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Introduction

The year 2015 was marked by an unprecedented number of refugees and migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa who crossed a number of European countries towards northern and western EU member states. In October, after Hungary completely closed its borders and criminalized irregular entry into the country, the Western Balkans migration route shifted south towards Slovenia. The Slovenian government under the leadership of Prime Minister Miro Cerar reacted in a securitized and militarized way that could only be marked as authoritarian, xenophobic and servile towards states such as Germany and Austria. In order to make sure that the state does not face a humanitarian disaster at its border and that virtually all migrants and refugees leave the country as soon as possible, the government established a humanitarian "corridor" with which it allowed people to pass without applying for asylum in Slovenia.

At the same time it started setting up a razor-wire fence along the Slovenian border with Croatia in order to send several clear messages: towards Croatia to show that this neighbouring state cannot be trusted, to refugees to ensure they understand they are not welcome, as well as to the Slovenian population to indicate that the government is not as indecisive as it seemed. The principles of humanities became completely irrelevant. At the same time the government used exclusively security discourse portraying refugees as a serious threat to society and emphasizing the need to protect the local population. Refugees were greeted with armed vehicles and riot police, and police powers were granted to the military with an amendment to the Defence Act that was passed overnight, giving a state of emergency feel to the whole situation.

Based on its decade long expertise in the field of migration, refugees and asylum, the Peace Institute was intensively working on this issue on many different levels, including the monitoring of conditions and procedures with refugees, cooperation and exchange of information with other non-governmental organisations, issuing public letters and media releases concerning problems encountered with regard to state policies and practices, alerting about the hate speech problem, organizing public events in order to

address various aspects of the erasure, as well as doing research and analytical work. Based on this we wrote a book on the "refugee crisis" to be published in early 2016.

Another topic which left a significant mark on 2015 concerned the rights of same-sex partners. After the Constitutional Court decided in September 2015, that the amendments to Marriage and Family Relations Act which would have granted same-sex partners access to marriage and joint adoption, alongside all other social and economic rights, may be decided by a referendum, the Peace Institute actively entered the referendum campaign. We participated in public and parliamentary debates and assisted the campaign team with argumentation to be used in debates. The referendum, which took place on 20 December 2015, quashed the amendments with the result 63.5 % of votes against, which brought the debate on same-sex partners' rights back to where it was in 2013. After that the Peace Institute, in cooperation with LGBT organisations, prepared a strategic litigation plan aimed at challenging discriminatory laws before the Constitutional Court.

In 2015, the economic situation stabilized, GDP growth returned (predominantly due to strong export), however the end of the economic crisis did not have positive effects

on the general public. On the contrary, the unemployment rate remained high (11 %) and so did the public debt (more than 80 % of GDP). Although the poverty rate in Slovenia is lower than the EU average, it is increasing faster. Public finance had been stabilized, on the account of lower public spending, which was a result of prolonged austerity measures (due to which the Slovenian finance minister even received the "Finance Minister of the Year" EU award). In this environment, spiced up with the "refugee crisis", various populist, xenophobic and racist movements really gained momentum.

2015 was the second year of the implementation of the compensation mechanism for the erased people that was established pursuant the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case *Kurič and others v. Slovenia*. The law continued to be subject to criticism due to disproportionately low levels of compensation provided, however the Committee of Ministers at the Council of Europe has not yet issued an official evaluation of the appropriateness of the compensation mechanism.

In this social and political context 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 2015 we implemented 33 projects (41 in 2014) out of which six were funded by the Slovenian Research Agency, 15 were funded by the European Commission and other EU agencies such as EIGE, four by Open Society Foundations, four by Norwegian funds, one by Human Rights Ombudsman and one by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. We actively participated in a number of national and international networks we are part of and took up an active role in a number of public debates through participating in other actors' events and cooperation with the media. There were times when a Peace Institute representative published in a particular journal or was a guest on a show almost on a daily basis.

The Peace Institute continued to develop research and advocacy activities within five thematic fields – politics, human rights and minorities, media and gender (we no longer had project in the field of cultural policies). Content-wise the projects addressed very relevant issues – political participation, activism, protests, populism and racism, as well as the role of the new communication technologies in

these fields; the role of young people in these processes; hate speech, discrimination, exclusion and various forms and scopes of inequalities; refugees and migrants rights and integration; violence and inequalities in interventions against violence. 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. We continued our work in assisting "erased" persons by providing counselling even though the funding expired in early 2015. In the area of fundamental rights, we worked on a postdoctoral research project. In the field of media we implemented one of the largest projects ever carried out by the Peace Institute – South East European Media Observatory. We researched media, especially new media, in the context of uprisings and studied the ways in which society is becoming increasingly mediated. We paid more attention to gender equality in the media. In the field of gender, we focused on fatherhood issues and on the issue of gender equality in local politics. In the field of the labour market, we analysed new policies with an aim to assess labour market segmentation. We also started to work on gender equality in the field of payments, including pensions. This is related to our research of care work which we address from the perspective of gender, citizenship and complex inequalities.

2015 was the first year in which the Peace Institute operated without the institutional grant of the Open Society Foundations which expired in 2014. Following the adoption of certain adaptations the Institute continued to function smoothly on an exclusively project-based funding system. The number of employees at the Peace Institute remained unchanged since the team continues to consist of 18 employees. Ten of them have a PhD, three have a master's degree, three are PhD candidates and one is a master's degree candidate.

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POLITICS

Hate speech and populist othering in Europe through racism, age and gender looking glass – RAGE

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FUNDING

- European Commission (Fundamental rights and citizenship)

AIMS AND GOALS

The project examines the ways in which young activists incorporate populist politics into their everyday life, also including the ways in which they define their membership in a 'community', and how they consider issues of gender, ethnicity and sexuality. Through engagement with civil society organisations it also examines the effects of populism, and the discourses of those who seek to challenge "populist othering".

THE PROJECTS' OBJECTIVES WERE:

- to examine the discourses and practices which are defined as populist by a growing body of literature in 9 EU member states: the UK, France, Italy, Austria, Finland, Denmark, Hungary, Slovenia and Bulgaria;
- to analyse ways in which, as Europe negotiates the current economic and political crisis, the weak position of young people (18-30), dubbed as the "lost generation" with low prospects of finding a job and education, renders them particularly vulnerable to becoming recruitment targets for parties and movements of the extreme right;
- to examine the way in which young militants of these populist parties incorporate populist ideology in their everyday life; how they define themselves as members of a "community", how they consider gender roles and elaborate men's and women's representation;
- to gain critical insight into the young people's motivations to follow anti-other "hate speech" or to oppose it;
- to identify preventive measures and good practices and raise awareness.

REALIZATION IN 2015

In the last six months of the project the research team acted to disseminate project results at conferences and round tables. Research team members worked on chapters to be published in books with international publishers: "The Rise of the Far Right in Europe" (eds. G. Lazaridis, A. Benveniste, G. Campani), Palgrave (2016) and "The Rise of Radical, Far and Extreme Right, Populist Shifts and 'Othering' in a Europe under crisis" (eds. G. Lazaridis, A. Benveniste, G. Campani), Routledge (2016).

EVENTS IN 2015

Final conference "Populist shifts, rise of extreme right and 'othering' in Europe: Challenges and anti-discrimination strategies", Brussels, 2 March, was attended by some members of the research team: R. Kuhar, I. Šori, M. Pajnik, together with invited guests M. Milosavljević and R. Šribar. The conference aimed at presenting results and debates on racism, populism, media and the anti-racist struggle.

Several public presentations of the journal issue "Racism: Cut up World" (eds. M. Pajnik, E. Valenčič), Journal for the Critique of Science, which, among other things, includes several articles that discuss project results, were organized in autumn 2015 in Trieste, Nova Gorica, Ljubljana etc.

