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Introduction

In 2016 we carried out activities in all key fields of the Peace Institute operation. The Peace Institute continued to develop interdisciplinary research and advocacy work in the field of five thematic fields: politics, human rights and minorities, media and gender.

Similarly as the year before, the developments concerning increased movements of migrants and refugees were intensive. In the beginning of the year we continued to carry out field visits and monitoring of treatment of refugees and migrants. Restrictive policies, with which the government of the Republic of Slovenia continued in 2016, culminated in the adoption of amendments to the Aliens Act which enable authorities to almost completely close the border for asylum seekers. The Peace Institute participated in an active campaign against these amendments. We took part in media debates and debates in the National Assembly, issued press releases, wrote op-eds and articles, co-organised the only public debate that took place on the topic, and participated in the coordination of non-governmental organisations working with refugees. We co-organised three scientific symposia on the "refugee crisis" and a number of other public events. We published an e-book entitled "Razor-Wired: Reflections on Migration movement through Slovenia in 2015".

We coordinated the Anti-Hate Speech Council and continued to do so even after the completion of the project (February 2016), which provided for the establishment of the Council. The Council started its second term and published a number of responses in the areas of religious, ethnic and other intolerances. We continued with a promotion of a special issue of the Journal for the Critique of Science "Racism – Cut up world". We participated in a public debate on hate speech organised by the National Assembly. In spite of the completion of all projects in the field of erasure we continued to provide information to the erased persons. In some cases we also continued to represent some of them. At the anniversary of the erasure we once again raised awareness about the systemic

difficulties and contested the notion that the erasure is resolved. There are a few pending cases before the European Court of Human Rights, which have been initiated with group complaints. We monitored these procedures and informed the applicants about the developments before the court.

In 2016 we acquired four new partnership projects in the area of criminal law, concretely in the field of access to legal aid while in police custody and during the criminal proceedings as well as in relation to access to legal aid for defendants with mental health problems. In one additional project we started working on the crime victims' rights.

In the field of media we researched the role of the media in the context of uprisings and protests, and examined how the society is increasingly mediatised. We continued with research of gender equality in the media industry. We successfully completed Phase II of the regional project Media Observatory in South-Eastern Europe, within which we organised a number of events and prepared various studies. We organised a "Regional Conference on the Future of Independent Journalism." We continued with the project of European Union awards for investigative journalism in Western Balkans and Turkey.

In the field of gender, fatherhood and coordination of private and professional life, we carried out a number of events within the ODA project which had visible results in the public. We issued a manual "Measures for Coordination of Paid Work and Family" and publications "Fathers: Short Stories about

Contemporary Parenthood" and "Transformations of Fatherhood: Men between Parenthood and Work". We organised an international conference "Fathers and Employers in Action". In addition to carrying out the project, we adopted a "Policy on Coordination of Private and Professional Life" benefiting our employees. In the field of labour market we analysed new policies with a purpose of segmentation evaluation and researched gender equality in income. This also relates to our work in the field of care sector that is dealt with from the perspective of gender, nationality and complex inequalities. In the framework of care work project we organised an international conference "Problems and Visions in Social Care". Within the OPENN project we carried out a number of analytical activities and other events as well as issued short films on the experience and stereotypes that women in politics are encountering in their work. We also actively participated in debates and developments concerning the status of sex workers. In the frame of COST project we co-organised a meeting of the COST network, a number of other events and hosted Luca Stevenson, coordinator at the International Committee for the Sex Workers' Rights in Europe.

With the Seminar for Political Theory we nurtured the critical thought in regard to politics and provided space for connecting the Peace Institute with students. The Peace Institute books have been showcased at the Pompidou centre in Paris. We celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Peace Institute by setting up an interactive visualisation of 25 achievements of the institute, and by a reception organised for current and former employees and friends of the Peace Institute.

In 2016 the Peace Institute team carried out a number of research studies, activities, public events and actions. Most of them were carried out within projects planned in advance while some of the activities were implemented without funding that would be explicitly provided for this purpose. In 2016 we implemented 41 projects (33 in 2015 and 41 in 2014), out of which seven were funded by the Slovenian Research Agency, 21 were funded by the European Commission and other

EU bodies, three by Open Society Foundations, four by Norwegian funds, one by Human Rights Ombudsman, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government Communications Office, European Network on Statelessness, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Independent Social Research Foundation London. The number of employees at the Peace Institute was 16 (comparing to 18 in 2015), 8 of which have a PhD, 3 have a master's degree and 3 are PhD candidates.

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POLITICS

Crimmigration between human rights and surveillance

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The project addresses the problem of criminalization of migration, which is visible in the strengthening of border control institutions (border police and Frontex with large IT surveillance systems), militarization and externalization of border control, confinement of irregular migrants in detention centres, lack of alternatives to detention, antiterrorist laws, penalization of irregular border crossings and disproportionate representation of migrants in prisons.

REALIZATION IN 2016

This is a three-year basic research project (2016-2018). In the first year we focused on review of all relevant sources, comparative study of the crimmigration problem on the local, regional and global level. We purchased literature of the most relevant authors in the field of crimmigration (J. Stumpf, M. J. Guia, M. van der Woude...), and conducted research of the most recent publications on the issue in all relevant databases. The project team meetings were held regularly (February, May, July, December 2016) in order to review the work done so far and planned for further steps. The first year was significantly marked by the conferences we attended, but we also already published a few papers in the field of crimmigration and mediatisation of migration. In relation to field work the first part of interviews in the framework of Work package 4 (Middle East) was already undertaken, by way of interviews with Afghanistan refugees in Pakistan. We published four articles, one was submitted for publication in South-eastern Europe Journal, and one paper from the conference in Toulouse was included in the edited volume to be published by an international publisher. The head of the project was invited to become a member of professional network CINETS – Crimmigration Control – International Net of Studies.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Šalamon, N. K., "Crimmigrant approaches to mass migration management: the case of the Western Balkans 'corridor'", Journées d'études L'Europe face aux migrations globales, Sciences Po Toulouse, 9–10 September 2016, <https://crimmigration.sciencesconf.org/browse/session?sessionid=20994>;
- Šalamon, N. K., "Crimmigration elements within the 'corridor of convenience'", lecture at the conference "Breaking down or re-building the walls: migration crisis, refugees and security in South-eastern Europe", Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, Bertinoro, 16 September 2016;
- Šalamon, N. K., "From national security to convenience: Crimmigration trends in South-eastern Europe", lecture at the 3rd CINETS conference "Crimmigration in the Shadow of Sovereignty", University of Maryland, USA, 6–7 October 2016;
- Šalamon, N. K., "'Krimigrantski' odgovori na (tranzitnu) migraciju kroz Jugoistočnu Europu" = "'Crimmigrant' responses to (transit) migration in South-eastern Europe", in: Jogunčić, D., Berberović, S. and Župarić-Iljić, D. (eds.), Knjižica sažetaka = Abstracts booklet, Zagreb, Bošnjačka nacionalna zajednica za Grad Zagreb i Zagrebačku županiju = Bosnian National Community for the City of Zagreb and Zagreb County, 2016, pp. 24–25;

- Šalamon, N. K., "Re-thinking policy approaches to migration: from crimmigration towards alternative solution", International Metropolis Conference: Creating trust through wisdom on migration and integration, Nagoya, 24–28 October 2016;
- Šalamon, N. K., "Uvod v pravno varstvo beguncev", lecture within the framework of extracurricular activity Legal clinic "Legal counselling for refugees and foreigners", University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 20 October 2016;
- Pajnik, M., "Medijalizacija migracij v post-demokraciji" [Mediatisation in post-democracy], Kako misliti begunsko krizo [How to reflect upon a refugee crisis], symposium, Ljubljana, 12 January 2016;
- Pajnik, M. (discussant) et al., "The challenge of shaping a European asylum system claiming human rights", panel discussion at 6th symposium "Human Rights and Science", Ljubljana, 29–30 September 2016;
- Pajnik, M. (discussant) et al., "Forum Begunci/migranti v medijih" [Forum: Refugees/Migrants in the media], forum at the Sociological meeting 2016, Portorož, 11–12 November 2016;
- Pajnik, M., "Mediatisation of migration", lecture at the International Summer School Refugees and Refugees: Challenge for the World, Not (Just) for Europe, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana, 27 June–1 July 2016;
- Bajt, V., "Reflections on patriotism as exclusion of migrant", International Metropolis Conference: Creating trust through wisdom on migration and integration, Nagoya, 24–28 October 2016;
- Bajt, V., "Migracije, nacionalizem in paranoja" [Migration, nationalism and paranoia], in: Rožman, S. and Kogovšek, T. (eds.), Različni obrazi migracij: zbornik povzetkov [Faces of migration], Ljubljana, Slovensko sociološko društvo, 2016, p. 9;
- Bajt, V. and Zdravković, L., "Racism, xenophobia and islamophobia in Slovenia: challenges for the emancipatory political practices", in: Refugee crisis and radical nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest, 3–4 November 2016;
- Bajt, V., "Online hate speech and the 'refugee crisis' in Slovenia", lecture at the international conference "Migration and Asylum: New Challenges and Opportunities for Europe", Universidad CEU San Pablo, Madrid, 21–22 April 2016;
- Bajt, V., "Racist hate speech in Slovenia", lecture at the conference "Breaking down or re-building the walls: migration crisis, refugees and security in South-eastern Europe", Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, Bertinoro, 16 September 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Šalamon, N. K., "Humanitarni koridor: stanje izjeme v času globalnih migracij" [Humanitarian corridor: state of exception in times of global migration], Časopis za kritiko znanosti, ISSN 0351-4285, 2016, Vol. 44, No. 264, pp. 61–71;
- Šalamon, N. K., "Perspektive razvoja skupnega evropskega azilnega sistema: med človekovimi pravicami in nadzorom" [Common European Asylum System development perspectives: between human rights and surveillance], in: Dnevi slovenskih pravnikov, 13. do 15. oktober 2016, Portorož, Podjetje in delo, ISSN 0353-6521, 2016, Vol. 42, No. 6/7, Ljubljana, GV založba [i. e.] IUS SOFTWARE, pp. 1158–1166;
- Pajnik, M., Fabbro, F. and Kamenova, D., "Ethno-nationalism and racial capitalism in populist framing of migrants as a threat", in: Ranieri, M. (ed.), Populism, Media and Education: Challenging Discrimination in Contemporary Digital Societies, Routledge, 2016, pp. 67–83, <https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138929845>;
- Bajt, V., "Who 'belongs'? Migration, nationalism and national identity in Slovenia", Razprave in gradivo, ISSN 0354-0286, June 2016, No. 76, pp. 49–66.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The first year of the project was smooth, we received many conference invitations where we presented the results of our work and established contacts for future cooperation. This is a three-year project and will continue until the end of 2018.

Digital citizenship

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- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The DIG-CIT project addresses political participation which has been changing under the influence of growing social complexity, the rise of information and communication technologies and media convergence. In our starting thesis, the process of democratisation of citizenship is seen as requiring a transformation of policies so that they encourage greater citizen participation. The project sees digital citizenship as referring to citizen action in equal relations within the polity, underscoring the study of opportunities and constraints of the online environment, and considering a series of circumstances determining participation in the (European) public sphere. Digital citizenship is addressed through three theoretical approaches:

1. The theory of citizenship;
2. Critical theory of the Internet; and
3. Positionality and intersectionality theory.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Based on empirical research in the project two thematic issues have been published in the journal *Annales*, Series *Historia* at *Sociologica* and *Družboslovne razprave*.

