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Introduction

In a year behind us, Montenegrin society with inadequate dynamics continued moving closer to the European Union, as the symbolic framework of respect of principles of human rights and the rule of law. Slowly but safely – we have less chapters that have to be opened, less laws that have to be adopted or strategies that have to be initiated. There is less possibilities for formal fulfillment of criteria for social changes. On the other side, the core progress as the predicted result of closing of chapters, law implementation and enforcement of strategies – is still unachievable. Unfortunately, besides the core responsibility of all three branches of power, representatives of political parties, media and civil sector have not managed to impose good alternatives and to influence the process of social reforms with their personal examples.

Such a situation emphasizes the first key problem of Montenegrin society – scarce recognition of the public interest, as the public scene has become the arena for conflicts between clans, masked with considerations for the state, human rights, reforms, economy or environment.

We witnessed one more year during which the Montenegrin society slowly continued with distancing from the negative heritage of '90s - years marked with the wartime collapse of all social norms and the beginning of large scale privatizations of state owned resources. Social reconfiguration, as the result of those changes, is even nowadays the largest obstacle to meaningful changes in Montenegrin society. However, not everyone is ready to face with the horrid image of Montenegrin society, thus, the eyes are turned to idealized past, where we intend to find the legitimacy for today's political activities.

Antifascists and independence supporters proudly promote old communist Yugoslavia iconography, celebrating modern Montenegro as continuation of Yugoslav antifascism and inter-ethnic harmony - of course, opportunistically being silent on concerning data about the rise of ethnical distances in modern Montenegro; not to speak about crash of economic substance of the socialist Montenegro, which modern neoliberals, despite their passionate devotion, still have not managed to destroy through unrealistic privatizations and private-public partnerships. On the other side, revision of historical facts and the rise

of nationalism and clericalism – covered with the care for numerous and indisputable violation of human rights during the communism, intend to abolish the secular and antifascist Yugoslav tradition, starting from the idea on civil society to gender equality.

This situation potentiates another key problem of Montenegrin society – fight for the new interpretation of the past is not a leisure discussion of various histories and historians, but fundamental conflict of opposing visions of the future.

The context of Montenegrin social reforms, rounded up with these two problems, has been additionally complicated with political crisis and extremely unfavorable regional and global trends, where democracy, human rights, liberalism and solidarity are the greatest losers.

This is the context in which Civic Alliance continues with its mission and activities.

When we started uniting few activist organizations – we thought that in 2018, most problems we deal with and standpoints we represent would not be interesting to most citizens, because they simply would not represent so important social problems. Unfortunately, we were wrong. These topics are more important nowadays than seven years ago.

However, we are not alone. We have continued with networking of all civic activists. We are still more on the terrain, with the victims of human rights violations, than attending round tables and seminars. We are still more in the company of people who poorly understand phrases such as log frame, lump sum, or overheads, but are familiar with their local communities and problems of ordinary people.

See You in 2019.

Boris Raonić

Program Director

A NEW STRUCTURE FOR NEW CHALLENGES

CA successfully developed the Strategic plan from previous years, and at the beginning of 2018, we created the new one. With its implementation, we shall start with the new challenges and respond on the needs we face with on the road towards building democratic society.

In order to do the job more efficiently and in accordance with the needs and information we received from the terrain in the previous period, we decided on program restructuring. We have made a joint decision and at the beginning of 2018 we formed three new programs instead of five.

Human Rights Program and the Rule of Law Program have been united into **Human Rights and Justice Program**.

Good Governance Program and School of Democratic Leadership are part of the **Good Governance**. School of Democratic Leadership has become School of Political Studies.

We have kept the **Media Program**.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE PROGRAM

Human Rights and Justice Program has been focused on facing the past, problems of torture and discrimination, politically motivated violence, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and association, protection of personal data, religious freedom, minority rights, status of displaced persons, economic and social rights, and celebration of important days related to this area.

Through this program, we monitored the quality of implementation of laws, but also monitored, researched and documented human rights violations, processing of these cases, and representation of victims before competent courts and public bodies. Some activities implied the control of work of courts, public prosecutor's office, Police Directorate, Institution for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions (ZIKS), and education of decision makers and leaders.