The interview with the editor (in Slovenian) is available at <https://www.rtvslo.si/begunska-kriza/mejni-rezim-dobro-pokaze-evropsko-rasistcno-naracijo/374667>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

"Racism: Cut up World" (eds. M. Pajnik, E. Valenčič), Journal for the Critique of Science, no. 260

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2016 we will work on the book for Ashgate titled "Populism and the Web: Communicative practices of parties and movements in Europe" (eds. M. Pajnik, B. Sauer).

Digital citizenship

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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 the 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 2015

The project team worked on the thematic research "Social movements, media and alternative politics". Based on the study of literature, workshops and discussions, we have designed a survey based on three research questions:

1. What is the significance of developments in the theory of citizenship (digital citizenship) and what does, within this context, social movement mean for the period and after the uprisings in Slovenia?
2. How are movements constituted in relation to the media?
3. What strategies of (de)legitimation of movements are used by the "strong" (institutional) actors?

We have prepared a questionnaire for focus groups with actors of social movements in Slovenia during the uprisings. The questionnaire is divided into three sections:

1. Specifics of movements, performance, networking,
2. Reflection on the uprisings,
3. Media and communication.

The fieldwork was launched in April, and until autumn 22 focus groups were carried out with participants of movements.

EVENTS IN 2015

M. Ribač and J. A. Prodnik attended a conference of the European Sociological Association in August (25-28) where they presented project results.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

We are finalizing the thematic issue for the journal *Annales* (eds. M. Pajnik and P. Sekloča), including articles by researchers working on the project which addresses institutional politics, communication, the web and young people.

In 2016 we are planning to publish a thematic issue in the journal *Družboslovne razprave* (eds. M. Pajnik and S. Zavratnik) aimed at reflecting the uprising movement in Slovenia in the period 2012-2013.

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

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- 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 2015

A research project was carried out mapping the most important stakeholders in the field of SSE in Slovenia and a report was produced based on the research findings. The best practice in the field of SSE in Slovenia was also identified (Skuhna) and a video-film was produced presenting this best practice. A webpage in the Slovene language has been developed at the project website: <http://si.solidarityeconomy.eu/>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The project results are available at <http://si.solidarityeconomy.eu/> and <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/social-solidarity-economy-as-development-approach-for-sustainability-in-eyd-2015-and-beyond-ssedas/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2016. Encouraging media to feature more prominently SSE-related topics will be the most challenging issue.

- 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 (Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development, Raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education in the European Union)

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 or remain confined in traditional patterns of standard employments and Fordist labour market conditions.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The following project activities were carried out in 2015:

- legal study;
- sectoral analyses – interviews with representatives of trade unions and management in trade, construction, health care, agency work and the metal industry;
- interviews with care workers in different forms of employment;
- dissemination.

EVENTS IN 2015

Majda Hrženjak presented the paper “Care as public good or market commodity: regulation of home-based care work in Slovenia” at the international conference “Developing and implementing policies for a better future at work”, ILO Geneva, 8-10 July 2015.

Maja Breznik participated in the “Frankly about the precariat”, RTV Slovenija, 16 June 2015, and delivered the lecture “Working poor” at Rosa’s school for labours rights for young people, Maribor, 17 November 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

- Majda Hrženjak, “Work like any other, work like no other: regulation strategies of home based care work”, *Socialno delo*, ISSN 0352-7956, April 2015, Vol. 54, no. 2, pp. 79-88;
- Maja Breznik, Boris Mance, “Labour changes in the Slovenian print production after the outbreak of the crisis 2008–2009”, *Časopis za kritiko znanosti*, no. 259, 2015;
- Miroslav Stanojevič, Aleksandra Kanjuo Mrčela, Maja Breznik, “Slovenia on the crossroad: increasing dependence on the supranational institutions and the weakening role of the social dialogue”, *European Journal for Labour Relations* (forthcoming in 2016).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is implemented according to plans and will be concluded in mid-2016.

EWSI – European Web Site on Integration

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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 2015

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 up-dated;
- Slovenian EWSI Twitter account has been regularly updated;
- annual report has been written;
- regular contact with non-governmental organisations and other important sources of information for EWSI Slovenia have been maintained;
- regular contact with the project manager and international coordinator of EWSI has been maintained.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2016.

MIPEX – The Migrant Integration Policy Index

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) is a reference guide and a fully interactive tool for assessing, comparing and improving integration policies. It measures integration policies in Europe and North America in order to provide a view of integration policies across a broad range of differing environments. Using 148 policy indicators, MIPEX establishes the extent to which all residents are legally entitled to equal rights and responsibilities as well as to any support that addresses their specific needs to make equal opportunities a reality. MIPEX covers 7 policy strands.

REALIZATION IN 2015

MIPEX results were disseminated to the national and international public via e-mail, newspapers, social media, and PI webpage.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The project findings are available at <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/mipex-2015-integracija-migrantov-objava-rezultatov-za-slovenijo/> and <http://www.mipex.eu/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project finished in 2015.

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- Open Society Foundations

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 2015

In the reading seminar in 2015/16, the Kant's book Critique of Judgement Rights is read. The reading seminar took place two to four times a month in the library of the Peace Institute, with 7-12 participants.

EVENTS IN 2015

TWO PUBLIC LECTURES WERE DELIVERED IN 2015:

- Vlasta Jalušič, Peace Institute: The difference between beautiful and sublime in Kant's third Critique and its contemporary relevance, 11 November 2015;
- Matjaž Jager, Institute for Criminology of the Faculty of Law: Two modern uses of Kant's reflective judgements in the field of legal-political field, 22 December 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2016.



**HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MINORITIES**

The erased people in Slovenia: Towards justice and accountability (wrap-up)

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FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT ARE:

- 1) to facilitate wide regularization of legal statuses of erased persons by providing information, legal counselling and representation;
- 2) to achieve justice for the erased people by supporting the implementation of the ECHR pilot judgment issued in the Kurič case;
- 3) to raise awareness of the general public on the need to accept responsibility and achieve accountability for violations.

REALIZATION IN 2015

In 2015, the project was formally implemented only in the first two months of the year. During this time we focused on the preparation of the final report and closing of procedures of legal representation that we offered to the erased people. We arranged a permanent residence permit to one of the largest erased families in Slovenia. We finished our work on the application of the heirs of erased people which was lodged to the European Court of Human Rights. On the anniversary of the erasure we organized a public event in the City Museum. We prepared a letter to the Committee of Ministers at the Council of Europe which supervises the implementation of the judgment in the case *Kurič and Others v. Slovenia*. In spite of the fact that the project ended in February 2015 we continued with activities in the field of the erasure throughout the year. We addressed an initiative to the Human Rights Ombudsman to lodge a constitutional review of laws related to the erased people in terms of legal status regulation and compensation. We also continued with providing assistance and counselling to the erased people who turned to the Peace Institute for help. Throughout the year we continued to up-date the specialized website "The Erased: Information and Documents".

EVENTS IN 2015

"The erasure – Reflections on remedying injustices", a public event on the anniversary of the erasure, 26 February 2015, City Museum, Ljubljana.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The webpage "The Erased – Information and Documents" was updated. It is available at <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/izbrisani.si/izbrisani/en/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The chain of projects in the field of erasure supported by Open Society Foundations ended with 2015. To fulfil our duty to our clients we continue to provide free legal assistance to the erased people who turn to the Peace Institute for help in terms of legal status regulation and compensations, in spite of the fact that we no longer have the project funds for this activity.

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 legal, legislative and political developments in relation to non-discrimination in EU Member States.

REALIZATION IN 2015

In 2015 we prepared an updated country report in which we presented the legislation, case law and other measures taken in the field of anti-discrimination. We also provided four flash reports to the coordinator and responded to two special requests for information on specific aspects of the anti-discrimination law. Due to the increased terrorist threat alert level in Brussels we have not attended this year's legal seminar and annual meeting.

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events took place in 2015:

- legal seminar, 24 November 2015;
- annual meeting, 23 November 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Annual report and flash reports are available at <http://www.equalitylaw.eu/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 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.