The journal *Annales* (ed. M. Pajnik, P. Sekloča) has published a thematic series of six articles on political participation by analysing operation of the online and offline environments that shape the (im)possibilities of digital citizenship. A critical perspective at the practices of digital citizenship raises relevant arguments on both conceptual and political levels and upgrades the current contributions that often stop at reproducing idealistic evaluation of the digital reality.

Družboslovne razprave (ed. M. Pajnik, S. Zavratnik) published a set of five articles in which the authors deal with the analysis of uprisings in Slovenia in 2012-2013. Topics include analysis of various actors, addressing the specifics and differences between the movements and the importance of movement action, and also include analysis of the role of information and communication technologies in contemporary up-rising. Authors who enter the field of studying with various epistemologies at the intersection of sociology, communication science and political philosophy, address the up-rising period through analysis of dynamics of various actors, as well as through the concept of "new" politics, which is generated by movements.

EVENTS IN 2016

- International symposium "Digital citizenship", Faculty of Social Sciences, 24 May 2016. See more on <http://www.digitalnodrzavljanstvo.si/simpozij-digital-no-drzavljanstvo/>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Project results are available at the project website: <http://www.digitalnodrzavljanstvo.si/>.

Project results published in journals are available at: <http://www.digitalnodrzavljanstvo.si/on-digital-participation-and-institutional-politics-in-journal-annales/> and <http://druzboslovne-razprave.org/sl/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project team is finalizing articles in English, for internationalization of project results.

Cultural encounters in interventions against violence – CEINAV

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FUNDING

- HERA program

AIMS AND GOALS

The project takes a dual approach to cultural encounters as they play out in ethics, justice, and citizenship, by focusing on fundamental rights of women and children to safety from violence. It will explore both national legal and institutional cultures as they affect practices of intervention, and the growing diversity within European countries, where symbolic boundaries of cultural belonging can define social exclusion and inclusion. Four EU countries – Germany, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom – will be studied, and differing approaches to the protective role of the state (as expressed in law, policing, and social welfare intervention) will be contextualised in the history of colonialism, democracy, migration and diversity.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The main activities in 2016 included: monthly skype meetings of partners, construction of stories, finishing of theoretical study, preparation of scenario, editing of picture and sound of documentary film "Everything I told them", organisation of the concluding meeting of research partners in Ljubljana, editing of stories, translation of stories and studies into English language, organisation of the final event in August in Ljubljana, preparation and participation at the final HERA event held on 17 and 18 September in Prague.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events related to the project took place in 2016:

- workshop of reflexive dialogue with professionals, MSUM, Ljubljana, 15 February 2016;
- concluding 4-day seminar with all researchers in Ljubljana, 14–19 April 2016;
- the CEINAV final event, with the projection of the movie "Everything I told them", SEM, Ljubljana, 31 August 2016;
- the HERA final event, with the projection of the movie and reading from the Anthology of stories, Prague, 17–18 September 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Hagemann-White, C. and Grafe, B. (eds.), Experiences of Intervention against Violence. An Anthology of Stories, Opladen, Barbara Budrich, 2016, <https://shop.budrich-academic.de/produkt/experiences-of-intervention-against-violence>;
- Kelly, L., Meysen, Th. et al., Transnational Foundations for Ethical Practice in Interventions Against Violence Against Women and Child Abuse, 2016, <http://tinyurl.com/ceinavproject>;
- Bajt, V., "Who 'belongs'?: migration, nationalism and national identity in Slovenia", Razprave in gradivo, ISSN 0354-0286, June 2016, No. 76, pp. 49–66, <http://www.inv.si/DocDir/Publikacije-PDF/Razprave%20in%20gradivo/RIG%2076/povzetek%20Bajt.jpg>;
- Everything I told them – cultural encounters in interventions against violence (Vse, kar sem jim povedala: kulturna srečevanja v ukrepih proti nasilju: glasovi žrtev in strokovnjakov), Jalušič, V. in Zdravkovič, L. – screenplay and directing, Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016, 1 video DVD (46 min, 33 sec).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project is being successfully completed and will not continue.

Communication practices in the context of social uprisings and requests for public accountability

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FUNDING

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Regional Research Promotion Programme Western Balkans, in cooperation with the University of Freiburg

AIMS AND GOALS

Although the lack of public accountability and overall dissatisfaction of citizens with the performance of the government(s) have been frequently reported on, citizen participation, as a central concept of a good governance, is still highly limited in the region of the Western Balkans, some of the reasons being the apathy of citizens i.e. democratic deficit, as well as the underdeveloped culture of citizen participation after the long period of communist reign. However, in the recent years, we have witnessed several protests, initiatives and social uprisings in the region, through which citizens demanded government accountability, suggested better policy solutions and promoted better citizen participation. Here we recognised the need to examine communication practices during these social movements/initiatives in order to understand how government officials responded to the calls to accountability, what were the practices of citizens/activists in terms of promotion of the movement and its goals, and which role did the mainstream media take when reporting on the protests and social mobilisation.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The research aims to provide insights into communication practices in the context of civic initiatives and social movements in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia, and to explore how these practices relate to the concept of public accountability.

Specific research questions are:

- What role do the media outlets play in communication practices during protests/social movements? How did they perform the watchdog role, were they in favour of official stances or supportive of the protests, if and how were they influenced by the political elites?
- Which communication practices did activists and citizens employ: how did they relate to the mainstream media, how did they utilise ICTs, and which on-line platforms did they use to inform, mobilise and organise actions?
- Which communication practices did the local authorities employ (how actively did they communicate during the protests, what were their relations to the mainstream media like and how did they use ICT's, how did they frame protests, possibly instrumentalised media outlets, if and how did they respond to the calls for their accountability?)

The mentor to the project provided guidance during the process of data analysis, preparing the structure of the reports, applying the methodology used, and writing national reports. The mentor provided comments to the report on the cases of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Albania.

The book was published that gathers project results of Communicating Citizens Protests, Requiring Public Accountability (eds. S. Hodžič and M. Pajnik), Mediacentar Sarajevo.

EVENTS IN 2016

- International conference "Communication in the context of citizen protests: the experiences from the SEE region", Sarajevo, 21. January 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Hodžič, S. and Pajnik, M. (eds.), Communicating Citizens Protests, Requiring Public Accountability, Sarajevo, Mediacentar Sarajevo, 2016.

See: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/communicating-citizens-protests-requiring-public-accountability-case-studies-from-albania-bosnia-and-herzegovina-and-macedonia/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Research will expectedly contribute to a better understanding of communication dynamics during the protests and social movements and will enable recommendations for improvements of communication practices of activists/citizens, government officials and media outlets as an important tool of public accountability that can contribute to a better government in the abovementioned three countries and beyond.

Prospects for labour market desegmentation

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at assessing scope and forms of non-standard employments in Slovenia in comparative perspective within the EU. It analyses policy responses to the precarization of work and evaluates whether new policies are innovative and directed towards strengthening workers' social security or remain confined in fordist labour market conditions.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The following project activities were carried out in 2016:

- conducting 9 semi-structured interviews with agency workers;
- writing sectoral studies of precarisation: trade, construction, nursing, home-based care, agency work and metal industry;
- organisation of international symposium;
- press conference;
- writing scientific monograph.

EVENTS IN 2016

- International symposium "Non-standard Employment on Europe's Post Socialist Periphery", Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana 31 May–1 June 2016;
- Breznik, M., participation at the round table "Agencijsko delo" [Agency work], Gibanje za dostojno delo in socialno družbo, Ljubljana, 11 January 2016;
- Breznik, M., presentation "Možnosti za desegmentacijo trga dela: agencijsko delo" [Prospects for desegmentation of labour market: agency work], international symposium "Non-standard Employment on Europe's Post Socialist Periphery", Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana 31 May–1 June 2016;
- Breznik, M., study visit at the Ruskin College, Oxford, 12–26 June 2016;
- Breznik, M., lecture "Labour relations from the European periphery perspective", Ruskin College, Oxford, 15 June 2016;
- Breznik, M., presentation in the panel "Organising Precarious Workers" at the Ruskin Political School, Ruskin College, Oxford, 18 June 2016;
- Hrženjak, M., "Preseganje spolnih delitev trga dela s preseganjem spolnih stereotipov" [Overcoming gender segregation of labour market by overcoming gender stereotypes], plenary lecture at the conference "Tkalnica poklicev za fante = punce" [Weaving Mill of Occupations for Boys = Girls], Maribor, 18 October 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Stanojević, M., Kanjuo-Mrčela, A. and Breznik, M., "Slovenia at the crossroads : increasing dependence on supranational institutions and the weakening of social dialogue", European journal of industrial relations, ISSN 0959-6801, September 2016, Vol. 22, No. 3, str. 281-294;
- Breznik, M., "Delavci z druge roke: Nastanek panoge N78.2 in analiza delovnih pogojev po izenačitvi agencijskih delavcev z redno zaposlenimi" (in the process of publication);
- Hrženjak, M., "Prekarizacija dela v standardnih zaposlitvah: primer zdravstvene nege" (in the process of publication);
- Hrženjak, M., "Segmentacija področja nege in pomoči na domu med državo, trgov in družino" (in the process of publication).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was accomplished as planned and concluded in July 2016. The project team is still working on scientific monograph.

Social & Solidarity Economy as a Development Approach for Sustainability in EYD 2015 and beyond – SUSY

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- DEŠA-Dubrovnik, Croatia;
- CARDET, Cyprus;
- Ekumenická akademie Praha Europe, Czech Republic;
- Mondo, Estonia;
- Pro Ethical Trade Finland (PETF) / Eettisen kaupan puolesta ry (Eetti), Finland;
- Ressources Humaines Sans Frontières (RHSF), France;
- INKOTA-netzwerk, Germany;
- Fair Trade Hellas, Greece; Cromo Foundation, Hungary;

AIMS AND GOALS

The project is dedicated to research, advocacy, awareness raising and promoting good practices in the field of "bridging the gap" between Development Cooperation (DC) and Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) by involving public institutions and enhancing their awareness on how changes in the legal framework and public policies may strengthen the linkage between SSE and the fight against poverty.

REALIZATION IN 2016

- attendance of the project coordinator at the partner meeting in Florence, Italy;
- "Speakers tour", hosting of two experts for social and solidarity economy from Brazil in Slovenia. Organising public events, where the guests presented their work and good practices as well as intern in-depth two days dialogue oriented workshop for NGOs from the field. All events took place in Skuhna;
- producing promo materials (brochures, flyers and crafts from the fair trade shop);
- organising symposium about social/fair economy at the occasion of the International Day for Abolition of Slavery (2 December 2016) in Skuhna in collaboration with Zavod Global;
- regular lobby and informational meetings with stake holders and other related NGOs and media;
- regular maintenance of the sub-site in Slovenian language and on international web-site of the project: <http://si.solidarityeconomy.eu/> and <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/susy/>.

EVENTS IN 2016

- "Speakers tour", hosting of two experts for social and solidarity economy from Brazil in Slovenia. Organising public event, where the guests presented their work and good practices as well as intern in-depth two days dialogue oriented workshop for NGOs from the field. All events took place in Skuhna;
- organising symposium about social/fair economy at the occasion of the International Day for Abolition of Slavery (2 December 2016).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The project results are available at <http://si.solidarityeconomy.eu/> and <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/susy/>.

- Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights (DemNet), Hungary;
- Fairwatch - Cooperazione e Mondialità, Italy;
- Waterford One World Centre, Ireland;
- Green Liberty (Zaļā brīvība), Latvia;
- KOPIN (Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali), Malta;
- Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć (Alliance of Associations Polish Green Network - PGN), Poland;
- Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr (IMVF), Portugal;
- TERRA Mileniul III Foundation, Romania;
- Slovak Centre for Communication and Development, Slovakia;
- Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional (CERAI) Spain;
- The Co-operative College, UK;
- Think Global, UK

FUNDING

- European Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is carried out according to plan, without major deviations. The disadvantage is seen in the lack of media reactions to the theme of SSE, which we are trying to resolve promptly. The problem is also the unresponsiveness of decision-makers, because in the flood of every day political topics, SSE topics are often recognised as irrelevant. This is solved with more frequent meetings when they are informed about the importance of the topic.