- Through the project **“Reform of Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions System”**, financed by the Embassy of Netherlands, which started in 2016 and ended in the middle of 2018, Civic Alliance supported the system of execution of criminal sanctions with the focus on challenges in the security area and respect of human rights of persons deprived of liberty. Activities that were done during the project, were as follows: conference with more than 50 participants and decision makers; published report that covered two years period, about the respect of human rights of persons in prisons, psychiatric hospitals and police detention; a number of trainings for security officers in ZIKS, police officers and medical staff in ZIKS; regular monitoring of detention premises and published analysis with recommendations related to the security system.

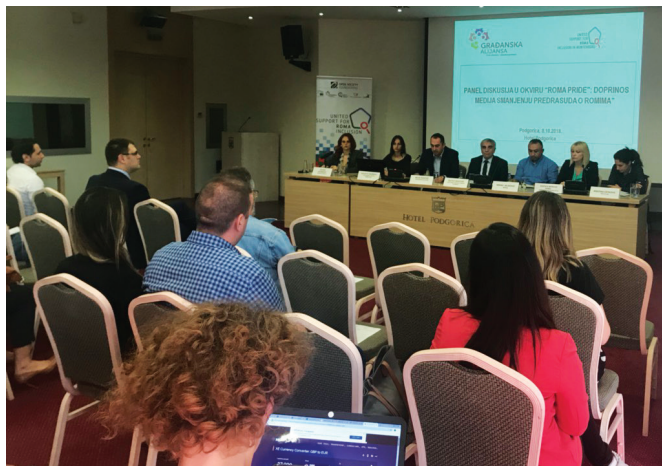


- With the project **“Jointly for Progress in Chapters 23 and 24”**, financially supported by the Balkan Trust for Democracy – German Marshall Fund Project, our goal was to determine the key weaknesses of judicial system, especially in work of basic courts through civic monitoring, and therefore to provide the grounds for sustainable solutions in the framework of the mentioned



- chapters. Our goal was to start the public dialogue and engage key stakeholders, in order to find solutions for achieving standards for chapters 23 and 24. During the project, we published the bulletin “Bukovica, a perfect crime” and publication “Review of negotiating process for chapters 23 and 24”. We signed Memorandum on Cooperation with the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms, Committee for European Integrations and Legislative Committee of the Parliament, and the Supreme Court of Montenegro. We organized the seminar at School of Political Studies, which was about negotiating chapters 23 and 24. Monitoring of work of basic courts is expecting us in 2019.
- Implementation of the project **“Strengthening Directorate for Probation and Alternative Sanction system in Montenegro”**, financially supported the Helsinki Committee, and in the framework of this project we developed the analysis on probation in Montenegro and the report that will be published at the beginning of 2019.
 - Through the project **“Joint Support to Roma Inclusion in Montenegro”** (Civic Alliance is the partner in this project) financed by Open Society Foundation, we monitored social protection sector, education, employment, housing and budget, and contributed to mapping of key obstacles to successful integration of Roma and Egyptians. NGO Young Roma established the coalition, and its participants were NGO Center for Roma Initiatives, and Roma Youth Organization “Walk with us – Phiren Amenca”. Among other activities,

we organized panel discussion in October in the framework of the Roma Pride “Contribution of media to reduction of prejudices about Roma”. In cooperation with the coalition partners, we filed the *Initiative for amendment of Law on Election of Councilors and MPs* to the Parliament in order to provide Roma representative in the Parliament, and we regularly advocated for the rights of Roma on various addresses.



- During 2018, we continued the implementation of project “**Coalition for Contribution to Exercising of Rights and Needs of Persons with Disabilities**”, that started in 2017. Commission for Allocation of Funds from the Lottery financed this project. The goal of the project was to contribute to satisfying the needs and rights of persons with disabilities in accordance with the Constitution, international conventions and other regulations in the area of participation, accessibility, quality, employment, social and health care, and to determine barriers and define recommendations for the improvement of situation. We established the coalition of NGOs for the rights of persons with disabilities whose members, besides Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), are the Union of Association of Paraplegics Montenegro, Association of Paraplegics from Podgorica, Bar and Pljevlja. While implementing the project, we did the monitoring of the Action Plan 2016-2017, published the report, organized the round table, and organized the campaign for adoption of recommendations.



