

## Dear friends,

We're delighted to present you the Youth Resource Center's (ORC) Tuzla and Youth Network's in B&H **December** edition of the monthly bulletin.

At the moment this movement accounts for **186** organizations and **115** individuals from **75** places across B&H.

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 – Youth Network's in B&H members, their plans for the upcoming period and all the other information intended for the young people of today and the NGO sector (donor invitations for projects, conferences, seminars, tuitions, scholarships etc.).

If you wish to be on the mailing list for the upcoming 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 Youth Network's in B&H website:

[www.omladina-bih.net](http://www.omladina-bih.net)



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## ORC/HCA ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER 2018

The General Assembly of National Coordinators of the ALF was held



### Anna Lindh Fondacija Bosanskohercegovačka mreža



In the period from December 10th to 11th, General Assembly of National Coordinators of ALF was held in Brussels (Belgium).

During this year, ALF was less active due to restructuring within the foundation, which also affected the activities of national networks. However, after the election of the new ALF Executive Director, Mr. Nabil Al Sharif, and the Director of the Mediterranean Forum, Ms. Aide Riđanović, and the adoption of the Foundation Program (2018-2020) by the European Union,

the Anna Lindh Foundation successfully continued its work and activities.

At the meeting in Brussels, attended by 34 coordinators of the ALF National Network from the North Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Balkans, with the presence of ALF President (**Elisabeth Guigou**), Executive Director (**Nabil AL Sharif**), Director of the MED Forum (**Aida Riđanović**) the following is agreed and defined:

- National Network plans for the next period (until 2020);
- Mapping members of national networks;
- Defining the agenda of the ALF campaigns until 2020;
- Defining plans for the next ALF Forum (Šibenik, Croatia, April 2020)
- Defining the grant plan for intercultural dialogue (2018-2020), calls for projects, Erasmus +, cross-border and inter-agency cooperation.



The National Coordinator, CEO of ORC Tuzla, Miralem Tursinović, was present to the General Assembly in front of the ALF Network of BiH.

For more information on the activities of the ALF BiH, and on the calls for projects, please see the following bulletins.

## Frontal Blog Challenge training vol.2 - JAHORINA

The second module of the Frontal Blog Challenge training for bloggers was held from November 30th to December 2nd, 2018 in Jahorina, where members of ORC Tuzla Mirela Biković, Slobodan Blagovčanin and Kenan Suljić also took part.



At the second module of Frontal Blog Challenge, the participants had the opportunity to learn how to use SEO optimization tools for texts and photos, upgrading the acquired knowledge from the first module that took place in early November 2018 at Kozara.

Participants were even more familiar with Web and Contents analysis. The emphasis was on creating quality content, and the proper promotion of texts using certain web tools. During the three days of training, the participants had the opportunity to listen to the lectures of Dragan Varagić, an internet strategist and one of the leading regional experts in the world of internet consulting, and Ivana Ćirković, an internet marketing consultant, and bloggers Petar Vojnović and Adis Nadarević.

## Premiere of documentary film RE:GENERACIJA

On December 8, 2018, the premiere of the documentary film "Re:Generacija" was held at the National Theater in Tuzla.



Film Re:Generacija was recorded as part of the USAID project that talks about ten young Ambassadors of Reconciliation from Drvar, Jajce, Gornji Vakuf - Uskoplje, Brčko, Doboj, Stolac, Zvornik, Prijedor, Sanski Most and Kotor Varoš, which in the previous year, was researching interpersonal relations and advocating understanding and reconciliation in BiH. The whole story is screened in the documentary film of Emir Kapetanović.

Members of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla participated in organizing premiere of the film in Tuzla.

## Training seminar Digi-YOU-th in Slovenia



In Črnomelj, Slovenia training seminar was held called Digi-YOU-th. The training seminar was held from December 10th to December 17th in the premises of the training center Youth Center BIT. The seminar was held as part of the Youth Work in Progress project, as the fourth mobility activity.

The aim of the training is to develop the capacities of youth workers in the use of digital online and offline tools in their work with young people.

The training seminar was attended by young people from Greece, Italy, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia.

The organizer of the training and the project leader is SEEYN - South East European Youth Network. The project was supported by the European Commission through the Erasmus program.

The Youth Resource Center is one of the partners in the Youth Work in Progress project. The training seminar was attended by two representatives of ORC Tuzla, Slobodan Blagovčanin and Emir Karamujić.



## OSCE XI Review Conference on Respecting Security Obligations of BiH to OSCE and UN



The OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina has supported the organization of the eleventh consecutive Conference on the fulfillment of the security obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) towards the OSCE and the UN, which began on November 28, 2018 in Sarajevo.

