

Women's Court – Feminist Approach to Justice **Quarterly report for the period January - March 2012**

As before, we are briefly reporting about the activities of Women in Black, regarding the Initiative for the foundation of the Women's Court for former Yugoslavia (WoC) in the reporting period. If you need additional information, you can get them on our web site <http://www.zeneucrnom.org> or via email zeneucrnom@gmail.com

Thank you in advance, in solidarity.

At the end of 2010, Initiative Board (IB) members, organisations Žene ženama/Women to Women, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Centar za žene žrtve rata/ Center for Women Victims, of War, Zagreb, Croatia, Centar za Ženske studije/ Center for Women's Studies, Zagreb, Croatia, Kosova Women's Network, Prishtina, Kosovo, Anima, Kotor, Montenegro, Centar za ženske studije/Center for Women's Studies and Zene u crnom/Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia have started the Initiative for the Women's Court for former Yugoslavia (WoC).

“Women in Black” is the organisation in charge of implementation of program activities, planned and coordinated by The WoC Initiative Board.

During this reporting period, the following activities were organized:

- *Public presentations* (PP) of the Initiative to organize the Women's Court are **an integral part of activist research process** that aims to gather information, proposals, and suggestions regarding the concept and vision of justice and the choice of topics of the WoC. In this reporting period, the total number of participants of the public presentations was **283**;
- *The meeting of the members of the IB* of the initiative for the Women Court for Former Yugoslavia;
- **Three (3) screenings of documentaries** aimed at disseminating information and knowledge on this topic. The projections were attended by **35** people in total;
- *Video Activism*, the activity that implies the realization of video materials related to the subject. In this reporting period, **five (5) movies** were completed;
- *Publishing activities* aim to deepen the knowledge required for the process of forming WoC for the Former Yugoslavia.

I - Public presentations

Croatia - In this reporting period, **six (6)** presentations were held in **five (5)** cities in Croatia, with **72 participants** in total.

- *January 18th, Zagreb*: Organized by the group Ženska soba/Women's Room. The facilitator was Paula Zore. This was a "semi-public" presentation, for the members, volunteers and activists of this organization. It involved **6** women.
- *January 21st, Zadar*: Organized and facilitated by Mila Šimpraga and Luce Terze, with **14** participants.

- *January 25th, Pakrac:* Organized by The center for the support and development of civil society DOLPHIN, attended by **11** participants, organized and facilitated by Mirjana Bilopavlović and Borka Vidaković.
- *January 27th, Donji Lapac:* Organized by the Centre for Women War Victims and Women's group Donji Lapac, with **11** participants; organized and facilitated by MiraLičina-Jovanović, Marijana Nahod, Paula Zore, Nela Pamuković, and Đurđica Kolarec.
- *January 27th, Korenica:* Center for Women Victims of War, and Women's Association Nit from Korenica; **15** people participated, organizers and facilitators were the same as for Donji Lapac.
- *January 31st, Zagreb:* Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb, Dolac 8, 15 women participated at the presentation, organized and led by Rada Boric, with Biljana Kašić and Zeljko Sartori, who actively participated.

In this reporting period, **seven (7)** meetings of operational and discussion groups in Zagreb were held at the Center for Women Victims of War. Meetings were held on December 5th, 12, 28th and January 4th, 13th and 20th. The number of women present at the meetings was **69**.

Four (4) women attended all the meetings, two women attended the four meetings, and one woman attended three meetings, while others attended sporadically, one or two meetings.

Macedonia - Five (5) presentations were organised in Macedonia, in 3 towns, with, in total, 123 participants, with different social, religious, ethnic, educational and professional background.

- *January 14th, Skopje:* 16 participants, facilitated by Lirija Saban;
- *January 16th, Sveti Nikola:* 16 participants, facilitated by Milena Maneva and Janka Jovanova;
- *January 21st, Tetovo:* 15 participants, facilitated by Xhane Kresova and Ardit Muaremi;
- *January 24th, Skoplje:* 36 participants, facilitated by Savka Todorovska and Dragana Drndarevska;
- *January 27th, Skoplje:* 40 participants, facilitated by Snežana Orlović Stojanović and Teuta Krasnica Čučkova.

Serbia - Four (4) presentations were organised in four 4 towns in Serbia, with, in total, 88 participants.

- *March 5th, Kragujevac :* Organised by “Alternativni krug” from Kragujevac and “Women in Black”, with 12 participants, facilitated by Marijana Stojčić and Marija Perković;
- *March 6th, Kraljevo :* Organised by Snezana Obrenovic, activist from Kraljevo and “Women in Black”, with 27 participants, facilitated by Marijana Stojčić and Marija Perković;

- *March 21st, Novi Bečej* : Organised by “Association of Roma women from Banat” from Novi Becej and “Women in Black”, with 21 participants, facilitated by Staša Zajović and Marijana Stojčić;
- *March 21st, Sombor*: Organised by “Ženske alternative” from Sombor and Women in Black, with 28 participants, facilitated by Staša Zajović, Marijana Stojčić and Marija Perković.

II - The report from the meeting of the members of the IB of the initiative for the Women Court for Former Yugoslavia

The meeting was organised in Tivat, Montenegro, in hotel “Palma”, on February 24th, 25th and 26th 2012.