Rights on the move – Rainbow families in Europe

AIMS AND GOALS

The project "Rights on the move" looked at the European protection of the rights of rainbow families, i.e. families where the parental roles are played by persons of the same legal gender – moving and residing within the EU.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The project (2013-2014) was extended by two months and ended on 28 February 2015. In these two months we focused on completing activities, communication with the designer, and the finalization of the White Paper in five languages and the preparation of the electronic version of the White Paper with hyperlinks. We monitored the implementation of de-centralized trainings and carried out coordination with the authors of the national reports from Slovakia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Austria and Denmark. Since the project was finishing, we made sure that all invoices were settled on time and that narrative and financial reports were prepared and submitted.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The Peace Institute has successfully carried out the parts of the project it was responsible for, in particular the central training in Ljubljana in 2014, the monitoring of decentralized trainings carried out by participants at the central training, the preparation of the White Paper in five languages, the preparation of the Slovenian national report on the LGBT community and participation in other activities of the consortium. All activities were carried out within the foreseen budget and detailed final reports were prepared.

Fundamental rights of citizens and foreigners in the European Union

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FUNDING

- 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 on the EU level from the perspective of fundamental rights protection instruments (in particular the Charter of Fundamental Rights and CJEU and ECHR case law).

REALIZATION IN 2015

In 2015 we first gathered and analysed the relevant literature, particularly scholarly articles published in international journals and international monographs. Further, expert interviews were carried out in the field of fundamental rights and EU citizenship. We were intensively engaged in writing scholarly articles and participating in public events. We were also preparing a book on the refugee crisis. In addition to the published articles or those accepted for publishing we also wrote and submitted the following articles:

- Disparate impact of indirect discrimination in the law of the European Union, the Council of Europe and in Slovenian case law (submitted with *Pravnik* journal);
- Asylum systems in the Western Balkan countries: current issues (submitted with *International Migration Journal*);
- Legal Implications of the "Humanitarian Corridor" (written for the book that will be published by the Peace Institute).

EVENTS IN 2015

Research results were presented at the following public events:

- "Effectiveness of the existing national, regional and international instruments," presentation at the conference "Balkan Route and Refugee Crisis - What Can CSOs Do? What Do We Expect from the National Governments and the EU?", Belgrade, 5 October 2015;
- "ECHR and the refugee crisis," presentation at the conference "The 13th days of the European Law", Ljubljana, 19 November 2015;
- "EU legislation and relevant documents on indirect discrimination", lecture at the international workshop "Workshop for judges on fight against discrimination", Skopje, 26-27 February 2015;
- "International legal standards and OSCE commitments applicable to the current migration crisis in Europe", presentation at the conference "The Migration Crisis in the OSCE Region: Safeguarding Rights of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Other Persons in Need", Warsaw, 12-13 November 2015;

- "Critical Reflection on the Current Regulation of EU Law in the Field of Asylum and Migration" presentation at the conference "13th days of the European Law", Ljubljana, 19 November 2015;
- "Women's rights and gender equality", public lecture organized by the association "Integrirana vizija", Lendava, 22 July 2015;
- "Relevant European Court for Human Rights and Court of Justice of the EU case law on indirect discrimination", lecture at the international workshop "Workshop for judges on fight against discrimination", Skopje, 26-27 February 2015;
- "Administrative law, including asylum and migration law", lecture within the LGBT Legal Clinic, Faculty of Law, Ljubljana, 9 February 2015;
- "Introduction to the legal protection of refugees", lecture within Asylum and Migration Legal Clinic, Faculty of Law, Ljubljana, 17 November 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Articles (published):

- "What common asylum and migration policy?", *Pravna praksa*, 1 October 2015, Vol. 34, no. 38, p. 3;
- "The fall of prohibition of joint adoptions for same-sex couples", *Pravna praksa*, 19 February 2015, Vol. 34, no. 7/8, pp. 33-34;
- "The future of fundamental rights in the European Union: the case of free movement of rainbow families", *Delavci in delodajalci*, 2015, Vol. 15, 1, pp. 7-33;
- "Hate speech as an officially prosecutable criminal act", in: *1. dnevi prava zasebnosti in svobode izražanja*, Kranjska Gora, 9. in 10. April 2015, *Zbornik 2015*, 1. natis, Ljubljana, IUS Software, GV založba, 2015, pp. 23-27;
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- "Family reunification – between the restrictiveness of state policies and the right to the protection of family life", *Pravna praksa*, 5 February 2015, Vol. 34, no. 5, pp. 20-21.

Articles (accepted for publishing):

- "The effective interpretation of the principle of the protection of parties' rights in administrative procedure", co-authored with Katja Simončič, accepted for publishing by the journal *Javna uprava*.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was implemented in an excellent way. Due to intensive writing and public speaking there is a slight delay with the conducting of expert interviews, however, we are continuing with this activity in 2016.

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 2015

The project team carried out the following activities in 2015:

- the establishment and 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: 5 meetings of the Council, 3 public responses of the Council;
- networking between key stakeholders, empowerment of vulnerable groups and the transfer of knowledge in the NGO sector: organization and implementation of 4 local consultative meetings and 2 public forums on the topic of hate speech in Slovenia, participation in the campaign No Hate Speech and similar initiatives, meetings with representatives of relevant public institutions, etc.;
- dissemination of project results: 5 short video clips on the implications of hate speech, 1 video lecture on hate speech freely available online at the project website;
- education: 4 guest lectures about hate speech at the faculties of the University of Ljubljana;
- public action: implementation of a media conference, co-operation with the media and other stakeholders, active participation in public events, etc.;
- project management, partner coordination, project meetings etc.

EVENTS IN 2015

These events took place within the framework of the project in 2015:

- media conference to present the project and the Anti-Hate Speech Council, 29 January 2015, Ljubljana;
- local consultation meeting of the Coalition Against Hate Speech, 12 March 2015, Novo mesto;
- local consultation meeting of the Coalition Against Hate Speech, 15 March 2015, Slovenske Konjice;
- local consultation meeting of the Coalition Against Hate Speech, 20 October 2015, Škofja Loka;
- local consultation meeting of the Coalition Against Hate Speech, 20 November 2015, Cerklje ob Noč;
- public forum "With what response to address hate speech?" Kolpern Hall, 2 June 2015, Jesenice;
- public forum "How to enclose hate speech?", Pekarna Magdalenske mreže, 19 November 2015, Maribor.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is proceeding according to plan and will be completed on 29 February 2016. We have been actively seeking additional sources of funding to continue some of the project activities also after the project's completion.

“MADE REAL” - Making alternatives to detention in Europe a reality by exchanges, advocacy and learning

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The project involves one Odysseus Network member and one partner NGO from each of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK.

FUNDING

The project was in 90% supported by the EU through the European Refugee Fund 2012, the remaining 10% was secured by the Odysseus Network and partner NGOs (co-financing from the network members was not required).

AIMS AND GOALS

The objective is to address the knowledge and implementation gap concerning alternatives to detention for asylum seekers in the EU, paying particular attention to vulnerable asylum seekers, to assist member states in the transposition of the recast Reception Conditions Directive and to enhance the use of alternatives to detention complying with EU and international legal standards.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The majority of the activities were implemented in 2014. In 2015, the coordinator prepared a final (synthesis) report on the basis of national reports. In February 2015, the final conference took place in Brussels, where the results of the project were presented.

EVENTS IN 2015

Two events took place in February 2015:

- final conference in Brussels, including the presentation of the project results;
- round table in Ljubljana, organized by the Slovenian NGO partner, IPRIS, where the Peace Institute cooperated with the presentation of the national report.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

MADE REAL Final Report: Alternatives to Immigration and Asylum Detention in the EU, available at: <http://odysseus-network.eu/made-real/made-real-final-report/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The Peace Institute carried out all foreseen project activities. The project was concluded in February 2015 when we attended the partner meeting and final conference in Brussels. Continuation in 2016 is not foreseen.