In assessing the progress made by BiH in fulfilling its commitments to the OSCE and the UN, the goal of participants in the three-day conference is to formulate recommendations for the implementation of activities that will contribute to the overall improvement of the country's ability to fully implement its security obligations.

As part of the Youth Advisory Group, our Slobodan Blagovčanin took part in the conference.

## European Solidarity Corps conference



Slobodan Blagovčanin.

PRONI Center for Youth Development, as Contact Point BiH Erasmus + YOUTH and in cooperation with SALTO Resource Center for Southeast Europe and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH, organized a conference in Sarajevo with the aim of promoting the new EU Youth Initiative entitled "European Solidarity Corpse".

The conference was attended by over thirty people from the Ministry of Education in BiH, MCP BiH, representatives of umbrella bodies for youth in BiH and other networks of youth organizations in BiH.

The representative of ORC Tuzla was

## XI Academy for Political Leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina

From December 20 to 23, 2018, the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH hosted the third module within the XI Academy for Political Leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina, realized by Peripetum mobile from Banja Luka.

At the Academy, 20 young politicians, students from the Academy took active participation, and 19 students from the University of Sarajevo were also in attendance.



The Academy for Political Leaders in BiH is intended for active members and leaders of any registered political party in BiH, aged between 18 and 27, who have a recommendation and support for active participation in the Academy.

One of the lecturers was our Slobodan Blagovčanin, who had the opportunity to present to our participants the campaign "Citizens Against Terrorism" and to talk about the importance of social media for future political leaders in BiH.

## Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT

During December, we continued with our regular activities within the project "Citizens Against Terrorism - CAT". Our cats continued to delight the public on social networks, and since this month, our team of young people joined the representatives of the media company "Fabrika" for the second time.

If you still do not follow our cats - we invite you to do so at:  
[www.facebook.com/CATBiH](http://www.facebook.com/CATBiH)



## Youth Group of ORC Tuzla

### ONAuBiH – General assembly

The Youth Media Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ONAuBiH) is a non-governmental organization designed to provide young people with quality education in all journalistic work, through training, seminars and education. It is a multinational and multiethnic organization capable of providing young people with opportunities to get to know the media more closely, learn more about them, and participate in the creation of media space themselves. ONAuBiH organizes various projects aimed at presenting the media, gives young people the opportunity to get to know each other more closely what they are interested in, and participate directly.



ONAuBiH is an organization that by its efforts seeks to prove the value of young people and their ideas. In addition to striving to improve the quality of the media, it seeks to strengthen ties among all people in BiH.

The General Assembly of ONAuBiH was held from 8th to 9th December, 12th, and 2018 year, with the aim of choosing the new management of the organization. The Assembly was attended by 30 young people from all over BiH, who had the opportunity to get to know the candidates for the Managing Board of the organization, as well as the candidate for the president of the organization. In addition to the election of the management, the annual report of the organization's work for the period 2017/2018 was presented and adopted at the assembly and talked about upcoming activities. One of the delegates at the General Assembly was also a member of the ORC Youth Group, Samira Aličić.

## UMiD generation 13 - ceremonial award of certificates



Learn, Think and Act (UMiD) is a one year training organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT, Sarajevo. UMiD is a training that offers participants the opportunity to gain self-confidence, look at their abilities and potentials, and develop a sense of responsibility in society and gain the skills of teamwork and leadership. Training is an officially recognized form of non-formal education that gives young people the opportunity to acquire different competencies that will make them competitive in the labor market, and the program consists of seminars, practical exercises and volunteer work. UMiD

is intended for young people aged 15-30. It allows young people to become active leaders in their local community and help solve youth problems, meet new friends, learn new skills, socialize and improve themselves.

December 4, 2018, a test was held for the participants of the module who attended a sufficient number of training hours. December 5, 2018, a ceremonial assignment of certificates and certificates for the participants of the Uči, misli i djeluj training, as well as Uči, misli i djeluj for political leaders (UMiDp), took place. The winner of the certificate and members of the Youth Group of the ORC is Samira Aličić.



## Anti-corruption week

On December 21, 2018, the Youth Group of ORC Tuzla, in cooperation with the Account (Anti-Corruption Network of Civil Society Organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina), marked the Anti-corruption day.



The members had the opportunity to conduct a discussion on the topics:

1. What is corruption?
2. Is corruption present in BiH and where is it most?
3. Have they ever been victims of corruption?
4. Have they ever corrupted someone?

After the discussion, they had the opportunity to distribute leaflets through street action and inform citizens about ways to fight corruption.

## "I am the hero of my community"



In the National Theater Tuzla on December 7, 2018, the fifth conference was held on the theme "I am the Hero of my community".



This conference was the final campaign of the "Be a hero of your community" campaign. At this conference, active and entrepreneurial youth, as well as the current work of the Foundation of the Tuzla community in the framework of the Youth Program, were presented. Participation at this conference was taken by individuals as well as many non-governmental organizations dealing with youth issues. Representatives of the Youth Group of the ORC Tuzla participated in this conference.