- We dealt with the issues of young people through the project **“Chasing the Rights of Youth – Celebration of the International Youth Day”**, supported by the Ministry of Sport – Youth Directorate. Through the celebration of International Youth Day, we intended to influence on raising awareness of young people on importance of their participation and to introduce them the work of institutions and organizations in areas of employment, education,



decision making, development of community, and creation and implementation of policies, health, culture and youth policy. We implemented plans through the Quest for Rights of Youth in Nikšić and a Study visit to institutions and organizations in Podgorica.



- In 2018, we celebrated International Human Rights Day again, in cooperation with the institution of Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms, Government of Montenegro, the EU Delegation to Montenegro, the EU Info Center, UN, Council of Europe, OSCE, and Association of Lawyers. This was the first time that international organizations in this area jointly worked on celebration of this day. Central

activity of the celebration was the conference “Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Montenegro”, which gathered more than 100 participants from our country and abroad. We discussed about the prevention of violence against women and protection from



torture and inhuman treatment. In the framework of celebration of Human Rights Day, we organized humanitarian basketball competition and the money collected on that occasion was donated for the children with disabilities. We also organized a lecture for students and simulation of a moot court. Representative of Civic Alliance participated in the TV program “Okvir” on TVCG which was devoted to human rights. For the second time in 2018, we organized the competition for high school students “A quest for Human Rights”. 27 high school students from Montenegro participated in this competition. Winners of the competition were students and teachers from Gymnasium “Panto Mališić” from Berane, High School “Braća Selić” from Kolašin, and the First High Vocational School from Nikšić. In cooperation with Ministry of Education, a lecture about human rights was organized in elementary schools.

- Jointly with the Embassy of Palestine in Podgorica, Civic Alliance celebrated **Palestinian Children’s Day**.
- On the occasion of **130 years since the proclamation of the General Property Code for Montenegro**, we donated 37 monography publications in the field of protection and promotion of human rights, control of work of public bodies, etc.
- In 2018, Civic Alliance initiated and participated in more humanitarian activities.



MEDIA PROGRAM

Media Program has been launched in order to use various “talents” from YIHR and “35mm”, and in order to provide space for exchange of information between citizens and institutions of the system, and in order to make an impact on democratization of the society as a whole.

Our desire was to contribute to creation of a better society in Montenegro and the Balkan region. For us, better society implies the respect of human rights and the rule of law, especially public responsibility and transparency of the Government and its institutions, with inevitable freedom of speech of citizens.

In 2018, we continued with our plans and actively worked on promotion and development of investigation journalism, education on ethical journalism and media literacy, prevention of violence on the Internet and hate speech, production of the media content, through several projects.

- Implementation of the project “Untold stories: journalists endangered” and documentary presentation about assaults on journalists and media in Montenegro that happened in previous few years, marked the beginning of 2018. The European Union financially supported the project, through the program of Croatian Association of Journalists - “Protection of freedom of media and freedom of expression on the Western Balkan”. Considering the fact that the number of unresolved cases of assaults is large, besides the concerning data about the lack of activities of public bodies, the conclusion is that raising



awareness of public about this topic is of key importance. Premiere of a documentary “Using force on the Seventh – Montenegro Case”, which can be found on our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqQ40xHxJ30&t=1s>) was broadcasted on TV Vijesti in the middle of 2018, and was followed by the fierce public debate at the panel discussion that was organized the same month on that occasion. Representatives of the Commission for Investigation of Attacks on Journalists, Prosecution Office, Ministry of Interior, the EU Delegation to Montenegro, USA Embassy, OSCE, Media Trade Union and Association of Professional Journalists of Montenegro participated in this panel discussion. Documentary attracted attention of public and the debate continued in media afterwards. *Documentary, as the final result, is the peak of our media endeavor in 2018.*

- Project “**DO-investigative journalism, DISCOVER-media literacy**” started in the second half of 2018. Until nowadays, four workshops with two groups were organized in the framework of this project.

Group of more than 20 students of journalism and young journalists passed the training for work on investigative stories that will be published in Montenegrin media. Besides experienced trainers, who are the project partners at the same time, lecturers were journalists/freelancers from the eminent news agencies such as Associated Press and Reuters.