Participation in a Coordination of NGOs in the field of asylum

AIMS AND GOALS

The purpose of the cooperation in co-ordination is to strengthen the role of NGOs in this field, to act jointly in media and negotiations with the state authorities, to exchange information, and to divide tasks.

REALIZATION IN 2015

As in previous years, the coordination took place in the form of coordination meetings between NGOs and the Asylum Sector of the Ministry of Interior. The coordination prepared a joint press release on the International Refugee Day. We continued to manage a mailing list, connecting various actors in the field of asylum in Slovenia. We maintained contact and attended meetings hosted by the UNCHR. In the first half of 2015, the main focus was on preparing comments and proposals with regard to the Draft International Protection Act, prepared by the Ministry of Interior. In the second half of 2015, Slovenia became one of the transit countries in the “Western Balkan Route”, facing mass daily arrivals of refugees and migrants, and all attention was directed to this issue. The coordination of NGOs became wider, including also organisations that previously did not deal with issues of asylum and migration and humanitarian organisations, addressing various needs of refugees, monitoring situation on the ground, advocate with the authorities (see RefugeeAction project). In the light of increased arrivals of refugees, the adoption of the Draft International Protection Act was put on hold so that further restrictions could be included into the legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Activities of the Peace Institute in this field are important for networking of the NGOs active in the field of asylum and the exchange of information among them. We plan to continue with activities in this field in the upcoming years. We will connect this activity with other Peace Institute projects related to asylum and migration.

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FUNDING

- Activities are complementing the RefugeeAction project, funded by OSIFE.

A study on the presence, content and implementation of legislative safeguards for the prevention of childhood statelessness in Slovenia

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FUNDING

- European Network on Statelessness

AIMS AND GOALS

The objective of this research, conducted within the European Network on Statelessness campaign "None of Europe's Children should be Stateless", was to study the extent, content and implementation of legislative safeguards for the prevention of childhood statelessness at the national level in Slovenia. The research comprised a detailed legal analysis, the identification and analysis of relevant jurisprudence and interviews with implementing authorities about their knowledge and experience of relevant safeguards, as well as with relevant organisations with regard to advocacy around this issue. Slovenia is one of six selected countries. The research findings will feed into both national and regional-level advocacy aimed to improve access to nationality for stateless children.

REALIZATION IN 2015

In the first half of 2015, the research was conducted (legal analysis, an overview of existing knowledge in Slovenia, interviews with stakeholders). The research resulted in the preparation of the national report, which was presented at the ENS regional conference on children's right to nationality in Budapest in June.

Over the summer, the Slovenian translation of the report was prepared. In September, the report was published on the Peace Institute webpage, accompanied by a press release.

EVENTS IN 2015

The research findings were presented at ENS regional conference on children's right to nationality in Budapest in June.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The project findings have been published in the report in English (Ending Childhood Statelessness: A Study on Slovenia) and Slovenian (Ustaviti brezdržavljanost otrok: Študija o Sloveniji).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project continued the PI work in the field of statelessness and focused on the statelessness of children. The PI will continue to work on this topic (statelessness) in the future, since this topic is completely overlooked by both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

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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- Human Rights Ombudsman

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 2015

In 2015 we cooperated within 7 NPM visits: 3x places of police detentions, 1x juvenile facilities, 1x secure wards in psychiatric hospital, 1x institution 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 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2015 we cooperated within 7 NPM visits: 3x places of police detentions, 1x juvenile facilities, 1x secure wards in psychiatric hospital, 1x institution for the serving of prison sentences, and 1x Aliens Centre. The aim is to visit places of detention to inspect and monitor the manner in which the staff treat the occupants of the secure wards/institutions where people's liberty is deprived.

We will also cooperate with the NPM in 2016.

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

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- Open Society Initiative for Europe

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 sensitize the media.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The project started on 15 October 2015. We conducted 16 monitoring visits to refugee camps, identified issues and (in cooperation with other NGOs) gave recommendations for improvements. We also wrote field reports and 15 letters/appeals to the authorities, attended several meetings with authorities, NGOs, international organisations (UNHCR, IOM) and humanitarian organisations. We organized 2 public events and an awareness raising poster campaign. The project team was in regular contacts with journalists, it gave statements, interviews, information etc.

EVENTS IN 2015

In 2015 we organized two public events in Ljubljana:

- "Media and Refugees: Contribution to the understanding of the events or to deepening prejudices?" (moderated by Brankica Petkovič, Peace Institute); guest speakers: journalists Gorazd Rečnik (Radio Slovenia - Val 202), Uroš Škerl Kramberger (Dnevnik) and Adi Omerović (POP TV - Epilog), Meta Krese, a photographer, and Boris Vezjak, university professor and the author of the blog "In Media Res", 11 November 2015;
- "Middle East: generator of the refugee crisis or the promised land of the West?", lecture by Zlatko Dizdarevič (moderated by Lana Zdravkovič, the Peace Institute), 25 and 26 November 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The project results include field reports from refugee camps, media coverage, public letters/appeals to the authorities, news about public events and a poster campaign. The results are accessible on the PI's website.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project implementation has been very intense in October and November when we were often present in refugee camps, writing reports, letters, appeals, attending meetings and maintaining regular contact with journalists. In December we organized public events and carried out an awareness-raising poster campaign aimed at the general public ("Once we were all migrants").

The project continues in 2016 and will last until 15 February. By that time we will organize 4 additional events, visit refugee centres and continue with monitoring and advocacy activities, sensitizing journalists and breaking stereotypes about refugees.

Study on forced marriages from a gender perspective

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FUNDING

- European Parliament

AIMS AND GOALS

Overall, the study's aim was to describe and analyse the gender equality and women's rights perspective of the practice of forced marriage in the European Union. The ultimate aim of the study is to support the formulation of possible proposals for measures strengthening the implementation of existing legislation and, where necessary, also to reinforce existing legal provisions.

The project covers 28 EU Member States, and selected associated countries (Switzerland, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania and Turkey).

REALIZATION IN 2015

Firstly, an overview of the existing knowledge and the relevant legislation (criminal, family, migration laws) was prepared and consultations with stakeholders were held. Based on these, a country factsheet was produced.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The PI concluded all foreseen project activities in 2015.



MEDIA

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

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- Kosovo Press Council, Pristina, Kosovo;
- Montenegro Media Institute, Podgorica, Montenegro;
- Platform for Independent Journalism – P24, Istanbul, Turkey

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 2015

The following project activities were carried out in 2015:

- in January 2015, publishing a brochure in 7 languages (covered by the project) on media integrity concept;
- in February 2015, the implementation of Phase 2 of the project in which the activities are targeting media systems in seven EU-enlargement countries (beside Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia covered by Phase 1 of the project, 3 more countries joined the Observatory in 2015 – Montenegro, Kosovo and Turkey);
- co-organization of a regional workshop in Skopje on advocacy and coalition building for protection of media integrity in 7 countries;
- development and implementation of 7 actions plans for advocacy actions on media integrity;
- supporting implementation of two sub-granting schemes – for investigative journalists to investigate media integrity issues and for CSOs to realize campaigns for the protection and promotion of media integrity;
- co-organization of the seminar at the Guardian for SEE Media Observatory partners and for investigative journalists/sub-grantees;
- methodology development and leading of implementation of the flash research on state-media financial relations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia, and on media ownership and finances in Kosovo, Montenegro and Turkey;
- compilation, editing, publishing and distribution of 7 flash research reports;
- presentation of the media integrity concept and research and the discussion between regional guests and national stakeholders at public events in Montenegro and Turkey;
- contribution to the editing of the website mediaobservatory.net with hundreds of new articles, reports, news and videos;
- publishing of the project-related news on the Peace Institute's website;
- co-editing of the newsletter distributed regularly to target audiences across 10 participating countries and European institutions;
- regional coordination of advocacy actions in 7 target countries, on a regional and EU level;

ASSOCIATE PARTNER

- The Guardian Foundation, London, UK

FUNDING

- European Commission (main fund provider);
- Open Society Foundations Program on Independent Journalism;
- Open Society Foundation Serbia;
- Secretariat for Culture and Public Information of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia;
- Department for International Development Cooperation Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Slovenia

- general coordination and overall financial management of the project, regular consultations with partners, advisory board and the European Commission;
- fundraising for co-financing of the project;
- submitting the final narrative and financial report for Phase 1 of the project;
- promotion of the project ideas/media integrity research among students (in Slovenia), media experts from across Europe (in Hungary) and in front of international organisations (OSCE-Serbia chairmanship etc.).