## CODE HUB TUZLA "There is only you and your camera"

Members of Youth Resource Center Tuzla, Eldin Subašić and Mirela Biković, on Friday, December 21, 2018, had the opportunity to attend workshop named "There is only you and your camera" organized by BIT Center Tuzla. The workshop was based on the topic of photography and video production.

Participants of the workshop had the opportunity to hear the experiences of successful and accomplished photographers and videographers from "hobbies" to business. How to shoot a wedding, the recording of a video, and whether it is possible to live a decent life from the "hobbies".

"I have been working with this job for 4-5 years actively, with 10 years of experience in the field of graphic design. The start was very spontaneous. From the need to respond to this designer's work, adequately with photography. In the beginning, this industry was very difficult to communicate with photographers, today it is completely different and easier. In order to get the result that we as designers are looking for, we must sometimes take the camera in our own hands," said Mirza



Efendić, one of the founders of the freelance group "UNA Storia "

The other speaker at today's workshop, Jasmin Jatić, has a lot of experience on photo and video production. He has authored over 60 music videos, worked for organizers of many film festivals, a selection for "Miss BiH" and many other big, significant projects.

Participants of the workshop were able to acquire new knowledge, production experiences, which cannot be found on the

Internet. Useful advice from practitioners will help them in the future.

## Depression

At the beginning of December, a project was launched to raise awareness of the importance of depression and its global spread. The project is supported by the JU Secondary Medical School Tuzla, JU Health Center Srebrenik, JU Health Center Kladanj, Health Care Institute Tuzla Canton in Tuzla as well as other health institutions together with citizens. A member of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla and the leader of this project, Kenan Suljić, points out that the topic was excellent among the citizens and that a positive message was received. It is important to emphasize that citizens are not sufficiently informed about this topic that after getting to know the depression, there has been a surprise, a statement of ignorance, and an understanding of the seriousness of the situation in which we are in the company of depression. The goal of this project was to raise awareness about depression and "awakening" the patients to report to health care institutions and start their treatment as soon as possible. Participants and project implementers were aware pupils, Secondary medical schools Tuzla. The proof of the success of the project has been shown by the interest of the television stations of our country. So, "FACE TV" Sarajevo published an article about the project of our medics, they received the attention from TV1 Sarajevo and Frontal Portal.



In addition to the bright medical future, young doctors have shown that society is encouraged to think right and create a healthy environment.

"Fight against it, depression is treatable."

## New Year party of the Youth Group of ORC Tuzla

On December 27, 2018 members of the Youth Group of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla gathered at an informal meeting to attend the certification of the most active individuals in our organization.

The previous year was hard working, and over 400 young people from Tuzla and throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina took part in various activities of the Youth Resource Center Tuzla, and the certificates were awarded to:

Mirela Biković, Kenan Suljić, Amina Džananović, Emir Karamujić, Benjamin Burek, Medina Delić, Hamza Delić, Nejla Ibraković, Eldin Subašić, Duško Majkić, Din Omeragić, Samira Aličić.



## REGULAR ORC/HCA TUZLA ACTIVITIES

During December we worked on sustaining and development of coordination and communication within the Youth Network in B&H ([www.omladina-bih.net](http://www.omladina-bih.net)). As a part 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](mailto:posta@omladina-bih.net)), but also on other addresses across Bosnia and 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 B&H. Also, our project team continued applying to projects.

## ORC/HCA PLANS FOR JANUARY 2019

- Continuation of the project "CAT 18". Within this project, in the following period our activities are a continuation of online training and mentoring, as well as works on the visual page design.
- Activities of youth group ORC Tuzla
- Preparations for the start of activities of ALF BH network (2019 - 2020)



**Merry, prosperous, successful and full of love 2019th year wishes you ORC Tuzla staff**

## YOUTH WRITES:



**Author: Kenan Suljić**  
**#Frontal Blog Challenge**

### WE HAVE A CURE FOR DEPRESSION

Surrounded by everyday problems and influences on our mental health, we came up with the idea to implement our project on the topic of "depression".

Most who hear this word immediately think of suicide and its hardest forms, however, depression is around us present in milder forms with the emphasis that there is more and more day to day. Our everyday life is filled with depression, and we are not even aware of it.



As students of the Tuzla Secondary Medical School, we decided to make a step that is very important for our society, linking with our current call and probably with the future profession. Seeing an increasing number of patients, we could not let everyone live in ignorance, and that a potential "killer" is walking around our heads.