EWSI – European Web Site on Integration

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The European Web Site on Integration (EWSI) is a unique source of information on immigrant integration in Europe. The Peace Institute is the EWSI Coordinator for Slovenia. EWSI provides a collection of good practices of integration and a wide variety of tools and useful information to contribute as much as possible to a successful integration of so-called third country nationals residing in the member states.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project has been implemented regularly as in previous years, namely:

- the website EWSI Slovenia has been uploaded with news, integration best practice and other relevant information;
- Slovenian EWSI Facebook page has been regularly maintained;
- Slovenian EWSI Twitter account has been regularly maintained;
- annual report has been written;
- regular contact with non-governmental organisations and other important sources of information for EWSI Slovenia has been maintained;
- regular contact with the project manager and international coordinator of EWSI has been maintained.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

All uploaded documents, links, events, items, etc. are available online at <http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/en/index.cfm>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2017.

Seminar for political theory

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FUNDING

- The project is currently based on voluntary work solely.

AIMS AND GOALS

The seminar for political theory is a form of study activity of the Peace Institute. The kernel of the activities is the reading seminar and several lectures.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In the reading seminar in 2016, the reading of the Kant's book Critique of Judgement is being completed. In the autumn 2016 the seminar started the fourth year with reading of B. Spinoza's Tractatus politicus. The reading seminar takes place two to four times a month in the library of the Peace Institute, with 7-12 participants.

EVENTS IN 2016

Public lectures:

- Jalušič, V., "Hegel skozi Hannah Arendt" [Hegel through Hannah Arendt], ZRC SAZU (with Association Aufhebung), 4 April 2016, <http://www.zrc-sazu.si/sl/dogodki/vlasta-jalusic-hegel-skozi-hannah-arendt>.

Presentation of the books of the Peace Institute at the Centre Pompidou in Paris:

- Komel, M., "What does Spinoza have to say about Spinoza?", 6 December 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2017.



**HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MINORITIES**

RefugeeAction: Monitoring of refugee policies, provision of information and tackling xenophobia

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FUNDING

- OSIFE

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims to monitor the situation in the field, make recommendations for improvements, share information with refugees and others, advocate for refugees, break stereotypes, raise awareness of the general public and sensitise the media.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We implemented monitoring visits in refugee camps, identified problems and (in co-operation with other NGOs) gave recommendations for improvements, wrote field reports, letters to the authorities, attended several meetings with the authorities, with NGOs, INGOs (UNHCR, IOM) and humanitarian organisations. We organised 6 public events and lectures in high schools and faculties. We were also in regular contacts with journalists, gave statements, interviews, information, etc.

EVENTS IN 2016

In 2016 we organised several lectures in high schools and at faculties, and 6 public events (3 scientific symposiums together with the Educational Research Institute, and Slovenian Migration Institute at the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and 3 public events about the role of women in Islam, what is the real threat to Europe –migrants or the global capitalism, and about the refugees and humanitarian and military paradigm).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The project results include field reports, media coverage, public letters/appeals to the authorities, news about public events etc. Results are accessible on the PI's website.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project implementation has been very intense: we have been often present in the refugee camps, have been writing reports, letters and appeals, attended meetings and maintained regular contacts with journalists. We have planned and carried out public events, photo-exhibition and lectures in schools and faculties.

Project ended on 15 of May 2016. We have applied for funding for the follow-up and are implementing a project RefugeeAction II in 2016 and in 2017.

RefugeeAction II: Advocacy for inclusive asylum and migration policies, Integration of refugees, Education and Awareness-raising on migration causes for general public

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FUNDING

- Open Society Initiative

AIMS AND GOALS

To contribute to a more open and just society in which refugees would feel welcome and accepted as equal members of the society.

To increase through advocacy the inclusiveness of asylum and migration policies and reduce the rigidness of asylum procedures; to improve through support and assistance the integration of refugees in the Slovenian society; to raise awareness and improve knowledge of the general population (special focus on youth) on migration causes, and socio-economic and political situation in the world (global learning).

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we mainly implemented the following activities:

- advocacy activities: watchdog role, meetings, coordination with other initiatives, amendments to the laws;
- activities contributing to the integration: weekly language and other courses, monthly social events with the program, legal counselling/literacy for asylum seekers, visiting refugees in Aliens Centre.

EVENTS IN 2016

In 2016 we did not organise any public events. However, Kulturno društvo Gmajna [Cultural Association Gmajna] did organise several events in Social centre Rog together with refugees.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

From PI perspective the implementation of the project is running smoothly. However, Kulturno društvo Gmajna is facing some issues – for example, one asylum seeker was employed for this project, but the bank does not enable him to open a bank account, and therefore Kulturno društvo Gmajna cannot give him the first salary for the past month.

Project will last until the end of September 2017. We will implement the following activities: advocacy activities – watchdog role, meetings, coordination with other initiatives, amendments to the laws; activities contributing to the integration – weekly language and other courses, monthly social events with the program, legal counselling/literacy for asylum seekers, visiting refugees in Aliens Centre; educational activities – lectures and workshops for students about migration causes, and socio-economic and political situation in the world (through global learning, including the method living library – in cooperation with asylum seekers); awareness-raising activities – public events and public campaigns (in cooperation with asylum seekers).

European Network of Legal Experts in Gender Equality and Non-discrimination

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The goal of the project is to provide the European Commission with up-to-date information on legislative, judicial and political developments in relation to non-discrimination in the EU Member States. Information is provided through a network of experts. Each country is represented by two independent experts, one is covering gender equality and the other one is covering non-discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity and race, religion and belief, disability, age and sexual orientation. Neža Kogovšek Šalamon acts as an expert for the five personal grounds.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we prepared an up-dated country report in which we presented the legislation, case law and other measures taken in the field of anti-discrimination in relation to the five personal grounds. Since a new law (Protection against Discrimination Act) was adopted on 21 April 2016, the cut-off date for preparation of the update of the 2015 report about the developments in Slovenia was shifted from 31 December 2015 to 21 April 2016. We also provided five flash reports to the coordinator, responded to one ad hoc request for information on implementation of non-discrimination law regarding Roma, and contributed to two thematic reports, first, on discrimination and migration, and second, on psychosocial disabilities. We also attended an internal meeting and a legal seminar on 24–25 November 2016 in Brussels.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events took place in 2016:

- legal seminar, 25 November 2016;
- annual meeting, 24 November 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Country Report on Non-Discrimination: Slovenia, state of affairs as of 21 April 2016, <http://www.equalitylaw.eu/downloads/3742-2016-si-country-report-nd>;
- Flash reports, available at: <http://www.equalitylaw.eu/country/slovenia>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will last until 2018. We will connect the work on this project with other anti-discrimination projects that are already carried out at the Peace Institute, and will be carried out in the future.

Fundamental rights of citizens and foreigners in the European Union

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- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The overall goal of this postdoctoral research project is in particular to analyse the state of play of fundamental rights in the EU in four areas, taking into account the national, EU and international legislation and case law and their interaction, and to identify advantages, shortcomings and challenges for the legal regulation at the EU level from the perspective of fundamental rights protection instruments (in particular the Charter of Fundamental Rights and CJEU and ECtHR case law).

REALIZATION IN 2016

This two-year project (July 2014 – June 2016) dealt with the general state of play in the field of fundamental rights in the EU, and had four additional focuses: free movement and EU citizenship, non-discrimination, asylum and migration. The project consisted of literature review and monitoring of published work of other scholars, conducting field work (interviews with 27 stakeholders) and dissemination activities (attending conferences and writing papers and articles). On the basis of the literature review and the interviews with stakeholders, a study was written and was submitted to the Slovenian Research Agency. An online edited volume on the refugee crisis with a title "Razor-Wired – Reflections on Migration Movements through Slovenia in 2015" was produced within this project. The postdoctoral researcher spent one month as a visiting researcher at the University of Palermo. Within this project the postdoctoral researcher also prepared her PhD thesis for English language publication.

EVENTS IN 2016

Research results were presented at the following public events:

- "Begunci in pravo: politike odzivanja na 'begunsko krizo' v luči načela pravne države" [Refugees and Law: Responses to the Refugee Crisis], a paper for the conference »Kako misliti begunsko krizo« [How to Reflect Upon a Refugee Crisis], Ljubljana, 12 January 2016. In: Mlekuž, A. (ed.), Kako misliti begunsko krizo: zbornik povzetkov, Ljubljana, Pedagoški inštitut, 2015, p. 12;
- "The effects of humanitarian corridor on customary international law: emerging entry and transit rights?", lecture for PhD students, within the programme "Diritti umani: evoluzione, tutela e limiti" and within educational programme "Clinica Legale per i Diritti Umani" at the Università degli Studi di Palermo, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Sezione Diritto e Società, 9 May 2016;
- "LGBT people as refugees and immigration rights", lecture for PhD students, within the programme "Diritti umani: evoluzione, tutela e limiti" at the Università degli Studi di Palermo, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Sezione Diritto e Società, 12 May 2016;

- "The effects of humanitarian corridor on customary international law: emerging entry and transit rights", conference paper, Lancaster University, UK, 5–7 April 2016, p. 81;
- "How does law respond to increased migration movements to Europe?", lecture at the International Conference "Migration and Asylum: New Challenges and Opportunities for Europe", Universidad CEU San Pablo, Madrid, 21–22 April 2016;
- "Challenges and perspectives for future integration policies: the case of Slovenia", in: "New (im)migrants in the EU: facing the challenges of integration": mednarodni znanstveni simpozij, Zagreb, 15 February 2016: zbornik povzetkov, Zagreb, Goethe institut, 2016, p. 13;
- "LGBT people as refugees and immigration rights", paper at the conference "Same-sex relationships and beyond: gender matters in the EU", Hamburg, Bucerius Law School, 18–19 April 2016;
- "Negative aspects of wrongly tackled migrations: human rights breaches", lecture at the International Summer School "Refugees and 'Refugees': Challenge for the World, Not (Just) for Europe", Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana, 27 June–1 July 2016;
- "Referendums on the human rights of minorities: same-sex marriage in Ireland and Slovenia", guest lecture at the seminar, King's College London, London, 14 January 2016;
- "Sovražni govor v kazenskem zakoniku", in: Mlekuž, A. (ed.), "Zakaj misliti begunsko krizo: Populizem, ksenofobija in sovražni govor": zbornik povzetkov [Why reflect on the refugee crisis: populism, xenophobia and hate speech: book of abstracts of scientific symposium], Ljubljana, Pedagoški inštitut, 8 March 2016, p. 8.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- "Asylum seekers and HIV/AIDS: legal issues, well-being and fundamental rights", Medicine, law & society, October 2016, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 85–99;
- "Asylum systems in the Western Balkan countries: current issues", International migration, Online ed., December 2016, Vol. 54, No. 6, pp. 151–163;
- "Disparitetni učinek posredne diskriminacije v pravu Evropske unije in Sveta Evrope ter v slovenski sodni praksi" [Disparate Impact of Indirect Discrimination in EU and Council of Europe Law and in the Slovenian case law], Pravniki, 2016, Vol. 71, No. 7/8, pp. 523–546, 618–619;
- Erased: citizenship, residence rights and the constitution in Slovenia, Frankfurt am Main, PL Academic Research, 2016 (371 pages);
- "Legal implications of the 'humanitarian corridor'", in: Šalamon, N. K. and Bajt, V. (eds.), Razor - wired: reflections on migration movements through Slovenia in 2015, Ljubljana, Peace Institute, 2016, pp. 38–49;
- "Pravice istospolno usmerjenih oseb in njihovih otrok v praksi ESČP in Sodišča EU" [The rights of persons with same-sex sexual orientation and their children in ECHR and CJEU case law], in: Dnevi slovenskih pravnikov, 13.–15.10.2016, Portorož, Podjetje in delo, Vol. 42, No. 6/7;

- "Slovenia built a 'corridor' to move refugees straight through the country", Open Society Foundations, 2 February 2016, <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/slovenia-built-corridor-move-refugees-straight-through-country>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was fully implemented and successfully completed.