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events took place in 2015:

- regional advocacy workshop, Skopje, 28-29 April 2015;
- seminar at the Guardian, London, 28-29 September 2015;
- media integrity debate with regional guests, Podgorica, 12 May 2015;
- media integrity debate with regional guests, Istanbul, 2 December 2015;
- national advocacy events on media integrity issues: Skopje, 2 October, Novi Sad, 16 November, Prishtina, 25 November, Podgorica, 14 December 2015;
- project meetings of partners: Ljubljana, 15-16 February 2015, London, 28 September 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The 2015 project results are:

- brochures on the media integrity concept in 7 languages;
- reports on monitoring EU Guidelines regarding the independence of regulators and PSBs in 7 EU enlargement countries;
- Flash research reports: 1st series in Phase 2 of the project, covering media ownership and finances in Kosovo, Montenegro and Turkey, and state-media financial relations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia;
- investigative journalism articles by sub-grantees: two stories by journalists from Albania and Kosovo;
- Mediaobservatory.net: a regional website with hundreds of items, including research reports, articles, videos, news items and recommended literature in the section "Library";
- newsletter: five issues of a newsletter highlighting new content on the website of the SEE Media Observatory and sent to target audiences.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In its third year, the work of SEE Media Observatory as a regional partnership of civil society organisations which extended its operations to Kosovo, Montenegro and Turkey and now covers seven EU enlargement countries, has achieved recognition in all these countries and in the EU institutions as a source of quality analyses of media systems and obstacles for media freedom and media integrity. It has also not only developed its capacities and reputation through the work of its partners on a national level, but also through regional activities, as active and strong advocate of media integrity and concrete policy measures which would lead to the protection of public interest in media and journalism.

The project ends in 2016. The remaining period will be used for making final efforts for influencing media reforms and promoting values of media integrity, but also for fund-raising for possible continuation of the SEE Media Observatory as a regional partnership within the SEENPM network of media institutes and media centres.

Building support for media and journalism targets in EU enlargement countries

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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 EU-enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).

REALIZATION IN 2015

The project included the following activities in 2015:

- promotion of media integrity in Montenegro through public debate in Podgorica;
- monitoring the implementation of new media laws in Serbia and Macedonia, by focusing on privatisation (particularly of minority media) and public interest provisions regarding the work of public service broadcasters in Serbia, and on transparency of the AVMS regulator and the implementation of subsidies for domestic AV production of TV broadcasters provisions in Macedonia;
- first steps in the small scale regional research on best practices in media integrity (methodology and first interviews);
- advocacy actions on regulatory independence and other media integrity issues in Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia;
- publishing of the project outputs on the regional website mediaobservatory.net.

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events were organized in 2015:

- media integrity initial debate, Podgorica, 12 May 2015;
- advocacy events: Skopje, 2 October, Novi Sad, 16 November, Prishtina, 25 November, Podgorica, 14 December 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The following publications and materials were produced in the course of the project in 2015:

- Monitoring report on media law provisions on subsidies for domestic production in Macedonia: Need for an independent model of media subsidies for domestic production;
- Monitoring report on media law provisions on the transparency of the AVMS regulator in Macedonia: Transparency of the regulator was strengthened, but not fully implemented;

- Monitoring report on media law provisions on the privatization of minority media in Serbia: Minority language media in Serbia: Liberation or disappearance?;
- Monitoring report on media law provisions on public interest in the programmes of public service broadcasters in Serbia: Public service broadcasters are (not) in the service of citizens;
- Policy paper on the transparency and professional ethics of news web portals in Kosovo (in the Albanian language);
- regional website mediaobservatory.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in the first half of 2016 with the implementation of the remaining advocacy actions on media integrity, finalization of the research on best practices and the organization of a regional meeting of actors recognized as best practices in media integrity in the SEE region. The regional website mediaobservatory.net will continue to serve the project, which is as such a contribution to the advancement and enlargement of the regional partnership SEE Media Observatory.

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

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FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The regional EU award scheme was established by the European Union and is administered by 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 2015

The project activities in 2015 were as follows:

- compilation of the final version of a Manual with the description of rules and procedures for national contests for the EU award for investigative journalism – to guide all partners in seven EU enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey) through the implementation of the regional award scheme in a uniformed and synchronized way;
- establishment of an annual award fund of 10.000 EUR in each country to be administered by partner organisations and distributed on the basis of the decisions of independent juries which select up to three best investigative stories;
- development of a logo/symbol of the EU award;
- regional coordination of appointments of juries in the beneficiary countries, done in consultations between partner organisations and EU Delegations;
- regional coordination of the implementation of national contests for the EU award in seven beneficiary countries, processing of nominations, selection of winners and the organization of award ceremonies in seven beneficiary countries;
- participation at the award ceremony in Serbia;
- coordination of news from the national contests and award ceremonies for publishing on the regional website;
- coordination of the compilation of a regional video clip on the EU award winners in 7 countries;
- production and dissemination of two regional press releases to target audiences in the region and the EU;
- publishing of two regional press releases on the website of the PI;
- regional coordination of post-award activities, including selection of a "regional winner";
- coordination of partners in their contribution to Result-Oriented-Monitoring and our own contribution to that;
- regular communication and coordination with partners and the European Commission, and where necessary with EU Delegations;
- self-evaluation of the project implementation in Year 1 of the project by all partners and overview of main conclusions;
- compilation of interim narrative and financial report.

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events took place in 2015:

- launching events for the EU award contests: Albania, 17 March, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 24 March, Kosovo, 16 March, Macedonia, 24 March, Montenegro, 17 March 2015;
- Award ceremonies: Albania, 16 July, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 19 June, Kosovo, 10 June, Macedonia, 18 June, Montenegro, 24 June, Serbia, 8 July, Turkey, 29 June 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The project results in 2015 were as follows:

- news and reports about the launch and results of the national contests for the EU award for investigative journalism in seven beneficiary countries at the website mediaobservatory.net, website of the Peace Institute and websites of all seven partner organisations;
- two regional press releases summarizing main information about the launch and results of national contests for the EU award;
- video clip on the EU award winners in seven beneficiary countries.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2016 and 2017 with the organization of new annual national contests for the EU investigative journalism award in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. Some small revisions of the rules and procedures might be introduced, in consultations with the European Commission, on the basis of experiences from the first year of the award.

Mediatisation 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 mediatised, 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 the technological and social convergence of the media based on digitisation (trans)form processes of mediatisation 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 mediatisation 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 as merely 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 mediatised forms of communicative and instrumental actions.

REALIZATION IN 2015

Within the workstream "Social movements, internetisation and alternative politics" we explored the meanings of social movements, what is a movement, when and in which circumstances we speak of formations of movements. We started to explore what is the potential of social movements which are constituted through mediatisation processes for the democratisation of societies.

We focused on the exploration of communication of feminist and LGBT movements in Slovenia during the uprisings (2012-13). We have carried out an analysis of networks that included actors who were active during the uprisings and that were in the next phase of the research involved as the interviewees.

The baseline question is whether and how the movements are active online; we checked which actors are connected and how, what is the strength of the links, what the role of the media in the links is.

We conducted interviews, 8 semi-structured interviews with actors in the field of feminism and LGBT people to address topics that these movements introduce in the public sphere, what are the practices of their media action and what is role of the media in mobilizing movements.