We all think that depression is manifested only after stressful situations, it is true, but there are many more other reasons. Hands on the heart, the current education system is also one of the causes of depression. Deep respect for all professors, but everywhere there is someone who does his job for 40 years and more, and in this business he has the least love and pedagogy

Also, a large number of workers experience daily torture from their private owners. Irregular wages, poor working conditions, are all suitable conditions for creating an illness that can bring even the worst, which is death.



It is important to say that people you know to be suffering from depression, but did not report to the health facility, to do as soon as possible. And of course, these people need strong support, your presence and light at the end of tunnels they see, but do not respond. Be a friend, because we do not know what tomorrow brings us!



We are not here to lecture others and how the people say make "lafina", here we are to make a change worthy of us and our future. If you do not want to think of yourself, think about our future children. Those who wish life are coming, and health is a condition for happiness. Do not kill others for the sake of your ignorance and bring mental health into question. More education and change will come. If not you, then we'll be safe! And they would emphasize that all of our project is realized under the motto: "Fight against it, the depression is curable!"

## YOUTH NETWORK'S IN BIH MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



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### Celebrated December 4th - International Volunteer Day

Citizens Association "C.E.Z.A.R." from Sr bac marked the 4th December, International Volunteer Day, the solemn reception of all volunteers who were active in the past year and the distribution of volunteer books. The local volunteer service has been active in this association for five years and currently gathers around 373 volunteers, of which 50 were extremely active during this year through 18 volunteer programs. For all of them, volunteer books were filled in with a volunteer service, and one of the booklets was handed to the Mayor of Mlađan Dragosavljević, who also attended this ceremony.



In the presentation held at the premises of the "CEZAR" Association, it was possible to hear and see that members of the Local Volunteer Service were actively involved in the realization of numerous events such as: Meeting Easter, Baby Conference, Sr bac Summer and others and participated and marking many important dates, such as the Safe Internet Day, where young volunteers held several workshops for Serbian principals. With the help of volunteers, two concerts of the association "C.E.Z.A.R" took place in the past year. Without the help of the volunteers, the great success of members of the dance sections from this association could not be achieved, who traveled to dance events in Banja Luka, Vitez and Zagreb, where they returned with dozens of medals won.



In the past months, members of the Local Volunteer Service have also participated in other activities, such as organizing receptions for kindergarten attendants and making colorful boxes for collecting sweets within humanitarian campaign "One candy-one child". Very good cooperation was also achieved with the Local Team of the Association of High School Students in BiH from Sr bac whose members

participated in numerous volunteer programs of the Association "C.E.Z.A.R.". Particularly large volunteer support was provided by this association during the project "Active Summer", in which a table tennis tournament was organized and a youth park was set up on the hospital hill in Sr bac, where dozens of volunteers actively worked in order to provide young people with a better place for spending free time and recreation.

## Great success at the International Dance Competition in Zagreb

The Citizens Association "C.E.Z.A.R." from Sr bac won 72 medals at the international dance competition "Winter Dance Open 2018", which was held on Saturday, December 15 in Zagreb. The competition was attended by dance participants and rhythmic gymnastics aged 4 to 12, who presented themselves with seven choreographies, winning two third, one second and four first places.



"This is one of the biggest competitions we participated in and our dancers were really great and successfully matched the competition from big dance clubs. What is even more important than the results is that this time we have given our children a chance to socialize and travel and thanks to parents we were one of the most numerous teams in the competition and we had the best fans," said Tanja Šnjegota, the director of the association. Great gratitude is owed to sponsors, companies Sistem Ekologika, Dijana tekstil and Ograde Josipović, who supported their travel to Zagreb.

## Traditional New Year's Concert of "C.E.Z.A.R."



The Association of Citizens "C.E.Z.A.R." ended the 2018 year with the New Year's concert in the crowded hall of the Cultural Center in Sr bac, where it presented its work and achievements in the past period. On the amazing scene, it all raised the New Year's mood, and in such an idyllic atmosphere the little ones gave the maximum to show their parents, friends, grandmothers and grandmas what they learned all through the educational work in this association. Among the many

citizens, the event was also attended by the Mayor of the Municipality, Mlađan Dragosavljević.

Small concerts, Italian and German language courses, and English language school were presented at the concert. With their playful dance movements and imaginative costumes, the visitors were especially impressed by the participants of the rhythmic gymnastics who played choreographies: Small ballerina, Sweets, Soldiers, I just want to live and Wrecking, as well as dance participants - Snowflakes and Pericles. The concert was completed with a mini show performed by the students of the acting act with whom the director Dragan Radonjić from the amateur theater "Domino" from Srbac worked. In the performance plays several talented students from Srbac who have told a wonderful New Year's story about the dwarfs who are searching for Santa Claus.



All the participants of the program were presented with gift packets provided by the Education and Culture Center "Ihtus" from Banja Luka and a sales exhibition of creative works in the form of jewelry and postcards that were created in the workshops of this association was organized.



