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INTRODUCTION

»The state can provide security to its people and all neighbours only through such a security policy founded on human rights, political freedoms and social and ecological security, and in relation to neighbouring countries and people, it includes intensive social and diplomatic measures for non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliation with those with whom conflicts or tensions exist.«

The 1991 Declaration of Peace

The review of 2021 begins with the sad news that our long-time colleague, friend and one of the Peace Institute's founders **Tonči (Ante) Kuzmanič** passed away in November last year. Tonči was a rebel-researcher and, in this sense, a relentless critic. He often reminded us insightfully of symptoms, events, and social processes that most researchers had overlooked. With his original ideas, radicalism, and sparkling temperament, he made a decisive contribution to the shape and survival of the Peace Institute. He was a mentor and an inspiration to our younger colleagues. He will be remembered as a co-worker, colleague, and friend who knew how to throw an unforgettable rock'n'roll party from scratch, simply with his guitar and mastery of music. Glory to him!

Last year was also marked by the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Peace Institute. We celebrated it with scientific conferences, a public event, and an extensive online exhibition entitled **Who are WE?** The title has a double meaning (in Slovene language, abbreviation of the Peace Institute – MI – is also a personal pronoun “we”), as it challenges the identity of the Peace Institute and the people associated with it, and the word ‘WE’ also

addresses the inhabitants of the state of Slovenia, also founded thirty years ago. Our perspective was not only on the past but on the contrary, especially on the future. It is evident that, on the one hand, we must act defensively and stand up for what was taken for granted in the past (for human rights, democracy, public healthcare and education, work and decent pay, gender equality, the right to quality leisure, etc.), and on the other hand to address new, global themes necessitating a joint action of large and small actors (opposition to global militarisation, efforts to preserve biodiversity and fight for climate justice).

The current social circumstances in Slovenia and globally are marked by the crisis of democracy and the rule of law, the health crisis, and the deepening of economic disparities, so it is no surprise that we strengthened the Institute's thematic pillar **politics** last year. We acquired two basic research projects in this field: *Hate speech in contemporary conceptualisations of nationalism, racism, gender, and migration* (headed by Veronika Bajt), which examines, among other things, the definitions of hate speech and the effectiveness of counter-narratives, and *Transnationalisation of care for the older adults – diversity*,

recruitment, inequality (headed by Majda Hrženjak), which explores the intersections of care for the older adults and migration and the new international division of care work. In addition, we did a study *Contact tracing in the European Union: Lessons to be learned for the future use of technology in tackling societal challenges* (headed at the PI by Iza Thaler), which showed that in implementing contact tracing applications, Slovenia, like most EU Member States, failed to ensure that the operation of such applications was efficient enough to be justified and under appropriate public scrutiny. We also participated in the preparation of the report on poverty, which showed that Slovenia was one of the seven countries of the European Union where the at-risk-of-poverty rate increased in 2020 compared to the previous year (headed at the PI by Mojca Frelih). Within the politics pillar, we also researched political concepts, populism, intersectional discrimination and non-standard forms of employment. We concluded the *POPMED* project with an international conference, where we discussed how populist leaders are using social networks as new occasional structures for inciting hatred. As part of the project *A break in tradition*, we organised an international conference to discuss what kind of government is emerging at the beginning of the

21st century. In public political responses, we protested against the violent eviction of the Autonomous Factory ROG and called on the city authorities in Ljubljana to provide its users with alternative premises; we drew attention to the intimidation by both neo-Nazi groups and the police in the area of the AKC Metelkova mesto; we supported the Museum of Madness, which was threatened with eviction from Trate Castle; we joined an international initiative *Let's abolish the system of private patents!*, which advocates for the abolition of patents on COVID-19 vaccines and the dissolution of monopolies enabling private profits of pharmaceutical corporations; we supported the referendum campaign *For clean drinking water*; we demanded international protection and the right to settle in other countries for all persecuted individuals in Afghanistan, and a reflection on Slovenia's role in NATO; we participated in the initiative of civil society organisations *The voice of the people*, which prepared a series of concrete demands for political parties before the 2022 parliamentary elections. We were also active in the field of protection of the rule of law in Slovenia. Among other things, our director Iztok Šori participated in talks with a delegation from the European Parliament, where he noted that the