EVENTS IN 2015

- Pajnik, Mojca, Žiga Vodovnik, Živa Humer, conference "Central and Eastern European Media and Communication Conference", paper "Understanding Social Movements: The Case of Feminist and LGBT Movements in Slovenia and their Communication", ECREA, Zagreb, 12-14 June 2015;
- Vodovnik, Žiga, Humer Živa, presentation at the conference "Participation of and in the media", conference of Radio Marš, Maribor, 11-13 February 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

This research project addresses normative-theoretical and empirical issues of the mediatisation 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 mediatisation to feed into future research in the field, but also inform policy and practice of mediatised governance, and contribute to the development of political (communication) culture in Slovenia. Although the project does not employ the mediatisation concept to analyse the relationship between science and the mass media, its findings are directly relevant not only to the discipline of media studies but also – at least in pragmatic terms – to science as a whole.

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,
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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 the citizens demanded government accountability, suggested better policy solutions and promoted better citizen participation. Here we recognised the need to examine the 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 2015

The research aims to provide insights into the 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, which online platforms did they use to inform, mobilise and organize 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 instrumentalized 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.

EVENTS IN 2015

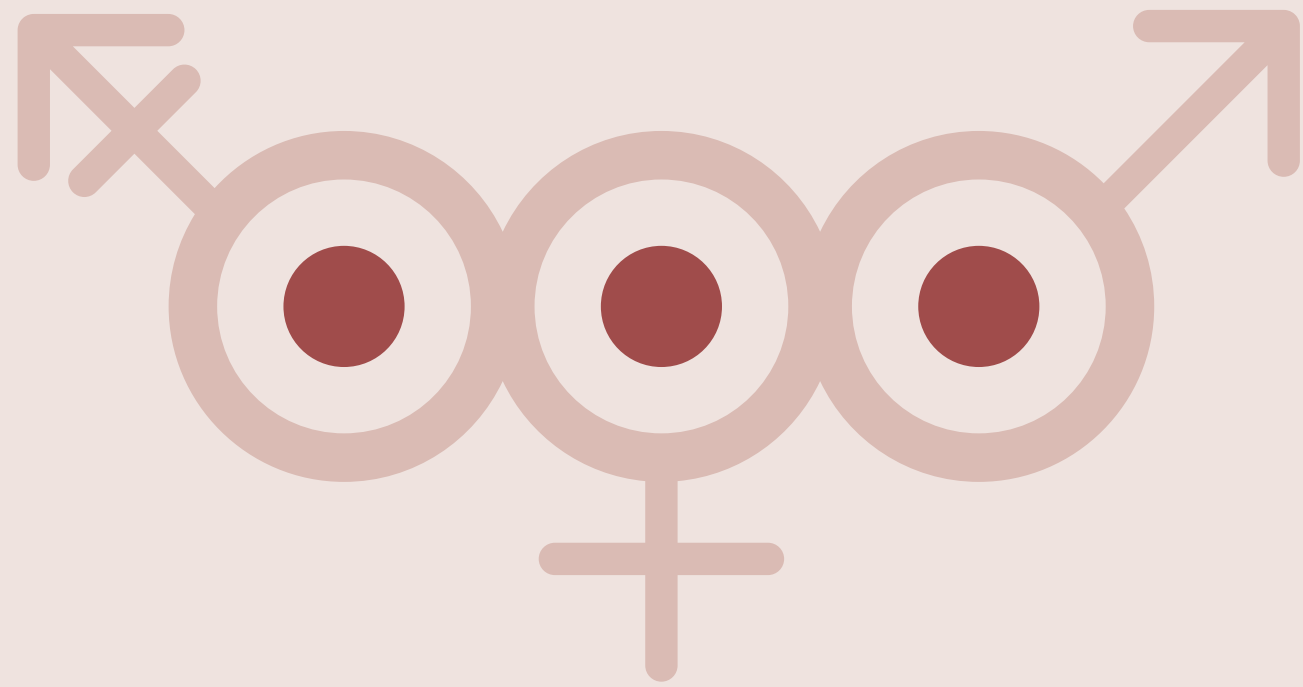
Researchers presented the project results at the CEECOM conference, the Central and Eastern European Media and Communication Conference, ECREA, Zagreb, 12-14 June 2015.

A project workshop took place in Sarajevo between 23 and 25 November 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

On 21 January 2016, the conference entitled "Communication in the context of citizen protests: the experiences from the SEE region" will take place in Sarajevo, where project results will be presented and discussed. Several project publications are planned.

The research will expectedly contribute to a better understanding of communication dynamics during the protests and social movements and will enable recommendations for the 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 three countries and beyond.



GENDER

Care work between individualization, globalization and socialization

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AIMS AND GOALS

Within the framework of the feminist reflection of welfare system developments the project analyses policy negotiations of new borders concerning the redistribution of costs, work and responsibilities for care between the family, the 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 articulating transformative potentials of the concept of care.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The project team carried out the following activities in 2015:

- field work (65 interviews with care workers, clients, employers, organizers and activists have been carried out);
- policy analysis and analysis of care regimes in Slovenia in care for children, elderly, persons with disabilities and migrants;
- dissemination.

EVENTS IN 2015

- Hrženjak, Majda, "Globalization of care and segmentation of informal care markets in Slovenian context", invited lecture at the international seminar "Care chain: care regimes, migration and gender equality in an enlarged Europe", Central European University, Budapest, 26 January 2015;
- Hrženjak, Majda, "Informal care markets in Slovenia from the perspective of intersectionality", presentation at the international conference "Domestic workers in the countries of Central Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union: post-socialist migrations and inequalities", Centre for Independent Social Research, Saint Petersburg, 24-26 April 2015;
- Leskošek, Vesna, "The history of recognition struggle of care workers in Slovenia: from servants and household support personnel to care workers", presentation at the international conference "Sex & capital", University of Lapland, 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

- Hrženjak, Majda, Humer, Živa, Leskošek, Vesna, Bajt, Veronika, Pregledna analiza skrbstvenih režimov v Sloveniji: raziskovalno poročilo v okviru temeljnega raziskovalnega projekta "Skrbstveno delo med individualizacijo, socializacijo in globalizacijo", Ljubljana, Mirovni inštitut, 2015, 83 pp., tables, charts;
- Hrženjak, Majda, "Slovenian domestic workers in global care economies between past and present", in: Mirjam Milharčič Hladnik (ed.) From Slovenia to Egypt: Aleksandrinke's Trans-Mediterranean Domestic Workers' Migration and National Imagination, Göttingen, V&R Unipress, 2015, pp. 229-247;
- Hrženjak, Majda, "Slovenian Domestic Workers in Italy: A Borderlands Care Chain over Time", in: Dirk Hoerder, Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, Silke Neunsinger (eds.) Towards a Global History of Domestic and Caregiving Workers, (Studies in global social history, Studies in global migration history, Vol. 18/6), Leiden, Boston, Brill, 2015, pp. 120-136;
- Hrženjak, Majda, Pajnik, Mojca, "In the Grips of Work/Family Imbalance: Local and Migrant Domestic Workers in Slovenia", in: Kontos, M., Bonifacio, G. (ed.) Migrant domestic workers and family life: international perspectives, (Migration, minorities and citizenship), Basingstoke, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, pp. 211-230.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is implemented according to plans and will continue until 2017.

Fathers and employers in action - ODA

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FUNDING

Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme 2009-2014

AIMS AND GOALS

The project focuses on active fatherhood and work-life balance. The “Flexible package of measures” model, which directly targets employed fathers, is developed and tested.

REALIZATION IN 2015

On the basis of quantitative and qualitative research and state of the art analysis, we identified the needs and constraints of working fathers in their work – life balance. In collaboration with working fathers, employers and trade unions a model “Flexible package of measures” was developed and tested in a 6-month pilot test in RTVSLO, the police, GoOpti and Support & Trade d.o.o.