In the framework of the same project, group of activists attended trainings at the end of 2018 on fake news, propaganda and one-sided reporting. During the training, group of 20 activists/citizens had the opportunity to develop skills for recognizing the mentioned issues. Jointly with representatives of the Media Trade Union they will develop the analysis of monitoring of four printed media and a news agency, and present it to public in the middle of 2019. They will also have the opportunity to pass on the knowledge, gained during the process, on others, through activities they create and conduct on their own.

- We have stayed faithful to education of public on severity of fake news and importance of respect of standards of the branch and the Code of Journalists of Montenegro, through the project **“Dealing with Ethics and Fake News”**, financed by the EU Delegation to Montenegro, in the framework of the Media Professionalization Program, as the partner organization to MINA Agency and Independent Organization for Media Expert Progress (NOMEN). The project started in the middle of 2018 and shall last 15 months. Project target groups are media, media professionals, MINA News Agency, self-regulatory bodies, students of journalism and citizens, especially youth and civil society. Working on two special tasks – promoting ethical code and enabling media to report in fair, free and professional and ethical manner, in cooperation with project partners, we shall involve in changes of standards of media reporting when it comes to ethical reporting and larger demands of public for good and ethical media content, especially in relation to the EU integration of Montenegro. For the needs of the project and in order to inform public, we launched the website www.mediji.me
- We were one of the partner organizations on the project **“YOUth on the Mov(i)e - Building a Better Region Through Film”**, which implemented Center for Social and Economic Development (CDER), with the support of Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), aiming to promote intercultural dialogue and tolerance and support to reconciliation in the Western Balkan Region.





- In cooperation with the volunteer club of Gymnasium “Slobodan Škerović” in Podgorica, in 2018 we implemented the project **“Montenegro Without Hate”**, that was financially supported by Ministry of Sport–Youth Directorate. We jointly built capacities of youth and the teaching staff for the fight against violence and the hate speech on the Internet.

During the project implementation, we organized seminars in Kotor and Berane with 50 young people and 50 teachers, who achieved competences to act in their schools as the peer educators and mentor

teachers. In this manner, we extended the network of elementary and high schools, where teachers and pupils act jointly through establishing of functional partner relations and cooperation of teachers and pupils, and parents, in order to prevent conflict situations and provide assistance in adequate solving of existing problems.

Peer workshops were organized in the framework of the project, but also panel discussions, online examination, media campaigns, and the final conference – “School as the resource in prevention and fight against the hate speech on the Internet”.

- In 2018, we implemented the project **“(Un)Represented in Media”** in partnership with NGO SAFRA, in order to increase the visibility of juvenile and marginalized groups, such as women, Roma and Egyptians, LGBTIQ population, persons with disabilities, victims of violence in family and (former) drug abusers. Implementation of the project started in 2017, and ended in the middle of 2018. Embassy of Australia in Belgrade financially supported the project. In order to improve the manner of reporting of media



about the above mentioned groups and initiate public dialogue about inclusion of these groups in the society, and rise awareness on their rights, we did the following: target media monitoring about reporting on marginalized groups; built capacities of members of the mentioned groups for civic journalism; provided mentor support during development of media products. Joint public campaign initiated a dialogue on topics related to each identified group, and the starting point was their perspective.

- Jointly with the volunteer clubs of Gymnasium “Slobodan Škerović” from Podgorica and “25 May” in Tuzi, through the project “Montenegro Without Hate” we worked on raising awareness and development of skills and knowledge important for the idea about the community without hate. Implementation of the project lasted from 1 October 2017 until 30 April 2018, and was financed by the Council of Europe.



We worked on education of youth on stigmatization and discrimination on ethnical grounds, religion, nationality, sex, gender, and other grounds. Jointly with partners we chased possible solutions and “heroes” who can contribute fight against xenophobia – fear from others and “different people”.

We organized two-days trainings in four communities in Podgorica, Tuzi, Ulcinj and Bar, with 100 young people were educated in that manner and trained to use certain educational tool based on movies “SIGEMBR” and “Closed Mind”. In further work, largely based on dynamic interactions and social media, they managed to approach wider community and contribute to diminishing of use of hate speech and violence among youth based on “differences”.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Good Governance covers the School of Political Studies (www.sps.gamn.org) and civic participation through insisting on transparent and responsible administration. Mission of the School is additional education of active and future decision makers, recognized bearers of social changes and creators of public opinion, potential and influential initiators of positive social processes and reforms. Besides education, this program perceives strengthening of civic awareness as its primary goal, informing and strengthening of citizens as provision of support to civic initiatives and organizations that share the same values.