environment for the operation of NGOs has become highly hostile under the current government. The government and especially the SDS party are trying to curb the activities of non-governmental organisations by public slander, cuts in funds, destruction of basic infrastructure and legislative changes. One of the favoured targets of such destructive policy are the organisations residing at Metelkova 6 in Ljubljana; the Ministry of Culture has started an eviction process after a quarter of a century of working at this address, which we successfully resisted last year. Within the **human rights and minorities** thematic pillar, we completed an important study on discrimination based on ethnicity, 'race', nationality and/or religion in Slovenia (headed by Veronika Bajt). The study found that discrimination is most common among those treated as foreigners by existing legislation and the majority population and is particularly prevalent among applicants for international protection and refugees, who also report experiences of ethnic police profiling. We posted online *A human rights guide* (headed at the PI by Iztok Šori), which helps individuals understand their rights and obligations and develop the ability to apply human rights in concrete situations. We also researched procedures for obtaining

international protection, the problem of statelessness, the rights of defendants and victims in court proceedings, and the integration of immigrant women in the education system. We conducted several studies for the *European Agency for Human Rights* and cooperated with the national Ombudsman in the implementation of the tasks and powers of the *National Preventive Mechanism*. We prepared an infographic on the 29th anniversary of the erasure of people in Slovenia and conducted a successful donation campaign to cover the costs of representing those who have been living in Slovenia for decades without any status and have strived to regulate it; we demanded from the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to lift the constitutionally controversial measure banning the departure from the country; we proposed to the Ombudsman to investigate the use of coercive means at the protest on 5 October 2021, when police fired more than 400 gas rounds and gas bombs at protesters. In addition to research and numerous public responses, we organised several high-profile human rights events, including a debate on how the right to protest is being defended in Poland and France. In the **media** thematic field, we completed a remarkably resounding projects headed by Brankica

Petković: *Protection of the supervisory role of civil society and journalists in Slovenia* and *BEHAVE – SEE beyond hate: Learning and acting to counter hate speech online in South East Europe*. Among others, several infographics have been produced explaining hate speech accompanied by the online education of teachers on this topic. This year, we continue to investigate misinformation and hate speech in the media in the Western Balkans and Turkey. In our public responses, we supported Radio Študent, which was left without a good part of the funding; due to the encouragement of inequality, we reported the broadcast of Faktor (TV3) to the regulator of audiovisual media, which granted the complaint but imposed rather mild measures on the medium; we were also successful in complaining to the Ombudsman for viewers' rights at the public broadcaster RTV Slovenia for abusing the programme for a promotion of the SDS party. We called on the Programme Council and the management of the RTV Slovenia to take professional and responsible decisions on programmes in 2022, as several changes have been announced that would curtail the news programme and trigger the disintegration of the public service. During the public events, we draw attention to the discussion on the experience of journalists and civil

society in combating extremist, neo-Nazi groups, and the discussion on intimidation of female journalists across Europe, which we organised in collaboration with the Slovene Association of Journalists.

Within the **gender** thematic pillar, we embarked upon the project *Preschool education and the role of masculinity* (headed at the PI by Majda Hrženjak), researching the pedagogical practices of the official and covert curriculum in preschool education which influence the formation of gender stereotypes about care work. We also investigated occupational risks in sexual work and military families and continued with the project *Action dad* (headed by Mojca Frelih), spreading the idea of the importance of active involvement of men in parenthood through various media campaigns. We continued our efforts to adopt quality policies in the field of long-term care and gender equality.

The 2021 operation review of the Peace Institute makes us optimistic. After all, our work has been awarded several times over the past year. We received the **2021 Recognition for the promotion of peace, non-violence and human rights 'Krunoslav Sukić'**, awarded by the Croatian Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights in Osijek. Article by Mojca Pajnik and

Majda Hrženjak *Engendering Media Work: Institutionalising the Norms of Entrepreneurial Subjectivities*, published in the journal *Journalism*, was included in the selection of achievements *Excellent in science 2021* by the Slovenian Research Agency. Our new colleague Tjaša Turnšek received the *Professor Klinar's Fund* award for a master's thesis in which she analysed media representations of refugees. Notwithstanding, we are entering 2022 worried and appalled. At the time of writing, the war in Europe is raging again. After thirty years, the topics and issues that gave birth to the peace movement on the soil of the former Yugoslavia and the Peace Institute itself are again coming to the fore. How will we democratise our society and the world? How will we eliminate inequalities that trigger conflicts? How will we ensure the right to conscientious objection and lasting peace? It is time to take up the 1991 Declaration of Peace again.