National Integration Evaluation Mechanism: Measuring and improving integration of beneficiaries of international protection – NIEM

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- NIEM is led by IPA, the Institute of Public Affairs in Warsaw.
- MPG, the Migration Policy Group, is the coordinating research partner responsible for elaboration and further development of the NIEM indicators and the comprehensive comparative reports.
- Other strategic partners are the UNHCR Regional Representation for Central Europe and UNHCR Representation in Poland, the Polish Ministries of Interior and Administration and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, and the University of Warsaw.
- Project partners conducting research and organising national coalitions in the 15 partner countries are:

AIMS AND GOALS

The National Integration Evaluation Mechanism (NIEM) is a six-year long transnational project, which aims at preparing key actors in the integration field in 16 EU Member States to better face current challenges and improve integration outcomes of international protection beneficiaries. NIEM will establish a mechanism for a biennial, comprehensive evaluation of the integration of international protection beneficiaries to provide evidence on gaps in integration standards, identify promising practices and evaluate the effects of legislative and policy changes in 16 EU member states.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The first year of the project was focused on preparatory work, e.g. preparation of contracts, introduction of administrative rules of project management, preparation of communication tools for project team members, holding of kick-off meeting in Warsaw, drafting of content for the project website, preparation of research methodology, launching of advocacy activities and networking, through attending of events, establishing contacts and meetings with other stakeholders in the field of integration. We also co-organised (with OSCE-ODIHR and the Ministry of Interior) a training event on good practices in the field of integration.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Training on good practices in the field of integration with OSCE-ODIHR and the Ministry of Interior, 10–11 October 2016;
- Kick-off meeting of the project consortium, 21–22 November 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

More information is available at the project website: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/national-integration-evaluation-mechanism-niem-measuring-and-improving-integration-of-beneficiaries-of-international-protection/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project lasts for six years (2016–2022). It began in April 2016 and the first phase of work was marked by introduction of administrative rules of the project consortium functioning (reporting rules, preparation of contracts). The work on the content started with a few months delay.

Bulgarian Council on Refugees and Migrants (Bulgaria); the Multi Kulti Collective Association (Bulgaria); People in Need (Czech Republic); France Terre d'Asile (France); Berlin Institute for Empirical Research on Integration and Migration, Humboldt University (Germany); Menedék – Hungarian Association for Migrants (Hungary); Fondazione ISMU – Initiatives and Studies on Multi-ethnicity (Italy); Providus (Latvia); Diversity Development Group (Lithuania); Maastricht University (Netherlands); Institute of Public Affairs (Poland); Centro de Estudos Sociais, University of Coimbra (Portugal); The Foundation for an Open Society (Romania); Peace institute (Slovenia); CIDOB – Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (Spain); Malmö University (Sweden).

FUNDING

- European Commission, Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

Responding to hate speech – Activation of an independent conjunctive body

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FUNDING

- EEA Grants, Norway Grants

AIMS AND GOALS

By way of establishing a sustainable systematically and publically responsive independent body, the project contributes to reducing the prevalence of hate speech, while at the same time also empowering the NGO sector and vulnerable groups through awareness-raising activities and knowledge transfer.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project team carried out the following activities in 2016:

- operation of an independent body to respond to hate speech – the Anti-Hate Speech Council, connecting 9 individuals who are active in the fight against hate speech;
- networking between key stakeholders, empowerment of vulnerable groups and transfer of knowledge in the NGO sector;
- dissemination of project results – 5 short video clips on the implications of hate speech, 1 video documentary freely available online at the project website;
- education – visits to 3 schools, workshops on hate speech;
- public action – co-operation with the media and other stakeholders, active participation in public events, etc.;
- project management, partner coordination, project meetings etc.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Closing event, Gospodarsko razstavišče, Ljubljana, 25 February 2016. For a report, see <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/zakljucni-dogodek-projekta-z-odgovorom-nad-sovrazni-govor/>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

All the materials are available on the project website: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/govor/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project finished on 29 February 2016 but was extended with additional activities until the end of April 2016.

The Anti-hate speech council continues to operate also in 2017. It is still coordinated by the project leader.

e-More: MOnitoring and REporting online hate speech in Europe

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- CLR – Centre for Legal Resources, Romania;
- College for Public Administration and Administration for Justice – Police Department, Germany;
- IDOS Research Centre, Italy;
- Associação ILGA Portugal, Portugal;
- LAND, Italy;
- KISA – Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism, Cyprus;

AIMS AND GOALS

The eMORE project aims to contribute to developing, testing and transferring a knowledge model on online hate speech and offline hate crime, based on a circular and advanced joint monitoring-reporting system, to gain a sound understanding of the phenomena/trends over the Internet and offline, to allow comparative analysis at national/EU level, and to support the harmonised combating against hate-motivated offences at EU/national level.

The Project will develop a knowledge platform available to target groups, which will allow to in-depth analyse hate phenomena online/offline. The platform will process data/information collected through a crawler to monitor the Internet and an APP to report crime. Both of them will also be developed by the Project. The APP will be tested in 9 participating countries.

The knowledge base will include the most important categories of hate motivated offences (gender, race, religion, sexual orientation and disability).

REALIZATION IN 2016

Work stream 1:

- preparation of the list of key vocabulary of hate in Slovenian language, key-hostile websites etc.;
- writing national profile preliminary assessment report on the state of hate speech and hate crime in Slovenia;
- harmonization of the survey and translation of the online survey questionnaire into English;
- establishing the online questionnaire;
- implementation of the online survey;
- active promotion of the survey via online media, personal contacts, engaging schools to participate, and search for survey respondents;
- preparation of a legal review of the situation in the area of hate speech and hate crime in Slovenia.

Work stream 2:

Help regarding pilot case-studies, especially in terms of information materials; networking; visibility actions, etc.

Work stream 3:

Complementing the range of data and information on the state of hate speech and hate crime in Slovenia; monitoring and analysis of results from Work stream 1.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Kick-off meeting of the project partners; harmonization of the methodology and outlining the timeline of project activities, Milano, 3–4 February 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Some delays in terms of other partners' activities and due to lack of communication from the coordinator. The project is nevertheless progressing according to plan. Second partner meeting will take place on 31 January 2017 in Malta. The app will be tested in 2017 and piloted in each national setting.

FUNDING

- European Commission

Empowerment of LGBT persons and NGOs for the elimination of systemic and structural discrimination of LGB people, enhancement of active citizenship, rule of law, democracy and social justice – DIKE

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- Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

FUNDING

- EEA and Norway Grants.

AIMS AND GOALS

The project sets up a sustainable system of empowerment of vulnerable and marginalised groups for effective elimination of systemic and structural discrimination of LGB persons, enhancement of active citizenship, rule of law, democracy and social justice through legal means. One of the project activities is the analysis of legal framework that is dealing or should be dealing with the situation of same-sex couples in Slovenia.

REALIZATION IN 2016

One of the project's key results is an edited volume 'Legal position of same-sex partners and parenthood in Slovenia'. The volume contains a legal analysis of the position of same-sex partners and their families in the Slovenian legal system. It covers the fields of criminal, family, administrative, civil, labour and social law. The volume shows that at the time of writing there were at least 70 laws in Slovenia, which contained discriminatory provisions without any objective justification. The volume and the research findings were presented at the closing conference of the project on 23 February 2016. In February 2016 we also took part in the organisation of training for LGBT-friendly attorneys. The project was completed on 29 February 2016.

EVENTS IN 2016

- training for attorneys, Hotel Lev, Ljubljana, 22 February 2016;
- closing conference "Elimination of systemic discrimination of LGBT individuals in Slovenia", University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 23 February 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Analysis of legal position of same-sex partners and parenthood in Slovenia, 2015, Barbara Rajgelj (ed.);
- project website: <http://www.lgbtpravice.si/projekt>;
- materials for attorneys: <http://lgbtpravice.si/gradiva>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project implementation was very smooth. The project results were visible and well disseminated in the public.

NGO consortium: With global learning to global goals!

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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

AIMS AND GOALS

Overall goal 1: To contribute to higher support for global learning among pedagogical staff in at least 6 statistical regions:

- raised awareness of principles of educational institutions about the importance of global learning with a focus on sustainable development goals;
- raised awareness of teachers about global learning and teachers equipped with appropriate tools to include global learning in learning processes in schools.

Overall goals: To contribute to improved knowledge and higher support for SDGs and humanitarian assistance among children and youth in at least 9 statistical regions:

- to implement 30 workshops on global learning in at least 9 stat. regions for children and youth.

REALIZATION IN 2016

PI as partner: implemented 3 workshops in high schools (in Maribor, Ravne na Koroškem and Novo mesto) on global learning with a focus on migration, refugees, hate speech, with a guest with personal refugee experience; cooperation at the national conference on global learning for teachers; written 2 chapters for a Handbook on SDGs in connection with global learning; advocacy activities; participation at consortium meetings, preparation and implementation of workshops, writing texts, financial and narrative reporting.

EVENTS IN 2016

Within the project there were several events and the PI actively cooperated at the national conference on global learning for teachers.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Some materials are available on PI website: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/ngo-consortium-with-global-learning-to-global-goals/>. More information is available on Platform SLOGA's website.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project is being implemented by a very broad consortium of NGOs, which is an added value on one hand, however, also a weak point of the project on the other hand. Considering the time-frame and the scope of the project, very scarce financial means are available for each NGO partner. Activities will continue until October 2017. PI needs to implement one more workshop in one high school and write two texts about SDGs – on gender equality and peace.

Cooperation with the Human Rights Ombudsman on the implementation of tasks and authorities of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) for the protection of persons deprived of their liberty

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AIMS AND GOALS

The NPM is an independent national body whose members visit persons deprived of their liberty as well as those places where these persons are detained. The NPM aims to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we cooperated within 11 NPM visits: 3x places of police detentions, 4x homes for the elderly, 2x institutions for the serving of prison sentences, and 1x Aliens Centre.

After each visit we submitted our observations to the Human Rights Ombudsman, and in three cases we took the lead in writing reports.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Visit reports are available at the Human Rights Ombudsman's website.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The aim is to visit places of detention to inspect and monitor the manner in which the staff treats the occupants of the secure wards/institutions where people's liberty is deprived.

Some of the visits seemed too technical and the focus was on the living conditions instead of on the systematic issues. Also, the reports are often quite technical and do not raise the main burning issues. However, it does give us a good insight in the situations in these facilities. We will cooperate with NPM also in 2017.

