

Continuation of process of Women's Court after Sarajevo Event (May 2015)

Activities related to Women's Court – feminist approach

The first Woman's court on the territory of Europe, was held in Sarajevo from 7th to 10th of May 2015, organized by 10 women's groups from the former Yugoslavia (Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa, CURE Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Women War Victims, Centre for Women's Studies Zagreb, Croatia, Center for Women and Peace Education Anima, Kotor, Montenegro, Council for Gender Equality Skopje, Macedonia, the Women's Lobby Ljubljana, Slovenia, Center for Women's Studies and Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia).

During the five years of the process of Women's Court, Women in Black, Belgrade were carriers and main holders of program activities of the Women's Court.

At the Women's Court in Sarajevo **36** witness from all countries of former Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Slovenia and Serbia) testified in five sessions on all types of violence, injustice, crime, both in war and the postwar period.

At the Women's Court in Sarajevo International Judicial Council members made 'Preliminary Decisions and Recommendations" (***Annex 1***)

Women's Court was attended by over **500** people from all the countries of the former Yugoslavia, but also from Argentina, Algeria, Palestine, Israel, USA, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, etc.

The final event in Sarajevo is not the end of the process, but rather an incentive to the feminist perspective on with creating new models of justice. It is the responsibility primarily to the witness, but also an expression of our responsibility towards the huge burden of the recent past.

Women in Black continues to coordinate the program and other activities, with the support of some former members of the organizing committee of WoC - these are mainly "Anima" from Kotor, Montenegro and the Center for Women War Victims from Zagreb and CURE Foundation from Sarajevo and occasionally taking part in organizing activities SOZM from Macedonia. Other members of the former organizing committee support activities, but are not able to participate actively in the future process of WoC.

After the event in Sarajevo we realized many activities, of which we will mention the most important ones:

I Support for witnesses of Women's Court - feminist ethics of care

Regional and national meetings of witnesses - held after the final event in Sarajevo (May 7th-10th).

Regional meetings of witnesses are part of the continuing process of the Women's Court so they were held in:

1. 10th and 11th May, Đulići and Srebrenica: Immediately after the finals of the Women's Court, witnesses and participants of WC in the area of Podrinje, Women in Black activists and a group of international participants (the United States, Algeria, Spain) traveled together from Sarajevo to various places in the Drina valley. This "women's caravan" was the act of mutual support and solidarity. Then we held a working meeting in Đulići, village (mainly widows because only in a few days in 1992 there were killed all their male relatives - about 700). Witnesses from the region were highlighted that one of the most important effects of WC is women's solidarity and strengthening the network of WC witness.

2. May 11th, Potocari /Srebrenica: A joint visit to the Memorial Center in Potocari, where on the 11th of every month women meet - relatives of those killed in the Srebrenica genocide. There was a meeting with the Mothers of Srebrenica and with the witness of WC in this region.

Meetings of Women in Black activists from Belgrade with the witness from the region were held later in May (25th and 31th) and at these meetings the witness exchanged impressions about the closing event in Sarajevo. The most important point of the event by the witnesses: The event has encouraged rapprochement between women across national borders and ethnic barriers, the event changed the dominant narrative/versions of the war in the former Yugoslavia, solidarity among the victims - an area for connecting, to work together, and so on.

3. 19th and 20th June, Vrnjačka Banja, Serbia

There were **20** women: witnesses from Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Montenegro, as well as the organizer of WC from the Women in Black Network Serbia.

At the working meeting we talked about the following issues:

Artistic activist presentation of WC - discussion and joint development of a documentary film about the Women's Court (Sarajevo, May 7th to 10th); in coordination of professional film workers, the witnesses put forward proposals and suggestions on the structure, the content of the documentary film.

Impressions and expectations of the finals of WC in Sarajevo: Participants considered that it was a 'historic event – on the individual and the collective level', that the expectations were fully met and that the organization was 'excellent'.

As for the **feminist approach to justice**, witness considered that the WC offered new models of justice from a gender perspective because the witnesses were the subjects of

justice, because the WC was designed and prepared by activists together with the witness. WC is a new model of transitional justice organized horizontal and in the most democratic process possible and it is a great new model, important for all of us ...'

