfortunately, are still present in the 21st century.

The performance was dealing with topics with universal messages, adapted and performed so that the youngest members of our population could understand them. The event was attended by members of the Youth Center for Children without Parental Care and the Public Institution for the Education and Training of Persons with Disabilities in the Psychological and Physical Development of Tuzla. After a phenomenally performed performance by the acting BKC TK, all the participants could enjoy the donation of sweets by the confectionery "San Marco" Tuzla and in socializing with the actors.



The whole event was organized in front of the local committee for human rights and peace (LORP) led by coordinator Erno Ahmetpahic.



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Western Balkans Fund grants for projects

Western Balkans Fund (Western Balkans Fund – WBF) announced the First invitation to legal entities, non-profit and non-governmental organizations for delivery of regional project proposals.

AREA: cultural cooperation, educational and scientific exchange, sustainable development

DESCRIPTION

WBF will finance small and medium-sized projects with the main goal of increasing regional and cross-border cooperation and strengthening regional cohesion between its members - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Serbia. The promotion of cross-border cooperation, gender equality and youth are cross-cutting issues that cover all activities within the core areas of the WBF's activities. Applications for the project must cover at least one of the above fields of action:

- 1) Cultural cooperation;
- 2) Educational and scientific exchange;
- 3) Sustained development.

The total indicative amount available under the Invitation for Proposal is € 230,000, while any grant requested under the Call can not exceed € 12,000. Financing grants supported by WBF must not exceed 80% of the total eligible costs of the activity. The difference between the total cost of the activity and the amount requested from the WBF must be financed from the following sources (without WBF):

- 1) user (self-financing and / or contributes via other means);
- 2) financial income of other donors;
- 3) third parties' contributions via other means (only justified cases).

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who form project partnerships are eligible to apply. The project partnership consists of the lead applicant and at least two project partners. Partner parties must be encouraged by at least three different members of the WBF.

Qualified lead applicant is directly responsible for project preparation, management and relevant actions together with project partners (does not act as mediator) - a legal entity established under WB6, a non-profit and civil society organization or an organization belonging to one of the following categories:

- a local or regional public entity, or an association of local or regional public entities;
- business associations: business groups, agricultural associations, chambers of commerce, tourist associations, etc.;
- educational institutions: university, school, institute, library, research center, academy of science / music / art etc.;
- institution for culture or sports: museum, art gallery, theater, library or association of cultural institutions, sports association, other associations, etc.

Project partners participate in the design and implementation of the project, and their costs are subject to the same conditions as the costs of the lead applicant. Also, project partners must meet the eligibility criteria applicable to the lead applicant.

Within the Invitation for Proposals, the organization may submit only one application as the lead applicant and / or one application as a project partner.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are submitted exclusively via following e-mail address:

WBFapplications@westernbalkansfund.org

The following documentation must be submitted in English language:

- 1) application form;
- 2) an indicative time schedule;
- 3) a logical framework;
- 4) a budget;
- 5) statement of the lead applicant.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

22nd December 2017th until 23:59 h

MORE INFORMATION

WBF aims to foster co-operation between its members, strengthen relations and regional cohesion, as well as advance integration into the European Union. The Western Balkans Fund seeks to achieve its goals by supporting joint regional projects by sharing people's experiences and learning about the values, traditions and cultures of their countries.

Details: [Western Balkans Fund grants for projects](#)

Competition for UNESCO / PhosAgro / IUPAC Research Grants in Green Chemistry for 2018



UNITED NATIONS

Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization

Under the partnership between UNESCO, the Russian company PhosAgro and the International Union for Clean and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the fifth competition for research grants for young researchers was opened with innovative proposals in the field of green chemistry.

For grants up to US \$ 30,000, young researchers, up to 35 years of age, can conduct research projects that can be implemented within a year.

The contest is open until February 28th, 2018.

Detailed information on the competition, conditions and the method of registration can be found on the following link:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/basic-sciences/chemistry/green-chemistry-for-life>

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