Strengthening procedural rights in criminal proceedings: effective implementation of the right to a lawyer/legal aid under the Stockholm Programme

AIMS AND GOALS

The project, launched in June 2016 and funded by the European Union, aims to increase understanding of shortcomings and dysfunctions in each national criminal law framework on the issues addressed by the Directive 2013/48/EU on the right of access to a lawyer and Recommendation C (2013) 8179/2 on the right to legal aid among key stakeholders in 5 EU jurisdictions, and to identify and promote examples of transferable good practice. The project also aims to facilitate communication and coordination between legal practitioners and to build and strengthen the capacity of stakeholders on the international and EU standards on the rights to access to a lawyer and legal aid of suspects and accused in criminal proceedings.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we focused on desk research and negotiating access to criminal case files. Namely, the analysis of 150 case files is a key research activity, based on which we will prepare our country report on legal framework and implementation of the right to a lawyer in practice. We acquired access to case files at 5 Slovenian local and district courts and a part of the analysis was already carried out.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully acquired access to criminal case files, which will enable us to finalise the analysis in 2017 and prepare our national report. The latter, together with national reports of other partners, will serve as a basis for a comparative report.

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Enhancing Procedural Rights of Persons with Intellectual and/or Psychiatric Impairments in Criminal Proceedings: Exploring the Need for Action – IMPAIR

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The overall aim of the project is to identify good-practices, as well as gaps and shortcomings of each project partner's national criminal justice system (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Lithuania, and Slovenia) with regard to the implementation of the Recommendation and to elaborate recommendations at the national and EU-level. It strives to enhance the awareness and capacities of professional stakeholders involved in criminal proceedings (in particular law enforcement authorities, legal practitioners, medical personnel, the judiciary, NGOs and representatives of persons with intellectual and/or psychiatric impairments) to understand the complex situation and barriers of these persons.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we focused on desk research on the legal framework concerning procedural safeguards for persons with intellectual and/or psychiatric impairments and established contacts with professionals with in-depth knowledge on the implementation of these safeguards in practice. We have also been developing contacts with final beneficiaries, persons with intellectual and/or psychiatric impairments who were suspects or the accused in criminal proceedings to explore their experiences and needs through semi-structured interviews. For this purpose, we have established a very valuable collaboration with Altra, NGO with extensive experience in the field of mental health.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2017 we will prepare our National Baseline Study. The research results will be summarised in a Handbook for professional stakeholders, which will include a comparative report of the five partner countries, criteria for identifying good practice examples, case studies as well as practical and policy recommendations.

Inside Police Custody: Application of EU Procedural Rights

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The project will contribute to a successful implementation of EU legislation on the procedural rights of suspects in criminal matters. The core of the project is undertaking observational research with police and lawyers on the practical application of the procedural rights of suspects during police detention, with an aim to develop recommendations for legislative and policy changes to ensure better enforcement of the EU procedural rights' Directives.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we conducted desk research on the legal framework and practice concerning procedural rights of suspects during police detention – the extent to which European standards and domestic regulations on procedural rights of suspects in police detention are implemented in practice; and the practical obstacles and challenges to the effective implementation of these rights. We also negotiated our access to conduct observations of detention procedures at police stations.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2017 we will conduct observation of procedures at police stations and produce our national report.

Developing an EU Training Module for the Victims' Directive

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- PICUM

FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

- Identification of training needs for the judiciary and judicial staff in five jurisdictions pursuant to Article 25 of the Victims Directive;
- development of a Guide and provision of training to the judiciary and judicial staff on the needs of victims and on the Victims Directive;
- development of an e-course template and virtual learning environment [VLE] to ensure maximum dissemination of training materials at a domestic and EU level;
- dissemination of information in relation to best practice identified during the training programme pursuant to Article 25 and 26 of the Victims Directive.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016 we have focused on development of a questionnaire to identify training needs for the judiciary and judicial staff.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2017 we will conduct the needs assessment and develop and conduct training.

Workshops on hate speech and migration

AIMS AND GOALS

The project responded to the need for education and awareness rising of young people, in particular secondary school students, on hate speech, which has recently been directed primarily against migrants. Workshops were organised in high schools in Slovenia, of which the key objective was increasing the capacity of students to identify hate speech and place it in broader contexts of migrations, human rights and intercultural dialogue.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Main activities of the project were designing of the learning scenario and educational materials, organisation of workshops, conduction of workshops, evaluation of workshops, evaluation of the project and informing target groups about key activities. Maja Ladič and Iztok Šori have conducted 24 workshops in 7 different schools in Slovenia, which involved 680 students.

EVENTS IN 2016

Reports about workshops were published in some local media and on the websites of the schools, Government Communication Office, Peace Institute and Eurydice Slovenia.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

More information is available at <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/delavnice-o-sovraznem-govoru-in-migracijah/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The success of the workshops and the need for their further implementation was confirmed by positive evaluation of the various stakeholders, particularly students, high interest of schools for workshops, as well as social climate in Slovenia, which is marked by the rise of hate and discriminatory speech against minorities, especially migrants. Evaluation of the workshops by students (n = 425) showed a high achieving of the two key goals: to train students to identify hate speech and enhance the understanding of its occurrence in connection with migrations. The vast majority of students evaluated the workshops with a minimum rating of 4 (grade 1 meant not at all satisfied and 5 I am very satisfied). In 2017, we will therefore strive to obtain funding for further implementation of these workshops.

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European Network on Statelessness #Statelesskids campaign

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- European Network on Statelessness

AIMS AND GOALS

ENS is running a region-wide campaign #StatelessKids to raise awareness and promote measures to ensure that children can realise their right to a nationality. In July ENS organised the first ever youth congress on statelessness seeking to engage with a group of young ambassadors supporting the #StatelessKids campaign in their own country and across Europe. Three young ambassadors from Slovenia were selected and the Peace Institute (as ENS member) participated in terms of mentorship. Together we developed and implemented campaign activities in Slovenia.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We produced:

- informational leaflets;
- educational "Old Maid" / "Black Peter" cards game containing information on childhood statelessness;
- short awareness-raising video;
- On-line quiz to check the level of awareness;
- Promotional booths at the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana.

EVENTS IN 2016

Presentation of campaign results and round table on childhood statelessness, 29 November 2016, Faculty of Law Ljubljana.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Results are available at: <https://www.facebook.com/ENSSlovenia/>

Video is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RH4A2tXceqo>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully completed the campaign.

Research paper on cyberbullying among young people

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AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of this study was to prepare a research paper on cyberbullying among young people. More precisely, the purpose was to provide an overview of the scale and nature of cyberbullying among young people in the EU and on Member States' legislation and policies aimed at preventing and fighting this phenomenon. The final objective of the study was to identify good practices on how to prevent and tackle cyberbullying taking into account existing child protection systems and to draft recommendations on EU and national action on the basis of the findings of the study.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We identified and assessed relevant policy and legislation, academic articles and reports produced by specialist bodies, including statistical and non-governmental organisations; and consulted with national experts. On this basis we prepared a Country Factsheet for Slovenia that was used for a synthesis report, which covered all EU Member States.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The study Cyberbullying among young people is available at: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/571367/IPOL_STU\(2016\)571367_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/571367/IPOL_STU(2016)571367_EN.pdf).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully completed the research and prepared the Country Factsheet.

Study on obstacles to the right of free movement and residence for EU citizens and their families

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AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of this study was to gather information for all 28 EU Member States and to obtain an overview in terms of transposition issues and practical barriers for EU citizens and their family members to exercising their right to free movement and residence. The goal is not to provide a detailed list of all the issues, but to identify the main recurring barriers and trends.

REALISATION IN 2016

We identified and assessed relevant policy and legislation, academic articles and reports produced by specialist bodies and non-governmental organizations, and consulted with national experts. On this basis we prepared a report for Slovenia that was used for a synthesis report, which covered all EU Member States.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The study Obstacles to the right of free movement and residence for EU citizens and their families is available at: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/571375/IPOL_STU\(2016\)571375_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/571375/IPOL_STU(2016)571375_EN.pdf).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully completed the research and prepared the Country Report.

Study on the legal and political context for setting up a European identity document

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AIMS AND GOALS

This study aims to assess the added value of the setting up of a European ID in terms of facilitating, enhancing citizens' participation in the democratic life (decision and policy-making) of the EU; analyse the legal and political feasibility of and challenges for setting up an operable European ID given the current legislative and political context; put forward recommendations as regards the legal and technical components required for the setting up of a specific legal framework enabling the creation and operability of a European ID.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We identified and assessed relevant policy and legislation, academic articles and reports produced by specialist bodies, and consulted with national experts. On this basis we prepared a Country Factsheet for Slovenia that was used for a synthesis report, which covered all EU Member States.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The study "The legal and political context for setting up a European identity document" is available at: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/556957/IPOL_STU\(2016\)556957_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/556957/IPOL_STU(2016)556957_EN.pdf).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully completed the research and prepared the Country Factsheet.



MEDIA

South East European Media Observatory – Building capacities and coalitions for monitoring media integrity and advancing media reforms

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- Centre for Independent Journalism, Budapest, Hungary;
- Kosovo Press Council, Pristina, Kosovo;
- Montenegro Media Institute, Podgorica, Montenegro;

AIMS AND GOALS

The project nurtures and fosters the prominent role of civil society in the media reform processes in the countries of South East Europe. It aims at informing and sparking public debates on media freedom and pluralism, particularly addressing the impact of media ownership and political clientelism, and at influencing media sector reform processes through developing media integrity research, regional media observatory, consultations and coalitions.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The following project activities were carried out in 2016:

- presentation of media integrity concept and research in Kosovo;
- release of regional overview on state-media financial relations based on the 2015 national flash research reports;
- conducting research on the role of editors in media integrity protection in 6 SEE countries, release of 6 national flash research reports and regional overview;
- conducting research on the funding and governing models of public service media in 9 SEE countries, release of regional comparative overview;
- further publication of investigative journalism stories produced by sub-grantees;
- regional coordination of national advocacy campaigns on media integrity organised by partner organisations;
- commissioning and release of policy paper on alternative models of independent journalism funding;
- compilation and release of regional overview of policy recommendations developed by the Observatory between 2013 and 2016;
- organisation of final regional conference in Novi Sad in June 2016;
- release of the manifesto for media policy in the service of public;
- updating the web site mediaobservatory.net and releasing 4 newsletters;
- regional guests contributing to national media integrity debates in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Macedonia through regional media integrity tour;
- promotion and advocacy of project ideas and research findings at national, regional and EU level among different target groups;
- participation in 2 EC conferences on the sustainability and results of the EU-funded regional networks;
- administrative and financial project coordination, regular consultations and organisation of 2 project management meetings;
- interim narrative and financial report for the Year 1 of the project's Phase 2.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events took place in 2016:

- media integrity debate in Kosovo, Priština, 18 January 2016;
- final regional conference, Novi Sad, 13 June 2016;
- national advocacy events on media integrity issues: Novi Sad, 17 October, Skopje, 19 October, Sarajevo, 22 November, Tirana, 30 November 2016;
- regional guests at national media integrity debates (regional tour): Tirana, 28 October, Novi Sad, 28 October, Sarajevo, 22 November, Skopje, 24 November 2016;
- project meetings of partners: Sarajevo, 14 April, Novi Sad, 14 June 2016;
- participation in the European Media Freedom Conference, organised by ECP-MF, Leipzig, 6–7 October 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The 2016 project results include:

- regional overview on state-media financial relations;
- national flash research reports on the editors' role in media integrity protection in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia;
- regional overview on the editors' role in media integrity protection;
- comparative overview on funding and governing models of public service media in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia;
- regional overview of all policy recommendations elaborated by the SEE Media Observatory between 2013 and 2016;
- policy paper on alternative models of independent journalism funding;
- manifesto for media policy in the interest of the public;
- investigative journalism articles by sub-grantees: stories by journalists from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- Mediaobservatory.net: Regional web site with hundreds of items, including research reports, articles, videos, news items and recommended literature in the section Library;
- Newsletter: four issues of a newsletter in 2016 highlighting the new content on the web site of the SEE Media Observatory and sent to target audiences.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was successfully closed at the end of November 2016. In early 2017 we expect new call for proposals by the European Commission to allow development of a new project and eventually make possible continuation of some elements of the SEE Media Observatory.