Regarding the continuation of the process of WC, participants of the meeting made concrete proposals, and we will state the following:

- *Meeting witnesses in Tivat, 25th, 26th and 27th September 2015* - joint reflection of finals of WC (if they are found funds)
- *Women's book testimony* - from the finals in Sarajevo, as well as the continuation of the process of WC,
- *Documentation and Archives of WC*,
- *Feminist discussion circles* - mutual learning, to improve the knowledge about feminism, feminist ethic of responsibility, alternative models of justice, etc.
- A traveling promotion of the film in various cities (Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina) with the participation of the witness, the organizing activist; Creating a "web" of activists who will deal with promotion and logistics of the film within the Women in Black Network
- *Round tables and debates* – about the WC
- Reciprocal visits to the witness, etc.

4. Tivat, Montenegro, 24th-28th September

This regional meeting of the witness held in Tivat (24th to 28th) September attended by thirty (**30**) women, of which there were nineteen (**19**) witnesses from (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia) and eleven other participants were the organizers of WoC, therapist, Representative of the UN Women and one researcher (*Janine Clark*, University of Birmingham, UK).

In this meeting we organized a lot of activities (workshops, discussions, individual and collective therapy sessions, movie projection, recreative activities, etc.).

Some of the most common points were:

Workshop about impressions about the final event of WoC in Sarajevo (*What was most important at this event? How did the Women's Court affected you personally? How has it influenced your organization, community?*) and participants told:

- *The participants considered that the whole event was very well organized, beyond expectation,*
- *Participation in the process of WoC, as well as the finals of WoC,*

- *Compassion for the suffering and injustices experienced by other women in the former Yugoslavia - equal appreciation of the suffering of all women,*
- *Friendship among women - a community of courageous women,*
- *Pride, discovering their own strength and potential,*
- *The injustice and pain that emerged from the personal sphere and become, through WoC, part of public opinion and collective memory,*
- *Changing the dominant narrative of the wars in the former Yugoslavia - alleviating feelings of guilt in women from Serbia because Serbian aggressor policy regime, etc.*

As regards support to witnesses, they mostly spoke about the support of the immediate environment, especially families, organizations ...

However, the majority of participants considered that public support for the Women's Court is insufficient, that about the WoC is little known outside of our family /activist community.

Participants from all countries of the former Yugoslavia were cited numerous obstacles:

- because of silence, nationalism, religious extremism, militarism, especially among young people
- impunity in the state and society, in all areas there is a large number of unpunished crimes and criminals - it causes huge fear, uncertainty, frustration
- manipulation of the victims, false promises, especially in election campaigns
- political elites manipulated so called national interests, causing ethnic divisions, for the sake of making a profit.

To spread the ideas of WoC, the participants agreed that it is necessary to invest a lot more effort to promote the ideas and contributions of WoC and concrete proposals have been put forward in the sequel.

According to opinion of participants, Women's Court has contributed to the feminist approach to justice in following way:

- Witnesses have created an area of freedom, witnesses are the actors of the whole process - it is also manifested in mutual support, working together with activists, experts,
- Respect for women's voices, mutual trust of women, female solidarity in action,
- Creating different histories, room for questioning the dominant narrative of wars, about the causes of the war in the former Yugoslavia,
- WoC is space to create justice because of distrust of women in the judicial justice,
- Democratic, horizontal character of the whole process of WoC, etc.

Feminist codex - following discussions on the agreement on the publication of testimonies and an agreement was reached:

- 1. The statement of consent to audio and video recordings during the testimony.**
- 2. Declaration of the archives of WoC to be used for various purposes in the media.**
- 3. Consent / Consent - use of materials / testimony of feminist research:** "It has its own ethics. It is a holistic approach to person, takes into account their needs, it is not used for their own promotion, but for improving the situation for witness. If some researchers are sensitive, they form a foundation and then help women. " (*Annex 2*)

Joint reflection about political climate in the region: Abuse of 20 years of commemoration of Srebrenica genocide: by politicians, international community representatives, by leaders of victims associations...