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events took place in 2015:

- two press conferences, 2 March and 17 June 2015;
- presentation of the project at the International Business and Trade Fair in Celje (8-13 September 2015), Children’s Bazaar in Ljubljana (20 September 2015), Pippi’s festival in Velenje (20 September 2015), Lupa, Festival of Slovenian Non-Governmental Organisations in Ljubljana (24 September 2015), Festival of Shopping and Fun in BTC City in Ljubljana (17-18 October 2015);
- cooperation with the Ekvilib Institute with the organization of activities at the Day of Work and Family, 12 December 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Materials produced in 2015 include:

- press releases at two press conferences;
- public releases (July and December 2015);
- leaflet.

Information about the project and its results is available at the project website www.enakopraven-oc.si, and the project FB and Twitter profiles.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project ODA is a labour intense project, involving many activities (online survey, interviews, good practice analysis, an overview and mapping of the organisations in Slovenia, preparation and implementation of the pilot test in 4 organisations, public relations). The work among partners is adequately distributed. Advisory board, which was appointed at the beginning of the project, enables professional support to project team.

ODA project activities are continuing in 2016 (the end of the project – 31 August 2016). In 2016, the guide for employers will be prepared, two workshops for employers will be carried out, panel discussion for decision- and policy-makers will be organized, and the final conference will be held in Ljubljana. In order to raise awareness among employers, men, women and wider society, two videos will be created. Also two publications are planned, a monograph and e-book on fatherhood in Slovenia (the first book of its kind in Slovenia, which is based on personal experiences of fathers).

OPENN - Obtaining political equality by new names

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- Institute Meta's list;
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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 the 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 2015

In 2015 we carried out an analysis of the structural and personal obstacles and needs of women and their needs for entering politics at the local level: we prepared a paper on this topic; we analysed good practices together with our Norwegian partner, and the interests of gatekeepers. A study visit has been carried out, organized by our Norwegian partner, to get to know good practices of the inclusion of women and gender equality measures at the local level. We prepared an analysis of the electoral chances of women at the local level, analysis of the (Slovenian and Norwegian) legislative and analysis of needs of newly elected politicians. We have been raising awareness of the expert and wider public with expert articles, essays and columns in the newspapers. We organized several press conferences and public events. The project was promoted with a logo and poster, with a Facebook page OPENN and partners' websites. We prepared and printed an info leaflet. Weekly news was distributed at the local level and sent to app. 2000 addresses of local employees, mayors and published at the website of our local partner SOS. We identified good practices which could be transferred to Slovenia. Three workshops with mayors, vice-mayors and councillors (women) have been carried out; a local support network has been established and mentors identified. We created an interactive map with data on the number of women representatives in local politics and started with the preparation of the data base with women's candidates/experts which will be accessible on the website of Metina lista. At the 3 workshops in Maribor

we prepared a series of video clips for websites of the project. We organized two regional workshops for elected functionaries and produced a video clip against the stereotypes about women in politics.

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events were organized in 2015:

- kick-off meeting, February 2015;
- press conferences: Ljubljana, 17 April 2015, Maribor, 7 July 2015;
- workshops, Maribor, 4-6 July 2015;
- regional meetings: Maribor, Ljubljana, November 2015.

Information about the project is available at:

- Radio Maribor (from 2:45 onward): <http://4d.rtvsllo.si/arhiv/porocila-razdia-maribor/174345314>;
- STA: <https://www.sta.si/2154084/zenske-se-pri-vstopanju-v-politiko-se-vedno-soocajo-z-ovirami>;
- Lokalec.si: <http://www.lokalec.si/novice/zenske-se-pri-vstopanju-v-politiko-se-vedno-soocajo-z-ovirami/>;
- IUS-INFO: <http://www.iusinfo.si/DnevneVsebine/Novice.aspx/DnevneVsebine/Novice.aspx?id=146366>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Information about the project results is available at:

- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/o-drugacnih-perspektivah-za-moske-in-zenske/>;
- <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/solidarnosti-zensk-v-politiki>;
- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/zenskevpolitiki/>;
- <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/za-vecjo-udelezbo-zensk-v-lokalni-politiki/>;
- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/katarina-teplicka-quotas-for-women-a-step-towards-gender-balanced-politics/>;
- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/milica-antic-gaber-lokalne-politike-ne-smemo-prepuscati-izkljucno-moskim/>;
- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/vlasta-jalusic-zakaj-je-pomembna-solidarnost-zensk/>;
- <http://metadekleta.metinalista.si/milica-antic-gaber-kreiranje-politicne-arhitekture-v-sloveniji/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project is implemented according to the implementation plan and continues in 2016.

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

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FUNDING

- European Commission – programme Progress

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at raising awareness about the impact of the gender based pay gap on the pension gap and the feminization of poverty. It takes into consideration the issues of care and the precarity of youth in the labour market.

REALIZATION IN 2015

Project activities implemented in 2015 were as follows:

- preparation of the national study;
- production of two leaflets;
- partner meetings in Vienna, Ljubljana and Krakow

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events took place in 2015:

- awareness raising campaign (poster action and organisation of the Pay and Pension Gap Day in cooperation with a trade union organisation);
- organization of two national expert round tables in Ljubljana.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Special issue *Delavska enotnost*, vol. 74, no. 33, October 2015:

- Poje, Andreja, Vidic, Irena: Gender based pay gap: myth or fact?, pp. 5-6;
- Štampelj, Irena: Good practices in reducing the pay gap, p.7;
- Hrženjak, Majda: Pension gap from the perspective of gender (in)equality, pp. 8-10;
- Humer, Živa: Pension gap in numbers, pp. 10-12;
- Hrženjak, Majda: Why is the pension gap in Slovenia so high?, pp. 12-13;
- Hrženjak, Majda: Abolition of state pension and shift of security allowance in social security benefits – limitation of economic independency of elder women, p. 13;
- Hrženjak, Majda, Humer, Živa: Risk of poverty in old age, p. 14.

The project press release from September 2015 is available at: <http://spol.si/blog/2015/09/29/pravicno-placilo-dostojne-pokojnine-izjava-za-javnost/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is running according to plan and will be concluded in 2016.

Sexuality in secondary school students in Slovenia: behaviour, health and attitudes

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FUNDING

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AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of the research project is to conduct the first comprehensive survey of adolescent sexuality and attitudes on a representative sample of Slovenian adolescents aged 16 to 18. The survey will cover all major aspects of adolescent sexual expression with an in-depth focus on those which have been identified in foreign studies as scientifically most salient (e.g. sexual behaviour, attitudes, sexual health). In addition, our survey will also provide data relevant for the explanation of the embeddedness of adolescent sexuality into social and cultural contexts. In practical terms, it will provide valid information on the basis of which educational, health and other policies relevant to adolescent sexuality can be designed.

REALIZATION IN 2015

In 2015, we carried out a questionnaire testing phase and developed the final version of the questionnaire and methodology. Implementation of the survey will be held in early 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The preparation of the questionnaire represented a relatively big problem as the project is interdisciplinary based and hence the researchers in the team have different approaches to exploring sexuality. For this reason a lot of extra coordination was necessary and the collection and analysis of data was postponed to 2016.

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 2015

- M. Pajnik and I. Šori have done the last revision of the article "Prostitution policy in Slovenia", which is scheduled for publication.
- Activities within the network included the holding of an international conference dedicated to the discussion on the various aspects of sex work. The project meeting in Portugal stressed the importance of the self-organization of sex workers.

EVENTS IN 2015

Roman Kuhar and Mojca Pajnik presented the paper "Between encounters and business: Male sex work in Slovenia" at the conference "Troubling prostitution: Exploring the intersection of sex, intimacy and labour", Vienna, 17-18 April 2015.

The Action meeting took place between 11 and 12 September 2015 in Salamanca. More information on conferences, meetings and other project activities is available at: <http://prospol.eu/is1209/index.php>.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 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.

I. Šori has acquired an approved study visit to the Netherlands. The focus is on the topic of self-organization in the field of sex work (study visit in March 2016).