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## Public Call for Training Learn, Think and Act! For Youth Political Leaders (UMiDp) Generation 2



The Institute for Youth Development KULT issued a public call for participation in training for youth political leaders, UMiD for youth political leaders.

There will be selected trainees to attend UMiDP training, which will consist of three five-day modules, created from three areas:

1. The political system in BiH and working in it, 2. The development of the political image, and 3. Political advocacy and negotiation for solving the problems and needs of young people.

Planned maintenance schedule for the UMiDP training module:

Module I - 6 - 10 February 2019.

Module II - 6 - 10 March 2019.

Module III - 3 - 7 April 2019.

### Criteria for registration

- Applicant's age is between 18 and 30 years old.
- The applicant is a member of a political party registered in BiH.
- Applicant did not attend Learn, think and act! training for youth political leaders, generation 1.
- All requested documentation was submitted.

The call remains open until Friday, January 18, 2019, until 16:00, and call details are available [www.mladi.org](http://www.mladi.org).

## EASY to solving problems in the LOCAL community

The Local Initiative the Local Power receives citizens' proposals on the solution of problems in their local communities on a daily basis.

The goal of the initiative launched in 2017 is to help and support local communities in BiH to recognize resources and provide the necessary support to work on problem-solving in communities.

The Youth Development Institute KULT through the Local Power initiative helps local organizations, informal groups or individuals find a solution to the problems they themselves have recognized in their community. Through this initiative, all citizens can report problems they want to solve in their local communities, offering concrete suggestions for solutions, using local resources and linking with other actors in their community.



In order to further facilitate the process, the Viber number, telephone communication, and team members are continuously working on the ground and talking to citizens.

The Local Power people are supported by all physical and legal persons, as well as informal groups of citizens who have their place of residence, ie they are registered in one of the following local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bihać, Bosanski Grahovo, Bosanska Krupa, Bosanski Petrovac, Berkovići, Bileća, Bužim, Cazin Novi Grad, Petrovac, Posušje, Prozor / Rama, Ravno, Ribnik, Čačak, Čavlina, Čitluk, Drvar, Gacko, Glamoč, Grude, Istočni Drvar, Istočni Mostar, Ključ, Krupa na Uni, Kupres, Ljubinje, Stolac, Trebinje and Velika Kladaša.

The Local Power Initiative is jointly implemented by USAID BiH and the Institute for Youth Development KULT.

All information is available at [www.snagalokalnog.org](http://www.snagalokalnog.org).

## Civic Initiatives for Better Communities in BiH

The Institute for Youth Development KULT will continue the implementation of Local Civic Initiatives (LGI) in 2019.

Over the past years, the Institute has allocated more than 3 million BAM to support other non-governmental organizations, mainly youth, in the implementation of actions to change their communities,

At least 15,000 young people participated in the actions, and the changes took place in communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The result of local civic initiatives are stronger organizations, new parks, youth centers, numerous ecological actions, sports facilities, more motivated young people who are ready to take the initiative and take action.

Through civic initiatives, the local population watched the deserted and overgrown areas turn into parks, picnics and walking paths, as an unobstructed view of the inaccessible space was created, and the place for young people grew out of the ruins. They watched the most beautiful street art, and read the most interesting legends with street names. Due to the results so far, in the coming year, the goal is more intensive work and even more young people to lead the change.





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## International Volunteer Day



At the very beginning of the month, we organized the celebration of the 5th of December - International Volunteer Day.

As every year, we also sent a strong message about why volunteerism is important for the whole society.

Over 600 high school students from 40 local communities took the opportunity and volunteered in their city.

Local companies, cafes, pharmacies and restaurants had the opportunity to host the members of the Association who volunteered on that day and thus

contributed to their work.

In addition, some of the local teams held workshops that all interested high school students could attend and thus share their knowledge and skills with others.

## Volunteer Group in ASuBiH

After the announced call for applications for the Volunteer Group, the Steering Board received 27 applications and reviewed applications received. The Steering Board has selected 11 volunteers who will hold this function for 11 months, they are:

Almedina Iseric (Sarajevo)  
Majida Hasković (Brčko)  
Azra Sorguč (Visoko)  
Emil Karajic (Velika Kladuša)  
Sofia Savić (Gacko)  
Sonja Kjara Perić (Mostar)  
Nejla Ibraković (Gradačac)  
Adnan Karamujić (Brčko)  
Tara Prasko (Bugojno)  
Ana Mirecki (Banja Luka)  
Melisa Neslanovic (Busovača)



These eleven active people will have the opportunity to get acquainted directly with the work of the Steering Committee, and with their ideas and knowledge to help develop each of the functions in the Steering Committee.

Candidates who did not pass the selection, we thank them for the application and we wish them much luck in continuing their activist engagement.