In a year behind us, we proved for the 16th time that the foundation, on which the School of Political Studies in Montenegro (its name was School of Democratic Leadership until 2018) has been built, represents the ground of each society: dialogue, acceptance and respect of differences, education. From the School perspective and perspective of all its participants, values of human rights and the rule of law are inevitable road towards transformation of Montenegrin country and society, while capacity building is the inevitable step.

In 2018, and in accordance with the European road of Montenegro, we have focused the program on negotiating process in chapters 23 and 24. Therefore, XVI generation, composed of representatives of political parties, executive and legislative power, media and nongovernmental sector, had the opportunity to found out what the institutions of the system and other factors of establishing the rule of law process, have to do on that road, what are the challenges they face with and the previous results.



- Opening ceremony and the introduction panel for the new XVI generation of School of Political Studies took place at the beginning of February at the EU Info Center. During the introduction panel, participants were informed about the present position of Montenegro in the process of the EU integrations. Afterwards, the program continued with the first module in Budva.

Topic of the seminar was “Chapter 23 – Challenges and the Negotiation Process”. We focused on situation in judiciary, the role of the Constitutional Court in human rights protection, importance of the audit of the country, independence and proactivity of the Anticorruption Agency, fight against high corruption, freedom of media, processing of war crimes and most areas as the essence of this chapter.

- The second module for XVI generation took place in the middle of May 2018 in Ulcinj. Topic of the seminar was “Chapter 24 – Challenges and Negotiation Process”. In the framework of the seminar, participants had the opportunity to be informed about the implementation of standards and the EU practice in the asylum area, fight against organized crime, international police cooperation, and fight against terrorism, work of the Commission for narcotics and judicial cooperation in civic and criminal matters.



- The third module program was planned in accordance with the needs and suggestions of participants of XVI generation and took place in Nikšić, at the end of September. The seminar focused on “Skills, knowledge, and values for the public engagement”, and lectures were devoted to topics such as human rights protection, challenges of the Chapter 27, dialogue as the instrument for overcoming political polarization, protocol rules, communication in crisis situation and challenges in integration processes in Montenegro.
- At the end of November 2018, group of 17 alumni of School of Political Studies, participated in the World Forum of Democracy, organized by the Council of Europe. Topic of the Forum was “Gender Equality – whose battle?.”



- Final module in the framework of the program for XVI generation of School of Political Studies was organized at the end of November in Podgorica. Topics that were discussed in this module were key obstacles and problems in Chapters 23 and 24. Speakers at this module were Aleksandar Drljević, Montenegro's Chief Negotiator with the EU, and H.E. Arne Sannes Bjørnstad, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway, who awarded diplomas to participants.

This was a year when our colleagues from the Association of School of Political Studies faced with serious problems. We informed public about arresting of colleagues from Azerbaijan and Turkey, and problems in Ukraine, Russia and other countries.

- In 2018, the School continued the implementation of the new phase of project **“Public dialogue on sustainable use of energy in the South East Europe”**, with the focus on regional cooperation of parliamentarians on energy efficiency topics, climate changes, and urban mobility. The project has been implementing in cooperation with the partners from Schools in five region countries: Serbia, Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the constant support of the Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe – Energy Efficiency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ).



In the framework of the project, at the beginning of June, Montenegrin Delegation composed of Aleksandar Damjanović, independent member of the Parliament of Montenegro, and Tijana Knežević, member of the Committee for Economy, Finances and Budget, participated in the Study visit in Berlin. During the visit to Bundestag and Bundesrat, members of the Parliament from the Western Balkan countries met with Josip Juratović, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Cooperation of Bundestag with the South East Europe countries and representatives of East European parliamentary group Bundestag and Green Parliamentary Group. Participants of the Study visit met with representatives of the non-profit think-tank organizations, which are active in the field of sustainable use of energy, such as the Energy Surveillance Group (EGW) and Agora Energiewende, but also EUREF campus, which promotes implementation of energy transition through its work. One of the main messages of the visit was that the region countries should change and jointly implement energy policies.