Between 21 and 23 March 2016 we organize action meetings (conference, public lectures and round tables) in Ljubljana.

DIKE – 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

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

FUNDING

- Norway grants

AIMS AND GOALS

The project sets up a sustainable system of empowerment of vulnerable and marginalized 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 an analysis of the legal framework that is dealing or should be dealing with the situation of same-sex couples in Slovenia. Neža Kogovšek Šalamon is a member of the legal team that is working on the analysis; she is responsible for civil law and administrative law sections. The project leader at the Peace Institute is Roman Kuhar.

REALIZATION IN 2015

Most of the work allocated to the Peace Institute was completed by the end of 2014 (survey on legal under-information of the LGBT community in Slovenia and the analysis of the heteronormativity of the legal system in Slovenia). In 2015, the Peace Institute was mostly involved with dissemination activities. In addition to media reports on the preliminary results from both studies (all three major Slovenian newspapers – Delo, Dnevnik and Vecer – reported on it), the data were also used on TV Slovenia (Odmevi and TV Dnevnik), A Kanal (Svet na Kanalu A) and during the parliamentary debate on amending the ZZZDR (Family Code) and subsequent referendum on this subject. The results from the research have also been presented at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, the Ombudsman, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the Interdepartmental Commission for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We have also disseminated the results of the analysis to some parliamentary groups and students of gay and lesbian studies at the Faculty of Arts and LGBT NGOs.

EVENTS IN 2015

Events organized in 2015 were as follows:

- press conference of the project (presentation of the results from the analysis of the legal situation of same-sex couples and families), March 2015;
- Presentation of the project, sociological research and legal analysis at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, the Ombudsman, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the Interdepartmental Commission for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, March 2015;

- presentation of the results of the analysis to the LGBT community within the framework of Četrtekovi dialogi, March 2015;
- presentation of the results of the analysis at the event "Je slovensko ustavno sodišče otok zase ali kos celine?" ("Is the Slovenian Constitutional Court an island on itself or part of the continent?"), June 2015;
- study visit of the Italian network of specialized LGBT friendly lawyers and attorneys Rete Lenford in Trieste, July 2015;
- finalization of the education for the future legal volunteers, July 2015;
- in Oslo we had a meeting with a new partner responsible for project cooperation with LLH Eirikom Aimarjem Engebretsenom. We presented the project, the project results and described the work that is still ahead, and agreed on the date and content of the study visit in Slovenia, August 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

Project results are available in the following publications:

- Vsakdanje življenje gejev in lezbijk in pravna podinformiranost II (Everyday life of gays and lesbians and their legal under-information) (ed. Roman Kuhar), <http://www.legebitra.si/raziskava-vsakdanje-zivljenje-gejev-lezbijk/>;
- Pravni položaj istospolnih partnerstev in starševstva v Sloveniji (The legal situation of same-sex partners and families in Slovenia) (ed. Barbara Rajgelj), http://www.mirovni-institut.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Pravni-položaj-istospolnih-partnerstev-in-star%C5%A1evstva_feb_2015.pdf/.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The majority of work the Peace Institute was responsible for was finished in time. In 2016, the dissemination of the results will continue. We will also participate at the final conference of the project.

CEINAV – Cultural encounters in interventions against violence

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AIMS AND GOALS

The project takes a dual approach to cultural encounters as they play out in ethics, justice, and citizenship, by focusing on the 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 contextualized in the history of colonialism, democracy, migration, and diversity.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The main activities took place on the two main tracks of research, theoretical and empirical. In the beginning of the year, we published 12 working papers online with the results of 24 workshops with professionals in 2014, and completed one comparative analysis for each of the three forms of violence in a paper that has the potential for publication in a peer-review context. With the support of associate partners, we found suitable interview partners and carried out interviews with women or young people who have experienced intervention. We extracted and translated stories from the interview material, and alongside our associate partners explored the potential uses of “storytelling” from the perspective of the recipients of intervention. We analysed the interview material, identified the ethical issues that they suggest and wrote an interim results paper for the discussion with the associate partners in each country. We conceptualized, organized and carried out art creation workshop with some of the interviewees, and presented this art work to our associated partners in a creative dialogue workshop. In September, we participated at the European Conference on Domestic Violence in Belfast with a Symposium (4 papers) (<http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/ECDV2015/FileStore/Fileupload.515847.en.pdf>).

EVENTS IN 2015

The following events related to the project took place in 2015:

- meeting of principal researchers, London, January 2015;
- European Conference on Domestic Violence, September 2015, Belfast University (Symposium with 4 papers).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

- “Working papers”: <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/faculties/faculty-of-social-sciences-and-humanities/research/child-and-woman-abuse-studies-unit/projects/ceinav/working-papers/>;
- Jalušič, Vlasta, “Understanding of violence, culture and minorities in discourses on domestic violence”, in: European conference on domestic violence: book of abstracts, Belfast, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, 2015, pp. 119-120;
- Jalušič, Vlasta, “Understanding the difference between violence and power”, in: Kurelić, Zoran (ur.) Violence, art, and politics, (Politička misao, Sv. 71), Zagreb, Fakultet političkih znanosti Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, 2015, pp. 15-30.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is being successfully implemented and will continue in 2016.

The Policy on gender equality in Slovenia

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- European Parliament, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

AIMS AND GOALS

The project included the preparation of an in-depth analysis on the gender equality policy in Slovenia, requested by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament.

REALIZATION IN 2015

The analysis consists of five thematic fields: women in the labour market, reconciliation of private and professional life, participation of women in decision-making, fight against gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The study is available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/510010/IPOL_STU%282015%29510010_EN.pdf.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The analysis was completed, continuation is not planned.

Collection of gender equality policy documents and grey literature

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- ICF Consulting Services has been contracted by the European Institute for Gender Equality.

AIMS AND GOALS

The project included collecting gender equality policy documents and grey literature in Slovenia for the e-library of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

REALIZATION IN 2015

We contacted national stakeholders and collected the relevant documents about national gender equality policies, covering the period 1995–2015. ICF Consulting Services delivered the grey literature to EIGE in early December 2015.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

The collected documents will be available in the e-library of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The collection of grey literature and documents was completed, continuation is not planned.



DISSEMINATION

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 2015

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 2015

Activities in 2015 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 2015

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The new website is not yet complete. At the moment, a double editing (the existing and new PI website) is in the process. Meanwhile, preparations for the design and layout of the NFM project website will follow.

Peace Institute Newsletter

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AIMS AND GOALS

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

REALIZATION IN 2015

In 2015, two newsletters have been issued, in January and April. The third one was planned as a thematic one (on refugees and migration) but was postponed to coincide with the publication on the refugee crisis that will be issued in 2016.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2015

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
- Coalition “For All Families”
- Ethics Committee of the Association of Journalists and Union of Journalists in Slovenia (member: Katarina Vučko, representing the public)
- European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (member: Franja Arlič)
- European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law – ECSOL (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- European Nationality Experts in Death Penalty Work (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- European network against racism Slovenia
- European Network of Legal Experts in Non-discrimination Field (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon),
- European Network of Migration Law Practitioners – MigNet (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- European Network on Statelessness
- Fundamental Rights Platform at the EU Fundamental Rights Agency
- JUSTICIA European Rights Network
- KOSRIS – Coordination of Independent Research Institutes of Slovenia
- Migration forum
- Odysseus Academic Network of Experts in Asylum and Migration (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- PASOS – Policy Association for an Open Society
- Programming Council of RTV Slovenia (member Brankica Petkovič, representing the public, viewers and listeners of RTV Slovenia)
- REKOM Coalition
- Research Network for Domestic Worker Rights (member: Majda Hrženjak)
- Scientific Committee of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at the European University Institute in Florence (member: Brankica Petkovič)
- Statewatch (member: Brankica Petkovič)
- 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
- SEENPM, South East European Network for Professionalization of the Media



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