The plan of future activities - recommendations, proposals, obligations to continue the process of the Women's Court in the coming period. Some of them:

Organize continuous psychological support for witnesses (Providing continuous support to witnesses in the continuation of the process of WoC; regional team for psychological support: feminist therapist (Marijana Senjak, Mira Vilušić and Ljupka Kovacevic)

Organize a concrete legal help - the possibilities and limitations of legal protection...

Organizing monitoring of court proceedings - *providing psychological, emotional and moral support to women* in the courts for war crimes. Trial monitoring has three dimensions: legal, psychological and emotionally-moral.

Direct action - solidarity in action - *intervention in the context* - reaction to pressing problems (rapid responses, mobile teams); *Organising 'small' women's courts* - on specific issues from all aspects of women's lives,

Continuing Education - feminist politics of knowledge production, shared learning, acquiring new knowledge, reflection, new theories based on experience ...

Pressure on institutions - *Focus on the exercise of the rights of women survivors of war crimes of rape, etc.*

Women's book testimony – publications of testimonies and other activities held in Sarajevo event, preparation of materials for book coordinated by WiB Belgrade, work on the texts of testimonies for the book,

Documentary movie about the artistic activist presentation of WoC – working group, in coordination by film director Jelena Markovic and editor Marija

Arandžević worked on film archives of events in Sarajevo; the video archive of events in Sarajevo, 12 hours- all work on mounting the material was done.

(Note: this is part of large report made by WiB Belgrade)

5. November 1st and 2th, Pljevlja, Montenegro – in this working meeting participated ten women – witnesses from Montenegro, organizers of WoC). In this meeting women the witnesses, with the support of the organizers, view the text of their testimony, add some changes (ie. a slight shortening, where the facts are repeated ...), commented footnotes brought by the working group of Women in Black, and authorized the testimony.

During this meeting participants discussed about women's network of solidarity support, and also about current political situation in Montenegro, etc.

The meeting took place in local NGO Bonafide who organized the meeting together with 'Anima', Kotor.

6. Regional meetings of witnesses on Women's Court, December 3-6, 2015, Vrdnik, Serbia

This regional meeting of the witness held (December 3rd – 6th) in Vrdnik, 60 km from Belgrade, was attended by twenty five (**25**) women, of which there were fifteen (**15**) witnesses from (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia) and ten other participants were the organizers of WoC and feminist therapist. Due to limited financial resources, we were not able to invite more participants. In this meeting we organized a lot of activities (workshops, discussions, individual and collective therapy sessions, movie projection, recreative activities, etc.).

Feminist ethic of care – first collective session coordinated by therapist (Ljupka Kovačević and Mira Vilušić)

During this session witnesses spoke about their motivation to continue the participation in WoC and some of the most important reasons are: common engagement for justice, friendship, solidarity, mutual support ('we are chosen human family'), joint knowledge.

In the session: **What does mean feminism for me?** coordinated by Svenka Savić, professor of Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad, witnesses expressed that they don't have 'theoretical' knowledge about feminism, but during exchange they showed that feminism has long been practiced in their life, that for them there are many forms of feminism and feminist struggle that connects elements of gender, ethnic, class and social. For witnesses feminism does mean: civic disobedience, freedom of expression, dealing with the past – accountability, fight against injustice and all kind of discrimination, education of women, getting knowledge together with other women, women's autonomy, etc.

During the joint work on testimonies made on Women's Court in Sarajevo (preparation for book of testimonies), Svenka Savić as coordinator explained feminist ethic and method of this work:

The testimony of women is an important historical document: the testimony of the Women's Court remains forever recorded in the history and it is very valuable for the history,

The woman is the subject of your story, and not an object - a woman must give consent: this ethical rule is strictly adhered to in the case with the testimony of WoC,

The method of analysis - intersectionality, text editing, etc.

In continuation in two sessions, the witnesses, with the support of the organizers, view the text of their testimony, add some changes (ie. a slight shortening, where the facts are repeated ...), commented footnotes brought by the working group of Women in Black, and authorized the testimony. After this phase, the working group will include all of the changes and access the editing of the text of the testimonies. This process takes place in accordance with the horizontal and democratic character of the entire process of organizing of WoC.