Meeting was attended by 17 women (3 from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3 from Montenegro, 4 from Croatia, 1 from Macedonia, and 6 from Serbia). Meeting was also attended by Stina Magnuson Buur, the representative of Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation. She participated at the sessions held on Friday (Feb 24th) afternoon and on Saturday (Feb. 25th) morning.

IB Members agreed that, in the past, the process strengthened women's networks in the region and strengthen solidarity among women's groups, as well as that the process additionally raises the questions of dealing with the past from the perspective of victims and of the possibility of impact on society and the state.

Reports have shown that there is an agreement about the fact that the institutions of justice are not sufficient for achieving justice, and that the activists need to be better acquainted with the alternative models of justice, to be more acquainted with the institutional legal system and more involved in the supervision of the judiciary, especially the part that deals with war crimes. Similarly, the issue of accountability is crucial to empower themselves as activists, but also crucial question to be posed to the public and to the elites, and, at the same time, important question for our common reflections (feminist thinking).

It was concluded that there is a need for further training, education, so that the process follows the right direction, towards the organization of the Women's Court.

Ljiljana Radovanovic has presented a **complete financial report for 2011**.

Future activities, primarily the organization of PP, were also planned at the meeting, as well as the preparation of additional materials needed for deepening the knowledge of activists, and the strengthening of the process on the field.

III - Publishing activity

Transcripts of the activities related to WoC, held in the period between January 2011 and February 2012. Transcripts are 119 pages long, compiled by the working group of Women in Black.

Qualitative report “Women’s Court – Feminist Approach to Justice”: The report (BCS version) includes transcribed materials from all of the activities related to the organization of the Women's Court for Former Yugoslavia, and has 119 pages. Qualitative Report was prepared by Marija Perković and Staša Zajović, based on transcripts from the regional seminars, as well as on reports submitted by the partner organizations.

Qualitative report “Women’s Court – Feminist Approach to Justice”: English shortened version of the same report, 57 pages long.

Leaflets: After more than a year of field work, the existing leaflet for Women's Court had to be changed, since we needed to include the attitudes and experiences of process participants. Leaflets were part of the material prepared for organizing Public Presentations.

IV - Documentary screenings

- January 25th, “Women for Peace”, Leskovac, projection of a documentary film “Huarez/Juares”, with 12 participants, facilitated by Mirjana Mijajlović and Ana Jovanović;
- March 1st, “Women for Peace”, Leskovac, projection of a documentary film “Find a name for that”, with 15 participants, facilitated by Milka Rosić and Laura Lazarević;
- March 10th, “Women for Peace”, Leskovac, projection of a documentary film “Milk of sorrow”, with 12 participants, facilitated by Ivana Ristić and Marija Pejković.

V - Video activism- WiB video activism group (coordinated by Marija Vidić and Goran Lazin) created in this reporting period following documentaries related to this topic:

- *Women’s Court – Feminist Approach to Justice*: documentary film, 16.20 minutes long, about the the currently implemented activities related to the organizing the Women's Court for the Former Yugoslavia;
- *We will never forget Srebrenica (July 1995 - July 2011)*: a documentary film, 5.05 minutes long, marking 16 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, from the street action/vigil held on July 10th 2011, at the Republic Square in Belgrade;
- *We will never forget the crimes in Dubrovnik*: video document marking the twentieth anniversary of the aggression on Dubrovnik, with the material from the vigil held on December 6th 2011, at the Republic Square in Belgrade;
- *We will never forget the crimes in Vukovar*: video documentary, 2.47 minutes long, with the material from the twentieth anniversary of the aggression on Vukovar, on November 18th 2011, at the Republic Square in Belgrade;
- *Women are building the peace together* - video documentary, 14.47 minutes long that shows how women build peace policy, through education, dialogue, creative expression through dance, games and singing

Announcement of future activities:

a) Public presentations in the upcoming period will be organized in:

- Kozarac (Bosnia and Herzegovina), April 1st, in cooperation with "Through Heart to Peace" organization;
- Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina), April 2nd, in cooperation with the Mother Mejra Dautović;
- Novi Sad (Serbia), April 5th, in cooperation with the peace group "Esperanca", Novi Sad;
- Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina), April 15th - 16th - Women are Building the Peace together;
- Nis (Serbia), April 24th, in cooperation with the "Women's space" from Nis;
- Belgrade (Serbia), in May (dates still not confirmed), two public presentation for CSO activists;
- Nis (Serbia), in May (dates still not confirmed), in collaboration with the "Center for Girls" from Niš.

b) Meetings of the activists directly involved in the process:

- April 25th, Leskovac, meeting with the activists from Serbia;
- May 27th, a meeting of the activists from Montenegro;
- June 4th - 6th, meetings of the activists from Macedonia and the organization of one public presentation.

c) Art events:

- May 14th – 16th, Women's Peace Festival, Kraljevo
- Jun 11th - 12, Dah theatre, "Crossing the line", a theatre performance in Đulići, near Zvornik, Bosnia and Herzegovina

d) Publishing activity:

- May, the brochure about the ethics of care

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