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In addition to ongoing activities that include: registration of membership fees, printing of requests, complaints, various letters, photocopies, work with members, provision of information, distribution of humanitarian assistance, project development and attendance at seminars, round tables and other sessions, Merhamet Dobož worked in October on the following matters:

**12/5/2018** A round table on the topic "Abolition of corporal punishment of children" was held. The very interesting and current topic that was attended by Merhamet activists was insisted that the Ministry make a valid decision that would prevent violence against children



**12/7/2018** President of "Merhamet" Dobož Avdić Faketa attended Workshop "Building Confidence in the Community"

-Often interesting topic "Building Confidence and Tolerance in the Community"

- How it is to be a minority - a very fierce discussion

This training was organized by NGO-CPCD within the project "Dialogue for the Future" (3 and 4)

**12/02/2018** A roundtable on the topic "Creation and implementation of social mobilization for strengthening the capacities of local communities" was held within the project "Prevention of health risk factors in BiH". Followed by the development of individual and projects in partnership. Merhamet's activists closely followed how we would successfully create a project (5 and 6)



**12/14/2018** The President of "Merhamet" Dobož Avdić Faketa attended the round table on "Sustainable Return". Representatives of the local administrations of Dobož and Maglaj attended the roundtable. The roundtable was organized by OSCE-BIH. The desk was very sharp, with it starts to work seriously on a sustainable return.



**12/22/2018** Distribution of humanitarian aid to about 300 families of Merhamet members. Although cold weather people are forced to wait for a modest package.

**12/24/2018** The President of "Merhamet" Dobož Avdić Faketa attended the Partnership for the development of the city of Dobož. The themes were the strategic planning of local integrated development, the annual implementation plan and the indicative financial framework 2019 and 2020 and the presentation of the budget for 2019 where NGO activists fought to enter the budget.



**12/25/2018** "Merhamet" Dobož has handed gifts to the children for New Year's holidays.





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## Daily workshops

The Svitac Youth Organization continued its day-to-day activities in December. Participants are divided into two groups, aged 4-7 years each day from 11:00 to 13:00, and age 8+ from 14:00 to 15:30. The younger participants created educational things with the help of local and international volunteers: wire dancers, paper clocks, new vocabulary for fruits and vegetables in English, musical workshops learned more about musical instruments and their use, they made a wooden house sticks, and a long cardboard and cotton wool. At the music workshops they also taught and practiced the song "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, did not turn off the track."

Material used in the workshops is cardboard in color, collage paper, wood and greasy crayons, scissors, glue, seals, wooden sticks, decorative paper, stickers, plasticine, and wool. The other part of the workshop is intended for relaxation, refreshment, yoga, sports and various competitive games. The goal of these activities, and so far, is that children develop their imagination and use their various creativity to express their creativity, and to develop motoring, a sense of tolerance and respect for others, and adopting good behavior.

The participants of the second workshop (14: 00-15: 30), for the age of 8+, were valuable participants in various activities. Monday is a creative expression day where creations were made this month (friendship bracelets, poster on tolerance and anti-fascism) using various materials. Like the morning group and these participants made educational and imaginative decorations, but this month on the topic of winter and winter joy. On Tuesday, the participants practiced English language and daily communication, the merging of sentences using certain elements, in the form of competitive games and friendship, which enhance English language learning and teamwork. In addition to these activities, the participants worked on music workshops with introducing music instruments and practicing different rhythms. On Wednesday, Turkish language workshops were held with the basics for acquaintance, and they adopted a vocabulary for days, months and numbers. On Thursdays they were socializing with sports activities and teambuilding games, where they played various team games and continued to work on German workshops on Friday (vocabulary on tolerance). The goal of these activities is to encourage the participants to develop their imagination and to use their various materials to express their creativity, develop motor skills, feelings of tolerance, respect for others and adopt good behavior. The workshop coordinator in December was Adin Midžić with the assistance of local, Weltwärts, Erasmus + and "Love Volunteers" international volunteers. All activities are held in the Youth Center of Brčko District.

## Guitar workshops

Workshop participants practiced guitar duets and etudes from the previous period and were introduced with the new scales and tonalities. Work on the development of improvisational skills was continued.

## Samba workshops

Participants of this workshop practiced compositions made in the previous four months. "The Builder", "No-Go-Agogo", "Perodactyl 1 and 2", "Kiborzy", "Reaggelic", and "Sambasimo".

## Music seminar in Prijedor



At the invitation of the urban initiative "Manifest" from Prijedor, four participants of the samba workshop, Adin Midžić, Jovana Lukić, Ismar Mustafić and Duško Subotić, attended a seminar on fusion of ethno-music of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina with pop and rock music. The seminar was held on Saturday, 24th and Sunday, November 25, 2018, in the Hotel "Prijedor".