Building support for media and journalism targets in EU enlargement countries

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- Novi Sad School of Journalism, Novi Sad, Serbia;
- P24, Istanbul, Turkey

FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations Program for Independent Journalism

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at maximising the impact of the work of the South East European Media Observatory, building on its research on the factors that affect independent media in that region in order to foster support by intergovernmental, governmental and civil society stakeholders for media and journalism reforms in the EU-enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project included the following activities in 2016:

- regional research on best practices in protecting media integrity;
- regional report on best practices in protecting media integrity;
- regional round table in Sarajevo on best practices in protecting media integrity;
- advocacy actions on regulatory independence in Albania and Turkey, and on media funding from public funds in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- publishing of project news and research report on the regional web site mediaobservatory.net.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events were organised in 2016:

- national consultations with stakeholders on media funding from public funds, Sarajevo, 22 January 2016;
- national round table on regulatory independence, Istanbul, 17 February 2016;
- national round table to raise awareness on the new complaining mechanism of the regulatory agency, Tirana, 30 June 2016;
- regional round table on best practices, Sarajevo, 14 April 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

The following publications and materials were produced in the course of the project in 2016:

- policy brief on state financing of media in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- policy brief on regulatory independence in Turkey based on the round table discussion;
- regional research report on best practices "A counter-system, or how to save journalism" in English, Macedonian, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian and Albanian;
- news and articles at the regional web site mediaobservatory.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The 18-month project was successfully closed at the end of June 2016.

Regional EU award scheme for investigative journalism in the Western Balkans and Turkey

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- The Guardian Foundation

FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The regional EU award scheme was established by the European Union and is administered through the regional partnership of civil society organisations with the aim of celebrating and promoting outstanding achievements of investigative journalists in EU-enlargement countries in the Western Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia – and Turkey by giving annual awards for investigative stories published in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project activities in 2016 were as follows:

- the Operational Manual with description of rules and procedures for national contests for EU award for investigative journalism was updated for the 2016 contests;
- revision of the award criteria and introduction of a new award category – best investigative story by young journalist;
- regional coordination of partners in preparation and implementation of the 2016 national contests for EU award in seven beneficiary countries;
- regional coordination of the partners' organisation of the award ceremonies in seven beneficiary countries, and news from the national contests and award ceremonies for publishing on the regional web site;
- production and dissemination of two regional press releases to target audiences in the region and EU;
- regional coordination of post-award activities, including participation of young winners at the 2016 Western Balkans Youth Conference in Paris;
- partners' meeting in Sarajevo and Novi Sad at the occasion of SEE Media Observatory regional events;
- compilation of the second interim narrative and financial report.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events took place in 2016:

- launching of the 2016 EU award contests – launching events: Albania, 11 March, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 11 March, Macedonia, 10 March, Montenegro, 9 March 2016. The contests were launched without launching events, only through information campaign: in Kosovo, Serbia and Turkey;
- EU award ceremonies – Albania, 12 May, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 24 May, Kosovo, 6 May, Macedonia, 27 May, Montenegro, 11 May, Serbia, 17 May, Turkey, 26 May 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Project results in 2016 were as follows:

- 24 investigative stories contributing to transparency and reporting on societal issues related to abuse of power and fundamental rights, corruption and organised crime, were awarded in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey;
- altogether 35 journalists were awarded; in many cases more than one journalist contributed to the awarded story. Among winning journalists, 13 were female and 22 male;
- hundreds of media reports with news about the EU award winners were published across the region. Regional press release with summary of the regional EU award scheme results in 2016 was republished by several regional and European communication platforms including the web site and social networks of the European Commission, DG NEAR;
- special section on the EU award is available at the mediaobservatory.net: <http://mediaobservatory.net/eu-award>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The EU award national contests were successfully organised in 2016. The 2017 contests will be open in spring.

Mediatization of public life: Controversies in the sphere of politics and everyday life

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The proposed project responds to a pressing need for theoretical rethinking to better understand whether, and in which respects, various components and aspects of society and everyday life are becoming more mediatized, and in what sense; how this has changed over time; which forms may be discerned in different spheres of life and society; and with what results. The main aim of this project is to build a comprehensive look on how technological and social convergence of the media based on digitisation (trans)form processes of mediatization and what are its consequences in online and offline social environments.

A comparative analysis of actions of three main types of actors (politics, civil society, private citizens) shall enable us to develop a typology of factors that shape the forms and modes of mediatization of online and offline actions in different environments. In that perspective, the project addresses the question of whether the convergence of media serves social actors merely as a tool for a more efficacious coordination of their instrumental and communicative actions or it substantially redefines their understating of social actions and communications that can be observed in new mediatized forms of communicative and instrumental actions.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The research group of PI and the Faculty of Social Sciences (M. Pajnik, Ž. Humer, Ž. Vodovnik, B. Mance) is working on the analysis of the current visible actors in the field of feminism and LGBT movement in Slovenia, where we are interested in organisational and thematic 'credo' of movements. Based on empirical research (network analysis) we verify the thesis that unlike the previous civil society, anti-system oriented feminist and LGBT groups, which acted in the field of equality between genders, modern-day actors operate primarily from the impulse for the realization of its own "distinct imagery" – which corresponds to the concepts, with which we defined movements (such as infrapolitics or new social movements).

While in 2015, interviews were conducted with actors in the Slovenian context, in 2016 the field works included 9 semi-structured interviews with various actors in the field of feminism and LGBT in Croatia, addressing topics that these movements introduce in the public sphere, researching the practices of their media action and the role of the media in mobilizing movements.

EVENTS IN 2016

Conferences:

- Pajnik, M., "Mediatization of the protests: Global insights and experiences from the region", key-note at the conference Communication in the context of citizen protests: The experiences from the SEE region, Sarajevo, 21 January 2016;
- Pajnik, M., "Anti-racist struggle of feminist movements: experiences from post-socialist Slovenia", presentation at the seminar Militants from the other side: Antibodies to hate speech and behaviour, Copenhagen, 12–13 June 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

This research project addresses normative-theoretical and empirical issues of mediatization of professional politics by linking them to alternative democratic practices in the public sphere (forms of activism and citizenship as a counterpart to traditional forms of politics) and (semi)private communicative actions taken by individuals in social media. This project will not only provide an updated view on mediatization to feed into the future research in the field, but also inform policy and practice of mediatized governance, and contribute to the development of political (communication) culture in Slovenia.

Citizens, CSOs and Institutions Reforming Media in Macedonia – ReForMedia

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FUNDING

- European Union Delegation to FYR of Macedonia

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at increasing the impact of civil society in developing public policies on media reforms in Macedonia. It focuses on improving legal and institutional environment to enable free and professional media; on enhancing media literacy through education of citizens to increase their demand for quality journalism, and on strengthening media integrity by targeting specific aspects through a sub-granting program, including labour rights in media sector, the right for fair trial, self-regulation and investigative journalism. The Peace Institute is a partner organisation to the Macedonian Institute for Media in the research component of the project and in the efforts to conduct quality public debate on concrete issues of media reforms in Macedonia.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The following project activities took place in 2016:

- development of a research strategy/agenda for the research component of the project with methodological and thematic main points for the media reform-oriented applied and action research in Macedonia. The agenda followed the analyses of interviews and focus group discussions organised by the research team of the lead partner with relevant stakeholders in Macedonia;
- conceptualization and realization of the research workshop in Macedonia by the Peace Institute researcher Brankica Petković for participants from Macedonia, recruited through an open call and interested in conducting applied and action research related to media reform in Macedonia;
- mentoring support to the research team in the lead partner organisation in Macedonia in selection of topic, drafting the methodology and conducting the first research action in Macedonia.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Research workshop in Ohrid, 23–25 June 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 our role in the project was oriented towards capacity building of the partner organisation in Macedonia for applied and action research related to media reforms in Macedonia. In 2017, the main focus will be on support to concrete research actions and to editing and publishing of quality research reports as a basis for a public debate in Macedonia.

Media Education for Equity and Tolerance – MEET

AIMS AND GOALS

MEET aims at promoting a critical and inter-cultural understanding as well as an aware use of media among young citizens in multicultural public schools in democratic societies. It mainly addresses economically and socially disadvantaged youth (aged 13–19), including migrants and refugees, by engaging them and their teachers in an action research process to co-design and develop inter-cultural media education practices inspired by principles of equity, tolerance, social justice and solidarity. In this respect, MEET can be seen as an educational (or pedagogical) challenge to a broader culture of exclusion, exclusivism and discrimination that nowadays seems to permeate many political discourses and media representations, as well as a widespread neo-liberal reconfiguration of educational provision. Finally, the project intends to advocate Media Education as a means to support social inclusion/justice among different sections of the public and through several dissemination tools, from the production of an educational documentary to the spreading of policy recommendations, digital toolkits and scientific papers on media and citizenship education.

REALIZATION IN 2016

- Kick-off meeting, Florence, 15–16 December 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project activities in 2017 include mapping of local, national and European policies on citizenship, media and inter-cultural education and field work in schools aimed at re/co-design of existing media education practices to address students at risk of social exclusion in inter-cultural contexts.

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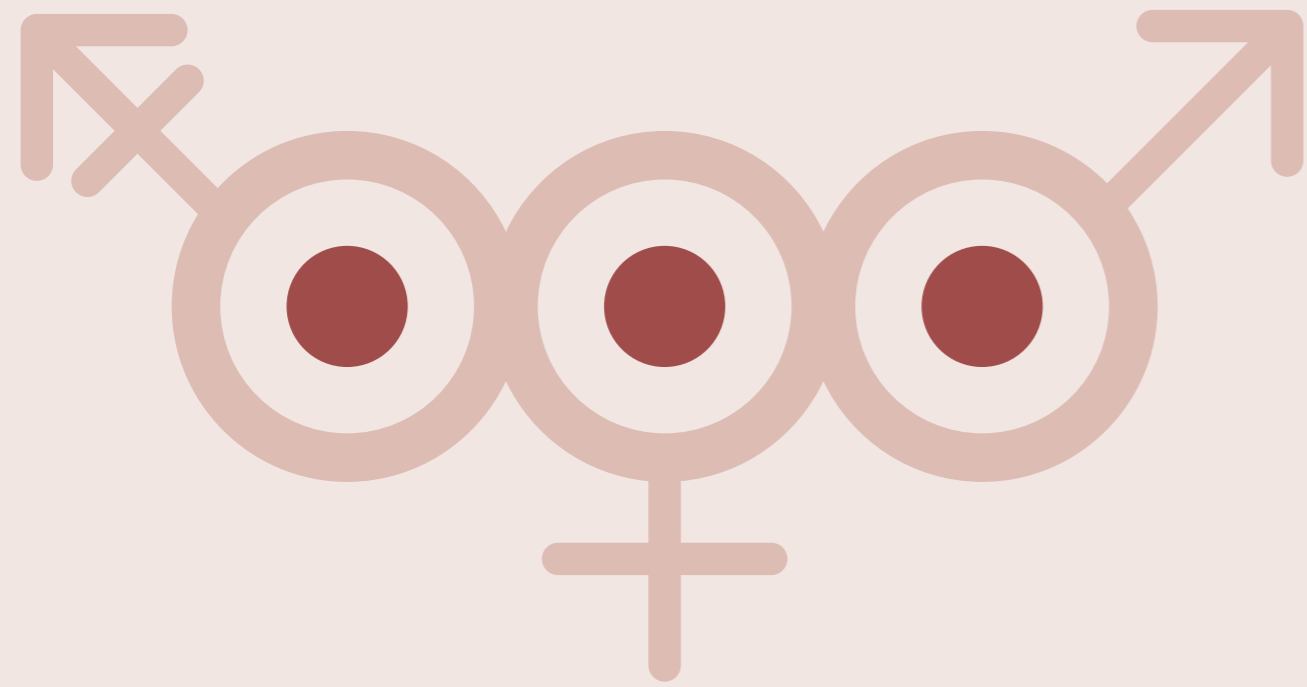
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GENDER

Gender differentiation in media industry

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The project deals with processes of gender differentiation in media industry reproduced through media's convergence, conglomeration and commodification in the context of the rise of information and communication technologies. Departing from the finding about the lack of suitable epistemologies and methods to adequately address gender differentiation in the media, the project introduces theoretical starting points of the feminist political economy of communication, which highlights the need for synergy of the macro, mezzo and micro levels of research or presumes structural and institutional analysis combined with experiences of actors who work in the media industry or participate in it as consumers. The project introduces a feminist inclusive conceptualisation of gender, which studies gender relations by integrating the perspective of intersectionality through which it identifies the intertwinement of gender with ethnicity, sexuality etc. that produces discriminatory effects.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project team prepared a report "Review of legislation, research from the field of gender and the media, and the area of employment in the media industry on the example of journalism as a profession" (Ž. Humer, M. Frelih, 32 pp.).

