



NEWSLETTER

The second CA bulletin of activities: Civic Alliance on service for citizens – from fight against corruption to books for persons with mental disorder

December 2016.

Human Rights Program

International Day of Human Rights

Civic Alliance will organize celebration of the International Day of Human Rights from 8 until 10 December 2016, in cooperation with the Institution of Protector of Human Rights, Faculty of Law of the University of Montenegro, European Commission, and OSCE.

This traditional event has a number of activities this year.

- Three days of activities start on Thursday on 8 December with the Conference “Protection and rights of old persons and persons with disabilities” at the Law Faculty.
- 9 December – Documentary “Road of Torture” on RTCG
- 10 December – Humanitarian football game, Journalists VS Others (politicians, actors, singers, NGO activists and other).

Monitoring of prison and police stations

Monitoring of respect of human rights of persons deprived of liberty and conditions of their accommodation is in our focus for a long time. CA will organize two monitoring visits in prison and police station the following month, aiming to reveal and prevent cases of torture. These activities arise from the Memorandum on Cooperation with ZIKS and the Police Directorate, and are supported by the Embassy of the Netherlands, in the framework of MATRA Program.

“Library worthy of people”

At the beginning of December, we shall start to collect books and restoration of the library at the Special Psychiatry Hospital in Dobrota, in the framework of the project “Out of isolation – exercising of rights of patients with mental disorder”, supported by the European Commission. The project implements Youth Initiative for Human Rights, which is the member of Civic Alliance, Human Rights Action, NGO ANIMA and NGO Mental Disability Advocacy Center.





Good Governance Program

Youth, cooperation and perspectives

15 December – Round table named “Regional Youth Cooperation Office – new possibilities for mobility of youth”, shall take place at the premises of the Rector of the University of Montenegro, in cooperation with the student organization AIESEC.

Youth Initiative for Human Rights, member of CA, continued to work intensively on establishing of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office of the Western Balkan. Goal of the round table is to gather young people and other potential users of future RYCO programs. H.E. Hans Guther Mattern, Ambassador of Germany and H.E. Christine Toudic, Ambassador of France in Montenegro, shall open the event.

We shall organize activities on informing citizens in Niksic, Podgorica and Ulcinj with specific street activities.

The Rule of Law Program

Focus on judiciary

Publishing of the research we have started in November will be published in the middle of December. This research is related to confidence of citizens in judiciary. We shall ask the same question to judges and prosecutors. This research is intensive activity we implement in cooperation with the Association of Judges since 2013, and with the Association of Prosecutors in Montenegro from 2015. This activity is planned by the Action Plan for the Chapter 23.

Media Program

“Balkan Without Hate”

In the frame of this project, financed by Erasmus+ Program, NGO “35mm” – member of Civic Alliance, promoted in November the movie “SIGEMBR” in Bucharest, Cyprus and Montenegro during the event “European Digital Youth Summit” (EDYS) and “Enter Unity – EU4U”.

Movie “SIGEMBR” is the product of work of Association GEYC, Youth Development Center – NGO “35mm”, PRONI, Identities, Green Spirit, Seiklejate Vennaskond and IdejNet. It represents the final part of training which attended 30 representatives from seven different countries in the frame of the project “Balkan Without Hate”, implemented in the framework of Erasmus+ Program.

Young people from Niksic, Berane, Rozaje, and Plav said that hatred of different people was emphasized in communities they came from. Students of the High School Gymnasium “Slobodan Cerovic” spoke about their experiences after they saw the movie and they often spoke about the given topic in the frame of activities ‘No hate corner’ that take place in their school. Seminar “The Role of Youth in Prevention of Radicalism and Violent Extremism”, organized by Forum MNE from Podgorica, was the opportunity for one more promotion of movie “SIGEMBR”.



Marginalized by the system “No more”

After the presentation of mobile application “Gradjanski institut” (Civic Institute), in October, we have more reports through this channel. Gradjanski institute is one more activity in the frame of the project “Marginalized by the system: No more”, financed by the EU.

Mentioned application provides mapping of local problems in the community. Application “Gradjanski institut” contains simple rules for reporting of problems and is available at Google Play Store.

Black market, work during holidays, illegal product marking, unkind medical workers, and silent administration – are only some of the problems workers, consumers and patients face with.

Partners at the project are Trade Union of Media of Montenegro, Center for the Protection of Consumers of Montenegro (CEZAP), NGO “Krug života”, NGO Parents, and joint partner Union of Free Trade Unions (USSCG).

More information about activities of the media program find on the website www.nvo35mm.org.

School of Democratic Leadership

More efficient fight against corruption

SDL gathered more than 80 participants at the conference “Towards more efficient fight against corruption in Montenegro” at the end of November. Participants expressed standpoints and among them were decision makers at the local and national level, and representatives of civil sector and media. On three panels at the conference, participants spoke about different aspects of fight against corruption, from preventive mechanisms to concrete problems in work of judicial bodies and prosecution, and about (in)efficient public institutions in this process. Panelists at the conference were ambassadors of Germany and Poland, bearers of the highest judicial functions, and representatives of public institutions. Moderators of panels were prominent journalists and SDL alumni.

Challenges of Europeanization in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro

School of Democratic Leadership will organize bilateral alumni seminar “Challenges of Europeanization in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro” from 15 until 18 December, on Jahorina. We will organize the seminar in cooperation with the School of Political Studies of the Council of Europe and BiH. Participants at the seminar will be parliamentarians and high functionaries of political parties from the lines of alumni from both schools. When it comes to the main topic, at the seminar will be spoken about the history and idea of joint Europe, European values, and negotiating process, interests in integration process, challenges of regional cooperation at the South-East Europe, parliamentarian control of the budget and about the challenges of decentralization.

More information about these events and other activities of SDL, visit the website www.sdr.gamn.org or Facebook page of SDL <https://www.facebook.com/%C5%Aokola-demokratskog-rukovo%C4%99ienja-Forum-alumnista-350215474370/?fref=ts>.