Imanina senka/Sombra de Imana (*The story of the eponymous book written b Veronik Tađo/Veronique Tadjó, writer from Ivory Coast*)

After reading the above story, the joint consideration of the issues of truth, justice, healing that are discussed in the text, encouraged the women to a variety of associations, feelings, memories, opinions, questions. In short, it showed the importance and characteristics of cultural memory for women in different contexts but above all, the common experience of women in the struggle for justice.

During the exchange of information on the current political situation in the region, participants stated the main problems they face in their community:

Montenegro: the repression over the opposition, the women's peace protests ('Save the Peace and Nonviolence') in which witness of WoC participate;

Bosnia and Herzegovina: assassinations, manipulation and abuse of the Srebrenica genocide ...

Serbia: militarization, corruption, hopelessness ...

In this context, all of the participants repeated the 'inestimable value and importance of "continuing the process of WoC - a space of critical thinking, collaborative learning, trust, solidarity, and organizing joint actions"'. In fact, immediately after this meeting (Tuzla, December 8th 2015) was organized joint street action by witnesses from Bosnia and Serbia and it was dedicated to women victims of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The action was coordinated by the association Horizonti from Tuzla and Women in Black from Belgrade.

The evaluation showed exceptional importance of continuing the process for witness (compliance, mutual learning, building solidarity networks, as well as confidence, solidarity, mutual support and respect, socializing ...). This is proved by the most common statements:

In continuation of the process of WoC goes smoothly and I am very satisfied. Going faster than I thought ... (*Binasa*)

WoC is going on and I am pleased that we move on ... (*Mirjana*)

In this process, it is always something new and a step forward. What we planned is fulfilled (*Marija*)

I'm glad that continuation of the process of WoC goes smoothly. Now we are in a circle and we complement each other (*Suvada*)

Each of our meetings we use as working, and recreational also (*Saha*)

Building a solidarity network of witnesses is the most important (*Jadranka*)

I am glad that our work is recognized and there will be a book and a movie and there is some progress. I am glad that we have plans for the future (*Kadefa*)

All is well and wisely organized and everything will remain in written and video materials after us (*Šehida*)

Every time I feel a stronger relationship and trust we build with each other. Our common lived-through pain united us and it is inextricably (*Nadezda*)

Relationships are more open and closer. We created community of women associated not only with pain, but also with power. Levels of knowledge respected each other. There are women from the academic community to learn from you and you from them (*Violeta*), etc.

We also agreed on activities in the future (to continue work on "Women's book of testimony", production of documentary about WoC next regional meetings, presentations / promotion of WoC, etc.). But the rhythm of these activities depends on financial resources, which are extremely limited because we have not yet received responses to numerous applications for the continuation of the process of WoC.

7. November 1st and 2th, Pljevlja, Montenegro – in this working meeting participated ten women – witnesses from Montenegro, organizers of WoC). In this meeting women the witnesses, with the support of the organizers, view the text of their testimony, add some changes (ie. a slight shortening, where the facts are repeated ...), commented footnotes brought by the working group of Women in Black, and authorized the testimony.

During this meeting participants discussed about women's network of solidarity support, and also about current political situation in Montenegro, etc. The meeting took place in local NGO Bonafide who organized the meeting together with 'Anima', Kotor.

8. January, 17th, Zagreb – working meeting with witnesses from Croatia took place at the Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb. This meeting was attended by witnesses from Croatia. In this meeting the witnesses, with the support of the organizers (Nela Pamuković from Center for Women War Victims and Staša Zajović, Women in Black, Belgrade) view the text of their testimony, add some changes (ie. a slight shortening, where the facts are repeated ...), commented footnotes brought by the working group of Women in Black, and authorized the testimony. Participants also discussed about next common activities, political situation, etc.

II Joint reflection about WoC Sarajevo (May 7th-10th)

Women in Black have held few meetings for the joint evaluation:

May 20th and June 10th, Belgrade – organizers of event participated - Women in Black activists and activist from similar organizations, at this working meetings around **40** women from Belgrade participated, and the next meeting (in the framework of the Network of Women in Black, Serbia) will be held 11th-13th of September 2015. At these meetings the effects of the process of WC were analyzed, the final event in Sarajevo, feminist perspective of WC, future plans within the framework of continuing the process of WC, etc.