Iztok Šori, PhD, director





30th anniversary of the Peace Institute

"In the network of activism and the study of circumstances, the most important thing is to maintain this network of solidarity in action, in science, in the non-governmental sector. Maintenance means that you can rely (if you can no longer rely on the constitution and laws) on the fact that someone will always be in solidarity with you in need, even though your problem is not the same as his/hers, and that you are always ready to be in solidarity with everyone others far beyond the boundaries of private interests. The Peace Institute is not a private institute, it is an institute with a public interest in solidarity."

Lev Kreft



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The 30th anniversary of the Peace Institute coincides with the 30th anniversary of the founding of the State of Slovenia. It is therefore also an opportunity to reflect critically on the social and political changes of the past decades and to raise questions about the future. Who are we? What kind of society are we and what kind of society would we like to be? How do we create a community that is capable of critical thinking and based on the principles of equality? What is the role of organisations like Peace Institute in these struggles?

The 30th anniversary of the Peace Institute also recalls its origins in the political turmoil of the 1980s and the wars on the territory of the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. Our research has been driven primarily by reflections on the concepts of citizenship, politics, nationalism, racism and exclusion, labour rights, women's rights, unpaid work, media freedom, culture, etc. At the same time, along with theoretical considerations, we also uncovered concrete examples of exclusions and rights violations (for example, of erased and foreign workers, asylum



seekers, migrants, homosexuals (LGBTIQ), various groups of women and children).

We published online exhibition 'Who are WE?', which presents the achievements and summarizes the activities that Peace institute has carried out in all these years in the local and international space. The question 'Who are WE?' ('Kdo smo MI?') In the title of the exhibition has a double meaning. It asks about the identity of the Peace Institute and the people associated with it. At the same time, the word 'MI' ('WE') also addresses the people of this country, which was created at the same time as the Peace Institute. Who we are –

today's state and society, formed in the last thirty years and to which the Peace Institute sets up a mirror through research, persistently drawing attention to inequalities, violations of rights and mistakes. Through the themes it addresses, a portrait of a community is drawn, which is not only beautiful and idyllic, even if some present it that way. As a bad conscience of society and the state, which does not allow inequalities and injustices to be suppressed, the Peace Institute is a source of discomfort and a frequent target of attacks. This is a constant that his colleagues are also constantly facing. At the same time, the online exhibition is



dedicated to all those who started and persistently run the Peace Institute.

The public event marking the 30th anniversary of the Peace Institute 'Who are We? 30 Years of Critical Reflection and Socio-Political Striving for Equality' took place on Wednesday, 29th september 2021, at Summer Garden of Gala hala, AKC Metelkova Mesto. Address speaker was Lev Kreft, philosopher and President of the Board of the Peace Institute ([video](#)).

When the dominant paradigm is one that considers all non-profit-making activities as "taxpayer's burden", the

question arises how to continue with critical thinking, research and action for the public good and social equality. It is clear that more than ever we need to reflect not only on 'what' we are against, but also on 'what' we stand for. It is clear that we need to be defensive and stand up for what has been taken for granted in the past (public health and education, work and decent pay, gender equality, the right to quality leisure time, etc.). On the other hand, we need to address new, global issues that require joint action by large and small players (opposing global militarisation, working to preserve biodiversity and climate justice). We had a



discussions on these topics at our public event with distinguished speakers of various profiles: at first round table titled 'Liberalization, democratization, movements and the establishment. What went wrong and what went right?' ([video](#)), moderated by Vlasta Jalušič, with speakers Evan Kraft (economist and editor of the first book on independent Slovenia published abroad) and Tomaž Mastnak (sociologist and publicist). Second debate 'What kind of politics do we need? Diagnoses and prognoses' ([video](#)) included speakers Majda Hrženjak (sociologist and researcher), Gorazd Kovačič

(sociologist and trade unionist), Alenka Kreč Bricelj (environmental activist and one of the coordinators of the referendum campaign for clean water), Suzana Tratnik (sociologist and writer), Boris Vezjak (philosopher and activist), and moderator Iztok Šori.