The research team prepared a questionnaire for the managerial staff of selected media outlets: RTVSLO, POP TV and TV Planet and for representatives of various professional associations. The questionnaire consists of several topics: media policy and transformation of journalism; media, employment and working environment; organisational norms and values; work process; TV conventions. 12 semi-structured interviews were conducted.

In the context of media consumption study we collected approx. 100 field diaries about media consumption, which were filled in by respondents of different age groups. Furthermore, focus groups involving about 20 students took place. The research group has also obtained TV viewership data which will be subject to further analysis.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

More information on the project is available at: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/spolna-diferenciacija-v-medijski-industriji/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

We plan the continuation of field work engaging different groups of employees at televisions. Furthermore, the report on the transformation of media law with an emphasis on the impact on gender is in the making; and we plan to prepare publications analysing results of the first phase of the project (journal Teorija in praksa).

Care work between individualization, globalization and socialization

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

Within the framework of the feminist reflection of welfare system developments the project analyses policy negotiations of new borders concerning redistribution of costs, work and responsibilities for care between family, state, market and community in Slovenia and the EU. Besides researching care work in relation to gender, citizenship, complex inequalities, migration and social politics, the project aims at articulation of transformative potentials of the concept of care.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The project team carried out the following activities in 2016:

- interview analysis (65 interviews with care workers, users, employers, and activists);
- organisation of international conference;
- co-editing special thematic issue "Domestic workers in post-socialist context: migrations, inequalities, regulations" (Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research);
- policy brief for Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities;
- dissemination.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Hrzenjak, M., Frelih, M., (eds.), Problems and visions in social care: collection of abstracts, Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016, 43 pages, ISBN 978-961-6455-82-4, <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Knjizni-blok-145x185.pdf>;
- Hrzenjak, M., "Social organisation of care and its impact on women's economic (in)equality in pension", invited lecture at the seminar "Gender Equality in Eastern Europe (and Beyond) - Laws and Practices", Free University Berlin, 29 January 2016;
- Hrzenjak, M., "Comparison of childcare and eldercare policies in Slovenia from the perspective of (de)familization and gender equality", in: Hrzenjak, M., Frelih, M. (eds.), Problems and visions in social care: collection of abstracts, Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016, p. 10;
- Bajt, V., "Transnationalisation of care work: ethnicity, gender and nationalism in Slovenia", in: Hrzenjak, M., Frelih, M. (eds.), Problems and visions in social care: collection of abstracts, Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016, pp. 23-24;
- Leskošek, V., "Wage in private care sector: the case of family care assistants", in: Hrzenjak, M., Frelih, M. (eds.), Problems and visions in social care: collection of abstracts, Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016, p. 14.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Hrženjak, M., "Primerjava sistemov skrbi za otroke in starejše v Sloveniji v kontekstu politik defamilizacije in refamilizacije", Teorija in praksa, ISSN 0040-3598, Nov.–Dec. 2016, Vol. 53, No. 6, pp. 1484–1501;
- Leskošek, V., "Migracije in dostop do socialnih pravic v EU in Sloveniji", Dve domovini, ISSN 0353-6777, 2016, No. 43, pp. 91–102;
- Leskošek, V., "Care between love and money: the case of the family assistant", Teorija in praksa, ISSN 0040-3598, Nov.–Dec. 2016, Vol. 53, No. 6, pp. 1356–1368;
- Leskošek, V., "Skrb na področju hendikepa med institucijami in skupnostjo", Socialno delo, ISSN 0352-7956, Nov.–Dec. 2015, Vol. 54, No. 6, pp. 319–328;
- Humer, Ž., Hrženjak, M., "Socialization of childcare in Slovenia and its impact on informal care markets", Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research (in print);
- Tkach, O., Hrženjak, M., "Paid Domestic Labour in Post-socialist Contexts", Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research (in print);
- Humer, Ž., "Politike skrbi za otroke v socialističnem in post-socialističnem obdobju: med familizacijo in defamilizacijo", Družboslovne razprave (in peer-review).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is taking course according to plans and will be concluded in June 2017.

Fathers and employers in action - ODA

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FUNDING

- Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme 2009-2014

AIMS AND GOALS

Project focuses on active fatherhood and work-life balance. We developed and tested "Flexible package of measures ODA", a model, which is directly addressing employed fathers.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We implemented a 6-months pilot experiment in RTVSLO, Police and Support & Trade d.o.o. The following publications were published: "Manual for employers", monograph "Spremembe očetovstva: moški med delom in starševstvom" [Transformations of fatherhood: men between work and care for children] and an electronic book "Očetje: Kratke zgodbe o sodobnem starševstvu" [Fathers: Short stories about contemporary parenthood]. We organised a final international conference and an expert meeting, and evaluated the pilot experiment.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events took place in 2016:

- the project ODA was presented to students at the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Arts (both University of Ljubljana) and at the international conference Aktivni.Vsi.
- Iztok Šori presented the ODA project at the OSCE Human Dimension Committee in Vienna, 11 October 2016;
- final international conference Fathers and employers in action, 31 May 2016;
- expert meeting with policy makers at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, 26 July 2016;
- workshops for employers in Ljubljana (11 February 2016) and Ptuj (12 July 2016).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Humer, Ž., "Očetje med plačanim delom in skrbjo za otroke" [Fathers between paid work and care for children], lecture at the Faculty of Education, Ljubljana, 7 April 2016;
- Frelj, M., "Očetje o usklajevanju plačanega dela in družine" [Fathers about reconciliation of paid work and family], lecture at the Faculty of Arts, Ljubljana, 25 April 2016;
- Frelj, M., "Izzivi usklajevanja delovnega in zasebnega življenja za zaposlene očete in delodajalce v Sloveniji" [Challenges of work – life balance for employed fathers and employers in Slovenia], presentation at international conference Aktivni.Vsi, Golf Arboretum, Volčji Potok, 24. maj 2016;

- Hrženjak, M., (ed.) Spremembe očetovstva: moški med delom in starševstvom [Transformations of fatherhood: men between work and care for children], Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016 (authors: Majda Hrženjak, Aleksandra Kanjuo Mrčela, Janez Štebe, Janja Beršnak Vuga, Iztok Šori, Andreja Poje, Irena Štamfelj, Mojca Freljih in Živa Humer);
- Humer, Ž. and Šori, I. (eds.), Očetje. Kratke zgodbe o sodobnem starševstvu [Fathers: Short stories about contemporary parenthood], Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016 (electronic book);
- Humer, Ž., Poje, A., Freljih, M. and Štamfelj, I., Ukrepi za usklajevanje plačanega dela in družine: Priročnik [Measures for reconciliation of paid work and family: Manual], Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2016;
- Hrženjak, M., "Caring fatherhood in the grips of precarious employments in Slovenia", in: Knowledge-making practices and sociology's global challenge: abstract book, [S. l.: s. n., 2016], p. 21, http://nsa2016.cdn.geniem.com/content/uploads/2015/12/NSA2016_AbstractBook.pdf.
- Information about the project and its results is available at the project website www.enakopraven-oce.si, and the project FB and Twitter profiles.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project was successfully implemented and finished on 31 August 2016. We are discussing further cooperation with the Norwegian partner Reform. Aiming for further cooperation we applied for funds for bilateral cooperation within the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 and were successful. Part of the project team at the Peace Institute, Majda Hrženjak, Mojca Freljih and Živa Humer will attend the international conference "Making the Invisible Visible: Transforming Social Norms Among Boys and Men for Gender Justice and Practice", which will be held on 16 February 2017 in Oslo. At the conference, we plan to present the results of the ODA project and we will organise a working meeting with the partners from the Reform in order to make plans for future cooperation.

Obtaining political equality by new names – OPENN

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- Women's Lobby of Slovenia;
- Institute Meta's list;
- Norwegian Association for Local and Regional Authorities

FUNDING

- Norwegian Financial Mechanism: www.norwaygrants.org, program: www.norwaygrants.si, project implementation: www.svrk.gov.si

AIMS AND GOALS

Women's breakthrough in politics usually happens at the local level, however most mayors and local councillors are men. Local structures represent an opportunity to identify obstacles and opportunities for women, as well as to reduce stereotypes of male and female roles. At the local level there is a lack of information and knowledge on gender equality policies and on the opportunities posed by representation of women and men. Even at the national level in Slovenia there is no institution that would systematically study the problem of (in)equality and raise knowledge and awareness. There are no organisations whose sole purpose would be working for women in politics. Institutional mechanisms for gender equality are weaker, despite the fact that some were established at the beginning of the 1990s.

Based on research among target groups – women politicians, potential candidates, and "gate keepers", OPENN identifies obstacles for women's entrance into politics at the local and national level and creates mechanisms of support, new legislation proposals and awareness raising among women and men, experts, gate keepers and the general public. Through public events, trainings, and large publicity in classical and new media, better understanding of the benefits of women's share in politics will be facilitated. A network of local women politicians, a mentorship model, and platform of support will be formed on the basis of partnership exchange with the Norwegian Association for Local and Regional Authorities, who will also assist with the model of local services. A data base of 100 women candidates for functions, an interactive info map of women representatives, a video clip against stereotypes and female opinion leaders' interventions will support the readiness for the recruitment of women into politics.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Activities in 2016 included: partner's meetings, communication with media, writing research papers and proposals for changes of law, writing newspapers columns, research and writing of the study on gatekeepers, organisation of the event with presenting the proposals for legal changes in the field of local government, writing of an expert article, preparing the final content and financial report.

EVENTS IN 2016

The following events were organised in 2016:

- presentation of the proposals for eventual changes in the field of legislative i.e. local electoral law, for increasing of the presence of women in local politics, Faculty of Arts, Ljubljana, 7 March 2016;
- presentation of the project OPENN at the event Women in science [Ženske v znanosti] (EURAXESS Slovenia and ZRC SAZU), Atrium ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, 5 April 2016;
- presentation of the results at the conclusion of the project OPENN, Faculty of Arts, Ljubljana, 18 April 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Available project results include:

- studies and columns on the website, in press and at the opinion pages: <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/projekt-openn/> and <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/osvojiti-politico-enakost-z-novimi-imeni-openn/>;
- -Analysis of Norwegian and Slovenian legislative and proposals and recommendations for changes of legislative and for some additional good practices, <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Analiza-norveske-in-slovenske-zakonodaje-ter-predlog-zakonodajnih-sprememb.pdf> and <http://spol.si/blog/2016/05/18/zenske-v-lokalni-politiki-zakonodaja-kot-mehanizem-uvajanja-in-ohranjanja-enakosti-od-primerjave-norveske-n-slovenije-do-nekaterih-dobrih-praks-in-priporocil/>;
- Strankarski vratarji – ovira ali pomoč pri vstopanju žensk v politiko? [Party gatekeepers – obstacle or support in entering of women into politics?], <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Gatekeepers-final-30-4.pdf>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project has been successfully completed in 2016.