July 2th 2. Zagreb, Croatia – organized by center for Women's Studies and Center for Women War Victims from Zagreb. This meeting was attended by **22** women (witnesses from Croatia, organizers and activist).

September 12th, Vrnjačka Banja, Central Serbia - In this sessions participated WIB Network activist from Serbia, but also from Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants considered that WoC in Sarajevo was a 'historic event – on the individual and the collective level'; WoC offered new models of justice from a gender perspective because the witnesses were the subjects of justice, because the WoC was designed and prepared by activists together with the witnesses. WoC is a new model of transitional justice organized horizontal and in the most democratic process possible and it is a great new model, important for all of us ...'. At the same time, participants consider that is necessary to continue the process of WoC - organizing activities in local and national levels (promotion of WoC), etc.

III Promotion of Women's Court - local and national level

- 1. Promotion of WoC in activist groups** - WiB Network Serbia activists organized in their groups a lot of sessions promoting WoC event in Sarajevo and also feminist

approach to justice. In all of presentations activist used the material produced about WoC (documentaries, photos, publications).

2. Presentacion/promotion of WoC - Leskovac, November 17th, 2015.

This presentation took place in Cultural center of Leskovac and was organized by WiB Belgrade and Women for Peace, Leskovac. This event was attended by 40 people – activists, but also women and men from local community.

The promotion was consisted by following segments:

- **Women' Court – feminist approach to justice** (*What does mean feminist approach to justice? About the process of organizing of WoC*) presented by Miloš Urošević, WiB Belgrade

Witnesses speak about their experiences in WoC Sarajevo (What I witnessed? What meant for me the testimony at WoC?). Speakers:

Rejha Avdić, Association of Women of Srebrenica, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Jasminka Bogdanovska, Tetovo, Macedonia

Marijonka Anastasovska, Veles, Macedonia

Binasa Džigal, Womens Voice, Priboj, Serbia

Mirjana Mijailović, Women for Peace, Leskovac, Serbia

Documentary films on the final event - the Women's Court in Sarajevo (May 2015)

- Feminist Approach to Justice - author Noah Pintarić, duration 9:40 minutes

- Women's Court, Sarajevo - the author Berin Džamailović, duration 5:26 minutes

Effects of the Women's Court

Speakers:

Savka Todorovska, Gender Equality Council, Skopje, Macedonia

Slavica Stanojlović, Womens Association Sandglass, Kruševac, Serbia

Milka Rosić, Women for Peace, Leskovac, Serbia

Staća Zajović, Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia

The audience followed the presentation with extreme care, particularly women who have put forward a number of proposals on the maintenance of 'small Women's Court' in their town. These are the most important issues that should be dealt with by WoC: ethnic discrimination and discrimination in the workplace, ie. degradation of women's labor rights due to predatory criminal privatization. Women in Black and Women for Peace are committed to organize this 'small WoC' during 2016. The promotion was also attended by the media.

3. Women's Court – international level

WiB activists participated in a lot of international events and presented the process of organizing WoC event in Sarajevo and feminist approach to justice. Some of this presentation took place in conferences in Germany, Spain, Italy and other European

countries. At the same time, a lot of researchers, activists, journalists visited WIB and made interviews about WoC.

IV Joint Work-Consultative Meetings- in this period we held a short operative working meetings – preparing future activities:

- *July 21st, Podgorica (Montenegro):* a meeting in which participated Ljupka Kovacevic (Anima, Kotor) and Stasa Zajovic (WIB)
- *24th July, Belgrade (Serbia):* working meeting in which participated, Dasa Duhacek (Center for Women's Studies), Vesna Rakic-Vodinelić (Chair of the International panel of judges) and Stasa Zajovic.
- *August 4, Zagreb (Croatia):* working meeting in which participated Marijana Senjak (feminist therapist of WoC), Nela Pamuković (Center for Women War Victims) and Stasa Zajovic (WIB).

