



NEWSLETTER

The first CA bulletin of activities: Jointly for better society - from prison monitoring to film premiere

November 2016.

Human Rights Program

Monitoring of prisons and police stations

Monitoring of respect of human rights of persons deprived of liberty and conditions they are accommodated is in our focus for a long time. The following month, CA will organize two monitoring visits to prisons and prison stations, aiming to reveal and prevent the cases of torture. These activities arise from the Memorandum on Cooperation with Institution for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions (ZIKS) and the Police Directorate, and are supported by the Embassy of Netherlands, in the frame of MATRA Program.

Celebration of International Human Rights Day

With its traditional partners – Ombudsman, OSCE and others, Civic Alliance will mark this important date, contributing to improvement of culture of human rights. Preparations have already started.

Good Governance Program

Regional Youth Cooperation Office

Youth Initiative for Human Rights, member of Civic Alliance, has continued to work intensively on establishing of Regional Youth Cooperation Office of Western Balkan. After the signing of Agreement on establishing of RYCO, we organized round table on topic “Establishing Regional Youth Cooperation Office - RYCO”. During the same month we organize activities on informing citizens in Niksic, Podgorica and Ulcinj, in the framework of the campaign organized by all offices of Youth Initiative for Human Rights in the region. We actively participate in work of the Regional Working Group for development of RYCO, and appreciate the contribution in the process that will result in establishing of office.

The Rule of Law

Safety in prisons

In cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, CA implements MATRA Project with the support of the Embassy of the Netherlands. The project is dealing with the safety in prisons. In the framework of the project, foreign experts will do the assessment of security of detention units and correction, after the precise analysis of physical barriers and procedures in prisons. The same one shall result in recommendations that will become the part of the Security Strategy 2017-2020. At the same time, we deal with the promotion of alternative sanctions. The project we have started in September, shall last two years.





Research about the confidence in judiciary

At the end of November and December 2016, Civic Alliance will conduct the research about the confidence in judiciary, in cooperation with the Association of Judges and the Supreme State Prosecution. This research has been implemented for almost four years. Components of the research are as follows: public opinion research about the confidence in judiciary and the research of standpoints of judges and prosecutors about the work of courts. Mentioned activity is the part of the Action Plan for the Chapter 23.

Media Program

TV Show “Robin Hood”

This season, TV show “Robin Hood” will focus traditionally on resolving of problems of citizens. This TV Show will function by the principle of addressing of citizens and presenting of their problems and our effort to solve their problems in the spirit of constructive dialogue and relying on laws of Montenegro and justice. This year, citizens will have the opportunity to see our research stories related to long court trials, failures in implementation of action plans, inefficient implementation of laws, barriers during the employment of vulnerable groups, etc. unique example of civil journalism and cooperation of NGOs and institutions aiming to improve conditions of life and testing of the rule of law, with the media monitoring.

The Project “Balkan Without Hate”, supported by the Erasmus+ Programm

NGO “35mm” started Montenegrin promotion of the movie “SIGEMBR” on Saturday, 29 October, in Cetinje, which was envisaged as the response of youth on hate of diversities. Young people from seven European countries and different national groups, jointly made the short movie. Their desire was to show they had solution and idea for “Balkan Without Hate”. Partner organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Estonia, Greece, Italy, and Romania, which will promote the movie in their countries, participated in creation of the movie. For the next five months, 12 promotions have been planned for Cetinje, Ulcinj, Niksic, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje, Budva and Tivat.

The Project “Marginalized by the system: No more”, supported by the EU

NGO “35mm”, member of Civic Alliance, presented the application for mobile phones “Civic Institute/Gradanski institut”, at the beginning of October, in the frame of the project “Marginalized by the system: No more”, finance by the EU. This application has been created so that the citizens of Montenegro could report violation of human rights as workers, patients, and consumers. With this mobile phone application, citizens can locate and describe the problem, and mention the institution they believed is competent to resolve their problem. Reporting the problem, citizens also have the opportunity to monitor phases of solving of problem. Application enables mapping of local problems in the community and has simple rules for reporting of problems and is available at the Google Play Store.

Web site www.nvo35mm.org has been launched.



School of Democratic Leadership

Seminar “Free and independent journalism in democratic society”

School of Democratic Leadership, member of Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe, implements its annual program on work of alumni, participants of previous 14 generations. Alumni seminar “Free and Independent Journalism in Democratic Society” took place in Mostar from 28 until 30 October 2016. Participants of the seminar were representatives of political parties and journalists of the most prominent media in Montenegro.

World Forum for Democracy in Strasbourg

World Forum for Democracy 2016 in Strasbourg is taking place from 7 to 9 November 2016, and 20 representatives of School of Democratic Leadership will attend this event. The topic of Forum 2016 will be “Democracy and Equality: Does Education matter?”

Fight against corruption

Conference devoted to the fight against corruption in Montenegro and challenges in cooperation of institutions in this field will be organized by SDL at the Hotel “Hilton”, on 23 November 2016. The conference is intended primarily to SDL alumni, but is opened for other interested participants. Find more information about these events at the SDL web site www.sdr.gamn.org of SDL Facebook page.