- In the framework of the project supported by Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe – Biodiversity and Energy Efficiency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the School initiated establishing of the informal Green Group at the Parliament of Montenegro. The goal of this initiative was establishing of the MP group, aiming to give deserved priority to topics on environment and put the focus on them in decision making processes. This project envisaged additional education of MPs through the meetings of informal Green Party in Serbia, but also in the EU countries.

Interested MPs signed the charters, who obliged on active work during their mandate on: promoting, initiating and implementing initiatives at the local, national, and regional level, in accordance with values and principles of protection of environment and sustainable development; participation of public and civil sector in decision making processes in the field of environment and sustainable development and developing of new knowledge and skills in the field of environment and sustainable development.

School alumni, parliamentarians from Montenegro, participated at the II Parliamentarian Forum on Energy Efficiency for the South East European countries, at the end of November in Skoplje.

In the framework of the School, we organized visit of Parliamentarians from Kosovo to relevant institutions dealing with the energy efficiency in Montenegro.

PROJECTS 2018/2019

- Institutional support of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund through the program “Advancing progress of Montenegro in reaching Copenhagen criteria and Rule of Law standards in the framework of EU negotiations”
- “Towards Enhanced Civic Activism and Sustainable Civic Participation in Montenegro” – Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- “Towards Better Implementation of Free Legal Aid” – Ministry of Justice of Montenegro
- “Contribution to implementation of the Strategy for enforcement of criminal sanctions 2017-2021 through strengthening of enforcement of alternative sanctions and resocialization of prisoners” – Ministry of Justice of Montenegro
- “Young Active Citizens” – Ministry of Sport of Montenegro
- “Investigative journalism and dynamic media content helping to voice problems of women” – Internews / Civic Alliance, as the lead applicant and Crime and Corruption Reporting Network (LUPA), as the project partner
- “Reform of the enforcement of criminal sanctions system” – Embassy of the Netherlands
- “Social Protection and Shelter for LGBT Population” – Commission for Allocation of Funds from the Lottery
- “School of Democratic Leadership” – Commission for Allocation of Funds from the Lottery
- “School of Democratic Leadership” – The Council of Europe
- “Jointly for the Progress in Chapters 23 and 24” – The Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of the German Marshall Fund
- “Improvement of Quality of Life of LGBT Population at the Local Level, through capacity building of the police, prosecution office, and local self-government” – Ministry of Human and Minority Rights

- “School of Political Studies – Minority Rights in Montenegro” – Ministry of Human and Minority Rights

Members of Civic Alliance – Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR) and NGO “35mm” contributed with projects and activities whose donors were as follows:

- “(Un)Representation in Media” – Embassy of Australia in Serbia
- Regional Exchange Program – The European Commission
- “Dealing with Ethics and False News” – The European Commission
- “Untold stories: journalists endangered” - The European Union, through the program of Croatian Association of Journalists “Protection of freedom of media and freedom of expression on the Western Balkan”.
- “Fairness and not bias – Eradicate cronyism” – The European Commission (Action SEE) in cooperation with Metamorphosis Foundation
- “Montenegro Without Hate 2018” – Ministry of Sport / Youth Directorate
- Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe, Energy Efficiency (ORF - EE), implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
- Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe – Biodiversity, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- “Coalition for Contribution to Exercising Rights and Needs of Persons With Disabilities” – Commission for Allocation of Funds from the Lottery
- “Montenegro Without Hate” – The Council of Europe
- “Languages of Minority Population in Public Administration – between laws and practice” – Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
- “(Un)Protected” – Ministry of Human and Minority Rights

- „Supporting rehabilitation through occupational therapy in enclosed institutions in Montenegro“ – The Council of Europe
- “Shared Narratives” – YIHR Croatia / Robert Bosch Stiftung
- “Engaging Content Grant” – Internews / MINA, lead applicant MINA News Agency and NGO “35mm” project partner
- “DO-investigative journalism, DISCOVER – media literacy” – USA Embassy

CANDIDACIES / MEMBERSHIPS

Besides its program activities, our organization contributed through the work of institutions of the system, though candidacies and memberships.

Boris Raonić, CA Program Director, member of the Ethical Board of the Police Director and committee for the Reform of Electoral Legislation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Edina Hasanaga Čobaj, CA Financial and Administrative Director, member of the Council for Protection of Patients in the Special Psychiatry Hospital in Kotor.