September 6 and 7– working meetings in which participated Marijana Senjak (feminist therapist of WoC), Nela Pamuković (Center for Women War Victims) and Stasa Zajovic (WIB).

September 24.-26.- working meetings in Tivat in which participated organizers of regional meeting (WIB Belgrade, Foundation Cure from Sarajevo, Anima, Kotor and Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb)

December 4-6.- working meetings in Tivat in which participated organizers of regional meeting (WIB Belgrade, Foundation Cure, Sarajevo, Anima, Kotor)

January 2016– few working meetings in Zagreb in which participated organizers of Women in Black, Belgrade and Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb. In this period we organized also meetings with witnesses from Croatia, with experts of WoC from Croatia, meeting in which participated Staša Zajović and Vesna Teršelič, member of Women's Court International Judicial Council.

V Working meetings of Women in Black: As a holder of program activities in the whole process of WoC, we held working meetings (reporting activities, electronic communication with other organisations of WoC, preparation of regional meetings of witnesses, publications, documents and archives of WoC, translates articles about the event in Sarajevo, preparations of testimonies (Women's book testimony), coordinating working group for documentary on WoC, etc.

VI Documentary and Feature Film Screenings

Documentaries produced by WIB's video activism group include films on access to justice, peace, and security. All screenings are followed by discussions about the film and the initiatives related to Women's Court – Feminist Approach to Justice.

In this period following movies were screened:

- ***Women's Court – feminist approach to justice – about the process of organizing the WC (9.02 min.)*** Adaptation of the existing video using information from 2015.
- ***Women's Court for artistic-activist conceiving of the closing event for the WC (10:52 min.)*** Video material produced for the workshop for conceiving actions, exhibitions, interior design of space and other joint elements of Women's Court.
- ***Women's Court – feminist approach to justice (2:29)*** – video animation for the opening of the WC in Sarajevo (May 7th to 10th 2015).
- ***Documentary about the presentation*** of WoC in Leskovac (6.48 min)
- ***'Women, peace, justice'*** witnesses speak (WoC in Sarajevo (7.39 min)

Also WiB translated and subtitled these documentaries on WoC, Sarajevo:

- ***Staća Zajović / Women's Court – feminist approach (9.40 min.)*** – documentary made by author Noah Pintarič, Zagreb (9.40 min), translated and subtitled in English, Spanish and Italian.
- ***Women's Court, Sarajevo (5.25 min)*** – documentary made by author Berina Džamilović, Sarajevo, - 5.25 min, translated and subtitled in English, Spanish and Italian)

VII Publications

The following publications were arranged in this period:

- **Brochure of texts about the Women's Court in Sarajevo** for the meeting in Vrnjacka Banja 40 pages.
- **Reports of the Joint reflection** - Belgrade May 20th, June 10th and Vrnjacka Banja (19th and 20th June - 32 pages)
- **Transcript of regional meeting of witnesses**, Tivat, 37 pages
- **Report on regional meeting of witnesses**, Tivat, 23 pages
- **Transcript of testimonies of witnesses at WoC, Sarajevo** – 60 pages
- **Transcript of regional meeting of witnesses WoC** - Vrdnik -20 pages
- **Report of regional meeting of witnesses of WoC, Vrdnik** – 16 pages

VIII Activities related to website and documentaries:

The website about the Initiative for organising Women's Court for former Yugoslavia allows monitoring of all activities related to the initiative and helps mobilizing efforts. The website is in Serbian and English. Site address is: <http://www.zenskisud.org>

IX Future activities of Women's Court

The meeting of Women in Black Network took place in Vrnjačka Banja, Central Serbia. This meeting was attended by ??? participants from Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia. In this meeting participated witnesses and organizers of Women's Court ??? from ex Yugoslavia countries. Due to lack of financial resources, we used this opportunity to make plans of future activities:

1. Artistic-activist engagement related to Women's Court

Working on a documentary film about WoC - February, March, April, May

Working group: director Filip Markovinović (Art Clinic, Novi Sad), director Dijana Milosevic (Dah Theatre), director Zoran Solomun, Berlin, editor Marija Arandjelovic, members of Group for Video activism of the WIB (Marija Vidic, Zinaida Marjanovic and others)

- **Work on Women's book of testimonies (Ženska knjiga svedočenja)** – collecting testimonies, proofreading, editorial board, the other segments of the book - February, March, April, May

Working group: coordinated by WIB (Staša Zajović with support of Maša Malešević, Miloš Urošević and others), feminist therapist, expert / associate of WoC, reviewer (Nadezhda Čačinović, Dragica Vujadinović, Marija Vidic, Design (Škart), etc.