In the second part of the evening the projection of documentary by Toni Poljanec 'Kdo smo MI?' ([video](#)) was held. The documentary presents video portraits of individuals who were or they are still part of the story of the institute. This was followed by a half-hour performance by Samo Boris and Doša, and late in the

evening there was a surprise: the performance of the queens dear Mentalika, Vera Vulva and Patricia Vulva, who put together a special program for the occasion. Between and until the end of the evening, the music was provided by Selektor Dinarid.

Public event 'Who are WE?' was part of a series of events celebrating three decades of operation of the institute this year. In June we organised international conference '[WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT? Thinking Contemporary Forms of Government](#) (Historical and

[Conceptual Perspectives](#)'), and in September international conference '[After the summer of migration: right-wing populism, media and affect](#)'.

Kdo smo MI?

30th anniversary of the George Soros Foundation in the former Yugoslavia

This year, the Open Society Foundations, founded by George Soros, mark the 30th anniversary of its activities in the territory of former Yugoslavia. The first foundation in the region was established in 1991 in Belgrade, when the SFRY still existed. Its purpose was to support the processes of democratization throughout Yugoslavia. After the disintegration of the socialist federation, George Soros opened foundations in each of the new countries, and soon afterwards in Albania as well.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary, we recalled memories to the work of the Soros Foundations in the region, reflected the efforts made at the time, and discussed how the principles of an open society could be reenforced in the current situation. Therefore, between April and June 2021, the Soros Foundations and their partner

organizations are organizing online events in eight countries – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Slovenia, and Serbia. At the same time, a book will be published presenting data on the foundation's work over the past 30 years in these countries, as well as essays by over twenty renowned authors. More information is available at: <https://30yearsinitiative.com/>.

In Slovenia, an online discussion on the legacy and work of the Open Society Foundations was organised by the Peace Institute on 6 May 2021.

In the online discussion we focused on two sets of questions when presenting our memories, views, and reflections:

- first, how the efforts for an open society were conceived and



implemented in the 1990s, when the foundation was still operating in Slovenia, what impact the foundation's activities had on civil society, culture, media, education, science, and art; which achievements and approaches left traces, what is worth remembering and what is good to know about this period;

- and second, how the idea of an open society resonates in Slovenia today, what is left of the visions, ideas, organizations, and projects that the foundation advocated and supported in the 1990s, where are the potentials today, which processes and actors look up to when we think about the state and future of democracy and open society in Slovenia.

The following speakers took part in the online discussion:

- **Rastko Močnik**, sociologist, former professor at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana,
- **Tanja Rener**, sociologist, professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana,
- **Lev Kreft**, philosopher, former professor at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana,
- **Vlasta Jalušič**, political scientist, a researcher at the Peace Institute,
- **Slavko Gaber**, sociologist, professor at the Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana,
- **Anica Mikuš Kos**, pediatrician, psychiatrist and humanitarian, president of Slovenian Philanthropy,
- **Barbara Borčič**, art historian and curator at SCCA-Ljubljana, Institute for Contemporary Art,
- **Sandra Bašić Hrvatinić**, communication scientist, professor at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Primorska,
- **Danica Purg**, political scientist, founder and director of the IEDC-Bled School of Management.

Beka Vučo, who was the regional director of the Open Society Foundations in New York for foundations in the countries of former Yugoslavia until December 2020, also took part in the online discussion.

The event was moderated by **Brankica Petković**, researcher at the Peace Institute.

The participants were addressed by Iztok Šori, director of the Peace Institute.

Summary of the online discussion.