Milan Radović, CA Human Rights and Justice Program Coordinator, member of RTCG Council and the Working Body of the National Preventive Mechanism, established by Ombudsman. In May 2018, elected as the Montenegrin candidate for the UN Human Rights Committee.

Kristina Četković, CA Media Program Coordinator, was elected at the beginning of March as the member of the Working Group for drafting of text for the Draft Law on amendments of Law on National Public Broadcaster Radio and Television of Montenegro.

Zoran Vujičić, CA Legal adviser was elected in April 2018 as the member of Montenegrin State Electoral Commission.

Darko Ivanović, CA Media adviser, was dismissed as a member of the Agency for Electronic Media (AEM) Council, at the end of December 2017, despite the evidence he submitted. His appeal to the Constitutional Court, temporary measure he filed to the Basic Court, were rejected and forced him to file the lawsuit against Montenegro to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

ABOUT CIVIC ALLIANCE

Institution of the Protector achieves successful cooperation with Civic Alliance, from year to year. CA proved professionalism and devotion to topics on human rights and freedom protection last year in more fields of its activism. We consider that the most important characteristic of your work are persistence in the set goals and programs, proactivity and creativity in initiation of the new ideas. Bearing in mind that the job of promotion and protection of human rights is never done, I believe we will continue with joint activities on mutual pleasure and for the sake of citizens.

Šučko Baković, Protector of Human Rights

Our successful cooperation reflected in strengthening of rights of patients and generally their human rights and freedoms; improvement of conditions for treatment and their rehabilitation, especially through promotion and development of psychosocial services, with the accent on occupational therapy. With the full respect, you gave us the opportunity to participate and contribute to development of strategies, reports, and analysis you carefully prepared, to participate at all your significant conferences, round tables, and other professional meetings, related to improvement of rights of patients, especially patients with imposed security measures and/or imprisonment sentences. You also demonstrated interest to provide help to this institution materially and through certain project activities.

Dragan Čabarkapa, Director of the Special Psychiatry Hospital in Kotor

As the end of the year is usually a period when we summarize results and achievements, I would like to inform you that the Constitutional Court of Montenegro is satisfied with cooperation with Civic Alliance in a year behind us. I hope we will continue successful cooperation in 2019 and strengthen it with our joint activities.

Desanka Lopičić, a judge and former President of the Constitutional Court

For me personally, and for my pupils, competition that took place in Nikšić on 6 September 2018, was a real adventure! This was an unusual event, which brought me closer to my town, people and institutions. I especially want to emphasize the youth spirit that adorned all participants in the competition that day! Professional relationship, full of care of your members, with each segment of the competition contributed to this spirit! Starting from technical details, refreshment and brunch, to essentially important gratitude and photos, which marked the event! It was important, for me personally as well, that the haste of correspondence was on a high level. Therefore, congratulations for interaction between us! Allow me to notice that pupils were responsible towards the whole project, as they concluded that you devote attention to them respecting their age. Visit to Podgorica and institutions on 17 September, was in accordance with the proposed agenda. That was the opportunity to learn more in a manner that is different from the one we do in classrooms. This affirms expectations of pupils to find out more about the impact of institutions in practical manner! I called Milan Radović personally after the Study visit to Podgorica to share impressions and express desire to cooperate with your organization again. Thank You so much for your patience and respect of all agreed details! I sincerely hope we will have the opportunity to meet again!

Marija Lazarević, teacher at the Gymnasium “Stojan Cerović”, Nikšić

Volunteer club of Gymnasium “Slobodan Škerović” – Podgorica, cooperates with NGO “35mm” for two years. I especially want to emphasize exquisite relationship with representatives of this organization, who are devoted to achievement of joint and agreed goals. Communication with them is open and clear, they are ready for new ideas that contribute to resolving of problems or improvement of joint activities. We are so grateful for the relationship with them, where we feel that our contribution is appreciated and that we are important as partners in implementation of activities.

Vanja Rakočević, Pedagogue and Coordinator of the Volunteer Club of Gymnasium “Slobodan Škerović”

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Civic Alliance

256,100.22



Income

169,639.63



Expenditure

Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR)

51,438.66



Income

48,005.32



Expenditure

NGO 35mm

81,990.57



Income

81,760.80



Expenditure

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