2. Presentation of Women's Court in Serbia

March 5 - Presentation of the Women's Court, Novi Sad, Gender Studies, University of Novi Sad

Participants: Witnesses: Vesna Đorđević (Zrenjanin), Marija Kovačev (Novi Bečej) i Suvada Selimović, Đulići, BH, Nadežda Kostić (Kruševac)

*Others: women experts / associates of WoC (Tanja Djuric Kuzmanovic, Mass Malesevic, Svenka Savić), reviewer Dragica Vujadinović, Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajović (WIB)
Logistics: Ljiljana Radovanovic, Svenka Savić*

Prijepolje – will be held during the second half of April, the date will be determined later

**Promotions Women's Court – Montenegro
March 7, Podgorica (or Kotor)**

Participants: witnesses (Zumra Šehomerović and Kadefa Rizvanović, BH), WoC witnesses from Montenegro, coordination and logistics 'Anima' Kotor

3.The feminist discussion circle - the feminist activism

1., 2. i 3. april – Kotor

Participants: WoC witnesses from Serbia and Montenegro, activists of Women in Black, Belgrade, Anima, Kotor- on this women's peace meeting will be involved a total of 20 women

Organizer: Anima, Kotor and WIB, Belgrade, and the program will be sent by mid-March

4. Regional meetings of the witness - feminist ethics of care

20, 21. i 22. may – Vrdnik, Vojvodina

Participants: WoC witnesses and WoC organizers

Organizer: Women in Black, with the support of "Anima", Kotor Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb, CURE Foundation, Sarajevo

5.One year after Sarajevo...

Ljubljana, June 9th, Ljubljana, Social Center 'Rog'

Promotion of Women book of testimony and documentary film about WoC

Logisticians: Mirjana Učakar, Ptuj, Slovenia, witness the WoC

Organizers: Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb, Women in Black, Belgrade

On the promotion, the WoC witnesses from BH, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia will take part... The final agreement will be reached at the regional meeting of the witnesses (May 2016).

In this period we planned some street actions related to Women's Court (commemoration to women's victims of sexual crimes during war, etc.)

In conclusion, regarding the continuation of the process of WoC, participants of all activities presented in this reporting period confirmed great importance of all activities in an emotional, moral, educational, political terms, as detailed above in this report. It is very important that the joint interdisciplinary work between the witnesses, activists, a

members of the academic community, art collectives is continued. In addition to the very positive effects of continuing the process of WoC, in the forthcoming period it is necessary to do more to promote greater visibility of WoC and the feminist approach to justice in the region, while we abroad we had very important activities in the promotion of WoC. In this reporting period WiB activists participated in few very important international conference (first of all, in Germany, Spain, Italy) and shared our experience of WoC and about WiB model of transitional justice from feminist standpoint. These presentations were held in activist and academic circles.

As it was stated in the report, in the continuation of the process of WoC, the problems are mainly related to financial problems, ie. lack of funds.

Women in Black, Belgrade submitted an application for projects in a number of foundations to organize these activities, we now expect answers, hopefully it will be positive ones. For now, we have very modest funds (Mediterranean Women's Fund approved fund to 'Anima' Kotor to organize meeting in Montenegro), as well as funds that are left over from the grant of Hand and Heart Fund to organize part, a small one of mentioned activities. Thanks to solidarity support of artists, academic people, organizers, activists continue to work on a documentary film, a book (Women's book of testimonies). However, the maintenance of regional seminars of witnesses, promotions of WoC and other numerous activities depend on financial resources, ie. whether we get grants that we were applied.

Report made by: Women in Black with collaboration of 'Anima' Kotor, Center for Women War Victims and Fondacija CURE.

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