The seminar program consisted of three interactive workshops:

- Traditional music in BiH (vocal traditions and instruments);
- Tradition as an inspiration (from autochthonous to contemporary musical creativity);
- Percussion workshop;

Young people from Bihać, Mostar, Brčko and Prijedor took part in the seminar.

## An interactive workshop on the topic of Diversity of cultures and tolerance

Within the project "Tolerance and cultural diversity through music, art and sport", international volunteers from the Youth Organization Svitac from the Netherlands and Germany held an interactive workshop with members of the ASuBiH Local Teams from Modriča and Brčko. In the first part of the workshop, they presented the culture, customs and coexistence of different nations from the countries from which they came, followed by a debate on the topic of tolerance and coexistence. In the second part, the volunteer Wouter Pels held a CV writing workshop in English so young people could have a better chance of applying to different positions. The workshop was held from 12 to 15 in the premises of the Youth Center Brčko District, for 20 young people aged 16+.



## International Volunteer Day - December 5th



At the International Volunteer Day, which we celebrated on December 5th, Svitac organized an interactive workshop for students of the Gymnasium and members of the Local Team Brčko ASuBiH at the Youth Center. During the workshop, participants were asked about volunteering and activism. After exchanging ideas, the participants had the opportunity to talk to international as well as local volunteers who participated in various volunteer programs, as well as their experiences. The workshop ended with a discussion on volunteering, what it means, and how young people can take advantage of various programs and opportunities for traveling and acquiring new experiences. The workshop, which was held from 13:30 to 15:30, was attended by about 20 pupils.

On morning activities from 11:00 to 13:00, members of the Local Team Brčko ASuBiH helped organize a music workshop with participants aged 4-6 years, thus contributing to the symbolic celebration of the International Day of Volunteers.

## International Human Rights Day

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, which is celebrated on December 10th, the Svitac Youth Organization organized creative workshops for two groups of participants. The aim of the workshops was to promote the importance of human rights, support and mutual understanding. At the workshop for participants 4-7 participants made snowflakes of paper; each snowflake was an example of one of the rights they possess.

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## Tolerance and cultural diversity through music, art and sport 2018



The project was financed by the Government of the Brčko District, and within the project a series of music, creative and sports workshops were held that promoted cultural diversity, values of tolerance and mutual respect. In this way, the creative expression, the international engagement and the joint work of the participants in the construction and maintenance of a culture of reconciliation have been encouraged, providing space for children and young people for creative and educational learning in order to strengthen respect for the community they belong to. The project lasted from November 26 to December 15, 2018, and was held in the area of the Brčko District, in the premises of the Youth Center.

The project directly included 60 children, teenagers and young people from Brčko District. During the project, a short film was created, which you can see here:

<https://youtu.be/CKAMb5yJ1hQ>

## New Year's party

Youth organization Svitac officially closed the project "Tolerance and cultural diversity through music, art and sport 2018" with the event "New Year's party", which took place in the premises of the Youth Center. New Year's party started at 6:00 pm for the age of 8+. With the help of international and local volunteers, the Svitac Youth Organization organized an interesting program for workshop participants, their friends and parents. In the first part of the program, musical activities, classical compositions on guitar, and a small choir with performances in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian and English language, and a music group with local volunteers are presented. In the second part of the party, two stations were held where the participants had the opportunity to participate in various competition games, to make a New Year's greeting card or to decorate the desire tree with handwritten wishes. In the large hall of the Youth Center, an exhibition of all the works, which were created in the past weeks of the project, was set up. In the final part of the party there was a tombola with various awards, and a snack was also arranged. New Year's party was attended by more than 120 guests.



The continuation of all regular workshops of the Youth Organization Svitac is planned for January.

## INFORMATION / DONORS / INVITATIONS

### Invitation to Members of the ACCOUNT Network for Submission of Applications for the IV Program Grants Program "Monitoring and Reporting on Corruption in Selected Sectors"

The goal of the grant program is to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to conduct monitoring, collect and process data on corruption in selected sectors: public procurement, whistleblower protection, public sector employment, health, education

The Center for the Development of Media and Analysis (CRMA) as the holder and INFOHOUSE as the main partner of the Anti-corruption Network in BiH - ACCOUNT, financially supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), **invites all interested ACCOUNT members to submit proposals of targeted projects on monitoring activities in the fields of public procurement, protection of whistleblowers, employment in the public sector, health and education.**

The aim of this activity is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations to conduct monitoring, collect and process data on corruption in selected sectors.

ACCOUNT will allocate funds for activities aimed at monitoring, collecting and processing data, and reporting on corruption in the areas of: public procurement, protection of corruption applicants, public sector employment, health and education.

The fourth funding cycle will be allocated for a period of three (3) months, with the start of the issuance of funds no later than February 2019 and ending in April 2019.