Promotion of equal pay to diminish pension gap, poverty and social exclusion

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- Fundacja Jakobieta, Poland;
- Netzwerk, Austria

FUNDING

- European Commission – programme Progress

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at raising awareness about the impact of gender based pay gap on the pension gap and the feminization of poverty in old age. It takes into consideration the impact of women's unpaid care work on their income prospects and the issue of precarity of youth at the labour market and its effect on social security in old age.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Project activities implemented in 2016 were as follows:

- writing comparative study about gender based pay and pension gap, and risk of poverty in old age;
- collecting examples of good practices;
- developing policy recommendations for reducing pay and pension gaps;
- writing a joint report about the results of expert meetings in all partner countries;
- organisation of final conference and last partner workshop in Prague;
- final content and financial report.

EVENTS IN 2016

- International conference Fair income, fair pension, Prague, 23 March 2016;
- Hrženjak, M., "Social organisation of care and its impact on women's economic (in)equality in pension", invited lecture on seminar "Gender Equality in Eastern Europe (and Beyond) – Laws and Practices", Free University Berlin, 29 January 2016;
- Hrženjak, M., "50. člen ustave - Pravica do socialne varnosti, pravica žensk do dostojne pokojnine" [Article 50 of the Constitution – Rights to social security, women's right to decent pension], contribution at the symposium "Equality of Women between Constitutional Rights and Reality" at the 25th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic Slovenia, National Assembly, Ljubljana, 20 December 2016;
- Hrženjak, M., "Pokojninska vrzel v luči Bele knjige o pokojninah" [Pension gap from the perspective of the White Book about pensions], invited lecture at the symposium "Vrzeli med spoloma: plačna vrzel, pokojninska vrzel, odločevalska vrzel" [Gender gaps: pay gap, pension gap and decision making gap], Faculty of Law, Ljubljana, 8 December 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

- Hrženjak, M., "Ekonomska neenakost žensk z vidika spolnega pokojninskega razkoraka" [Economic Inequality of Women from the Perspective of Gender Based Pension Gap], Delavci in delodajalci, ISSN 1580-6316, 2016, Vol. 16, No. 4, pp. 609–626, http://www.delavciindelodajalci.com/P/PDF/Revija-4-2016-letnik-XVI_All_LOCKED.pdf;
- Hrženjak, M., "Nekaj misli o Beli knjigi o pokojninah in enakosti spolov" [Reflection about the White Book about Pensions and Gender Equality], <http://spol.si/blog/2016/04/25/nekaj-misli-o-beli-knjigi-o-pokojninah-in-enakosti-spolov/>;
- Hrženjak, M., "Spolni pokojninski razkorak in Bela knjiga o pokojninah" [Gender Based Pension Gap and White Book about Pensions], Delavska enotnost, December 2016, Vol. 75, No. 42, pp. 12–13.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was accomplished according to plans in May 2016, though dissemination activities are still taking place.

COST Action, Comparing European prostitution policies: Understanding scales and cultures of governance (ProsPol)

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FUNDING

- COST, European cooperation in science and technology

AIMS AND GOALS

Objectives of the project are:

- to map current prostitution-related policies, taking into account scales of governance and ranges of approaches across Europe;
- to consider European prostitution policies in the cultural, social, economic and historical context in which they are produced;
- to offer insights into the effects (intended and unintended) of different prostitution policy regimes and approaches;
- to contribute to a more informed debate about prostitution regulation in Europe;
- to provide opportunities for Early Career and Senior Researchers to engage in mutually enriching academic exchanges;
- to advance research capacity by enabling researchers to develop collaborative work, programmes and activities.

REALIZATION IN 2016

I. Šori was a visiting fellow at several institutions and sex work organisations in the Netherlands, to obtain knowledge from the field of self-organisation in sex work, March 2016.

M. Pajnik and I. Šori have done the last revision of the article Prostitution policy in Slovenia, which is scheduled for publication in an edited collection gathering chapters on prostitution policy and sex work in the European and global context (Routledge).

R. Kuhar and M. Pajnik work on an article on male sex work in Slovenia to be published in a theme issue of the journal Sexuality Research and Social Policy.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Participation at COST meeting; paper at the conference, M. Pajnik, I. Šori, "Sex industry in Slovenia on the web: between oligopolies of organisers and powerlessness of sex workers", Zagreb, 19–21 September 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Results are available at the project website: <http://prospol.eu/is1209/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is an important contribution to the exchange of experiences between more than 50 researchers in the field of prostitution and sex work within the European context.

The closing conference of a five-year project will be organised in March 29–31 in Copenhagen.

Developing bystander responses to sexual harassment among young people

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- London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom;
- Peace Institute (Mirovni inštitut), Slovenia;

AIMS AND GOALS

In 2014 the Fundamental Rights Agency found that sexual harassment (SH) was the most prevalent form of violence against girls and women, across the 28 EU member states. A promising new approach to the prevention of SH is targeting young people as bystanders, inviting them to notice and intervene in SH situations. In this project, developed in Portugal, Slovenia, United Kingdom and Malta, the researchers will develop, pilot, implement, and evaluate a school-based programme for bystanders to prevent SH in high-schools.

Objectives are to increase knowledge and awareness of SH in students and staff; develop, pilot and deliver a training program for students and school staff to enable them to intervene in situations of SH; increase the motivation of bystanders to stop SH in high schools; develop a manual and materials adapted to each country; develop school policies and protocols on SH, and to compare the implementation and effectiveness of the program in the four countries.

REALIZATION IN 2016

The main activities were the kick off meeting, planning and organisation, and starting of the background research for the project.

EVENTS IN 2016

- Kick off meeting, Porto, 7–9 December 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project has started in 2016 and will continue in 2017 and 2018.

- Society for non-violent communication (Društvo za nenasilno komunikacijo – DNK), Slovenia;
- Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta

FUNDING

- European Commission

EIGE Study on terminology and indicators for data collection on femicide, rape and IPV

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FUNDING

- European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

AIMS AND GOALS

The overall objective of the project is to establish a measure of violence against women through the use of indicators on rape, femicide and intimate partner violence (IPV), which will guide methods of data collection in such a way as to ensure reliable and comparable data on violence against women (VAW) across the 28 EU Member States.

REALIZATION IN 2016

We reviewed administrative data sources and national surveys. On this basis we prepared a report for Slovenia that was used for a synthesis report, which covered all EU Member States.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we have successfully completed the research and prepared the Country Report.

Comparing Croatian and Slovenian Prostitution Regimes

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FUNDING

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AIMS AND GOALS

Prostitution is a taboo topic in the former Yugoslav countries and engaging in sex work is criminalised in several countries, even if decriminalised (the case of Slovenia). The policy development is ideological rather than empirically driven and is, in many cases, not informed by the human rights standards. Indeed, in both countries, human rights abuses of sex workers are frequent but are not challenged and there is no sex workers organisation. There is little research on prostitution, particularly research that is based on narratives of sex workers. Further, there are no studies comparing Croatian and Slovenian prostitution policies and their impact on sex workers. This comparative research assesses commonalities and differences of prostitution policies in the two countries. It looks at how the differences are reflected in legal and public discourses and the narratives of sex workers. The research is focused on eliciting experiences of sex workers, as the most important source of information in designing and implementing feasible and effective policies. By undertaking research in the two post-socialist EU members, which prostitution regimes fall outside the dominant frameworks, this study brings new perspectives to the scholarship on prostitution, which can make prostitution policies more inclusive. It questions the main concepts of victimhood vs. agency, work vs. violence in the context of specific cultural, economic and political circumstances of the two countries.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Project activities included:

- comparison of law and policies from the field of prostitution in Slovenia and Croatia;
- planning of field work (methodology-questionnaire for interviews with sex workers, for interviews with legal experts and methodology for case law analysis).

EVENTS IN 2016

- Project meeting, Zagreb, 1–2 June 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

More information is available at <http://isrf.org/about/fellows-and-projects/fg2-4/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECT CONTINUATION

In the year 2017 we plan to carry out field work, prepare reports and publications, and present project results.



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Peace Institute Library

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AIMS AND GOALS

The library focuses on:

- library activities: acquisition, cataloguing, preservation and lending of library material to internal and external users;
- information activities: basic information literacy services for library users;
- bibliographic activities: creating bibliographies for Peace Institute co-workers.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Provision of library, information and bibliographic services.

Peace Institute Website

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AIMS AND GOALS

The Peace Institute website was established to inform the wider public about the institute's activities.

REALIZATION IN 2016

Activities in 2016 included regular updating of the website (composing and entering news data and release media statements, updating data, photo processing, photo galleries maintenance, designing banners, editing and publication of video material, etc.) and, at the same time, entering data into the database of a new PI website. Regular information via the PI Facebook page was also provided.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Results are available at <http://www.mirovni-institut.si> and <http://mediaobservatory.net/>.

Peace Institute Newsletter

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AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of the Peace Institute newsletter is to actively inform international public about its work, events, publications and projects. It is issued in English language only and is distributed to 2000 e-mail addresses. Registration to receive the newsletter is possible through the Peace institute website.

REALIZATION IN 2016

In 2016, three newsletters have been issued, in March, May and November.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2016

Newsletter content is available at <http://www.mirovni-institut.si>.

Peace Institute Membership

The Peace Institute or its employees are members of a number of national and international networks:

- Asociacija – association of non-governmental organisations and independent artists in the field of culture and art;
- CINETS: Crimmigration Control – International Net of Studies (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- Coalition "For All Families";
- Coordination of non-governmental and humanitarian organisations in the field of refugees (contact: M. Ladič);
- Ethics Committee of the Association of Journalists and Union of Journalists in Slovenia (member: K. Vučko, representing the public);
- European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (member: F. Arlič);
- European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law – ECSOL (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- European COST network ProsPol 'Comparing European Prostitution Policies: Understanding Scales and Cultures of Governance' (M. Pajnik, I. Šori);
- European Nationality Experts in Death Penalty Work (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- European network against racism in Slovenia (contact: K. Vučko);
- European Network of Legal Experts in Non-discrimination Field (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- European Network of Migration Law Practitioners – MigNet (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- European Network on Statelessness;
- Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality – EIGE (member: M. Frelj);
- Fundamental Rights Platform at the EU Fundamental Rights Agency;
- International Law Association (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon);
- JUSTICIA European Rights Network;
- KOSRIS – Coordination of Independent Research Institutes of Slovenia;
- Migration forum;
- Odysseus Academic Network of Experts in Asylum and Migration (member: N. K. Šalamon);
- PASOS – Policy Association for an Open Society;
- Programming Council of RTV Slovenia (member: B. Petkovič, representing the public, viewers and listeners of RTV Slovenia);
- REKOM Coalition;
- Research Network for Domestic Worker Rights (member: M. Hrženjak);
- Scientific Committee of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at the European University Institute in Florence (member: B. Petkovič);
- Statewatch (member: B. Petkovič) and
- Women's Lobby Slovenia.

Peace Institute as a Founding Member

The Peace Institute is a founding member of the following non-governmental organisations:

- Legal-information centre for non-governmental organisations – PIC;
- Centre for Information, Cooperation and Development of non-governmental organisations – CNVOS;
- Slovenian Global Action – SLOGA and
- SEENPM, South East European Network for Professionalization of the Media.



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