ACCOUNT will allocate funds for a total of five (5) network member organizations for monitoring projects in sectors: public procurement, whistle blowers, public sector employment, health and education.

Component "Monitoring and Reporting on Corruption in Selected Sectors" means: forming five (5) monitoring teams; 1 team = up to 5 organizations (leader organization + watch dog organization).

Funds will be awarded through a competitive process. The selection panel composed of three representatives of the Center for Media Development and Analysis (CRMA) will review the submitted applications and give a rating of relevance.

**The call remains open for three (3) weeks from the date of publication, from December 24, 2018 - January 14, 2019, to 17:00.**

Download [Application form](#) and [Instructions for applicants](#)

### Invitation to submit technical assistance applications within the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)

The Directorate for European Integration of BiH - the Office of the State IPA Coordinator (DIPAK Office), informs all interested users that the 21st call for technical assistance applications within the framework of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) has been announced.

General terms for applying for WBIF:

- The application must come from one of the WBIF sectors: energy, transport, environment, social infrastructure (health, education, justice, social housing, other public buildings, etc.) and the digital connectivity sector.
- The grant application must be linked to the investment and should be followed by a loan arrangement (which is in the negotiation phase, or already concluded) between Bosnia and Herzegovina and some of the international financial institutions involved in the WBIF (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development - EBRD , The European Investment Bank - EIB, the Council of Europe Development Bank - CEB, the German Development Bank of Germany - KfW and the French Development Agency - AFD), along with the discussed financial possibilities of the

borrower in the future. The said leading international financial institution must express interest / support to the proposed project and be consulted when developing the grant application.

- Due to the financial obligations that are created, it is necessary to consult the relevant ministries of finance when applying for the possibility of borrowing related to the proposed project (if new debt is in question).

Specific conditions of the 21. call are:

- Only those applications that have a clear regional dimension will be acceptable in the transport sector, or removing barriers that slow down the implementation of the existing WBIF project (Information on grant applications for BiH and regional applications so far supported through WBIF data in the application package). Also, applications must refer to the Basic TEN-T network.
- In the sector of digital connectivity, energy, environmental protection and the social sector there are no restrictions and it is possible to propose new projects (if they are in accordance with the general conditions for applying for WBIF).

The deadline for submitting the first draft of the DIPAK applications / projects to the Office by the State Department Ministry is February 1, 2019. Deadline for delivering applications to the European Commission through the DIPAK Office is March 1, 2019.

More details about the method and guidelines for applying, including the grant application format, are found [in application pack](#).

For more information about the Western Balkans Investment Framework, please visit: [www.wbif.eu](http://www.wbif.eu)  
Guide to the Investment Framework for the Western Balkans can be downloaded at [Guide](#).

## LOCAL POWER: Public call for better local communities in BiH

The Local Power Initiative helps and supports local communities in BiH to recognize local potentials and the necessary support to work on problem-solving in communities themselves.

The Institute for Youth Development KULT and the USAID Initiative Local Power help local organizations, informal groups or individuals find a solution to problems they themselves have recognized in their community. Using Local Power Initiative, all citizens can report problems they want to resolve in their local communities, offering concrete suggestions for solutions, using local potentials and linking with other actors in their community.

All natural and legal persons, as well as informal groups of citizens who have their place of residence, are registered at one of the following local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bihać, Bosanski Grahovo, Bosanska Krupa, Bosanski Petrovac, Berkovići, Bileća, Bužim, Cazin, Čapljina, Čitluk, Drvar, Gacko, Glamoč, Grude, Istočni Drvar, Istočni Mostar, Ključ, Krupa na Uni, Kupres, Ljubinje, Ljubuški, Neum, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Petrovac, Posušje, Prozor / Rama , Ravno, Ribnik, Stolac, Trebinje, Velika Kladuša.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC CALL

Identifying and solving the existing problem in the local community.

## CRITERIA OF THE PUBLIC CALL

- The application that is submitted is done exclusively in the local community.
- The application to be submitted will include the partnership or support of local actors (local authorities, public institutions, entrepreneurs, business entities, local civil society organizations, other institutions, citizens or groups of local communities important for action).
- The application that is applying should have a wider social benefit.
- The action to be submitted can not include fees and fees for the staff of the action.
- The action to be submitted can not include the purchase of equipment that will remain permanently owned by individuals.
- It is desirable that the application that is submitted involves cooperation with the municipal / city administration.
- It is desirable that the action being applied involves directly as many citizens from the local community as possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTES

The public call remains open until the funds are spent, and no later than 14 April 2019.

All registered actions must be implemented no later than 31 May 2019.

Upon registration of the action, and no later than 48 hours, you will receive an answer on the receipt and record of your application and further steps you need to take.

More information at: [Public call](#)



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