1. PROJECTS

- POLITICS
- HUMAN RIGHTS
- MEDIA
- GENDER

 **POLITICS**

Hate speech in contemporary conceptualizations of nationalism, racism, gender and migration

Transnationalisation of eldercare – diversities, recruitments, inequalities (TE-DRI)

Aims and goals

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 10. 2021 – 30. 9. 2024

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FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

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Research shows an increase in nationalist economic protectionism, Islamophobia, homophobia, hate speech and racist attacks on foreigners and minorities, but there are no in-depth analyses of the relationship between nationalism, racism, migration and gender in generating hate speech. The purpose of the research is to answer the following research questions: How to define hate speech? Who generates hate speech and what is the role of position and (dis) privilege in the social hierarchy of “source” and “target” of hate speech? What is the interpretive model that connects the concepts of hate speech, racism, nationalism, gender and migration? Does it make sense to address the contemporary challenges of mass migration, the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the associated rise in anti-migrant hate speech with alternative counter-narratives? The specific objectives of the research are to place hate speech in the nationalizing practices of the nation state; preparation of the first comprehensive sociological survey on the link between hate speech, nationalism, racism, migration and gender; contribute to a clearer conceptualization of hate speech; deepening the understanding of the interdependence between nationalist/racist constructions of reality and contemporary phenomena of homophobia, sexism, hate speech, exclusion and intolerance towards Others that accompany (populist) discourses on migration; to contribute to an inclusive society based on the equality and personal security of persons belonging to minorities, enabling each individual a full participation, self- realization and development of one’s own intellectual and social potential.

Realization in 2021

The project started in 2021. We organized a kick-off meeting of the project group, and participated in several online lectures or round tables on nationalism, xenophobia and migration, as well as seminars on data collection and quantitative analysis of qualitative data.

Announcement of the project continuation

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 10. 2021 – 30. 9. 2024

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/transnacionalizacija-oskrbe-starejsih-raznolikosti-rekrutacije-neenakosti-te-dri/>

The project researches the intersections of eldercare and migration and a new international division of reproductive labour. The aim of the project is to contribute to further evidence-based theorisation of transnationalisation of eldercare by filling the research gaps related to multiple diversity of care mobilities, labour recruitment processes and implicated transnational inequalities in a specific semi-peripheral micro-border region between East and West, ‘old’ and ‘new’, EU member and non-member states. The core research question is how diverse care mobilities (global care chain, circular care migration, daily cross-border care commuting and mobility of eldercare users) interact with labour recruitment processes, mechanisms, actors and transnational inequalities. Specific objectives of the project are to analyse: 1. How providers of care services and families/elderly use transnationalisation of eldercare as a strategy to manage care deficit; 2. How the welfare state in collaboration with commercial recruitment agencies becomes an employer of migrant care workers; 3. How global and circular care migration interact with daily cross-border care commuting and mobility of eldercare users; 4. How care emigration and immigration are co-related. Methodologically, it is based on mixed methods approach. It includes multi-levelled analysis that ties agency and structure and connects the micro level of migrant care workers/users experiences with meso level of institutional and policy factors and macro level of the dynamic of global capitalism.

Realization in 2021

The project was launched in October 2021 with the consolidation of the research team, the adaptation of project activities and content to the scope of funding, the work plan for 2022 and the start of work on statistical data collection, policy analysis and existing research. We participated in a roundtable on long-term care and in an international conference on the politicisation of elderly care.

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, we will review current theorisations and empirical studies from relevant countries; investigate the shortage of female care workers in Slovenia; study the regulation of labour migration between Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and Serbia; explore the system of employment of migrant women in elderly care homes, home care and the emigration of care workers to Croatia and publish.

Contact tracing in the EU: Lessons to be learned for the future use of technology in fighting societal challenges

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Iza Thaler

PROJECT DURATION

1. 4. 2021 - 30. 9. 2021

PARTNERS

Civil Liberties Union for Europe (koordinacija)
Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
Estonian Human Rights Centre
Hungarian Civil Liberties Union
Irish Council For Civil Liberties
CILD - Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights
ePaństwo Foundation
D3 - Defesa dos Direitos Digitais
Rights International Spain

FUNDING

European AI fund

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<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/contact-tracing-in-the-eu-lessons-to-be-learned-for-the-future-use-of-technology-in-fighting-societal-challenges/>

Aims and goals

The aim of the project was to investigate the technological response of EU Member States to the global pandemic, with a focus on contact tracing applications. The project built on the Peace Institute's past work on the protection of fundamental rights in the light of the introduction of technological solutions for pandemic management. Important objectives of the project were to identify the risks of deploying technological solutions for pandemic management and to identify best practices and lessons for the future. The project took place in 10 EU Member States.

Realization in 2021

Between April and July 2021, we researched contact-tracing apps from a human rights and good governance perspective. We looked at how the app was introduced in the Republic of Slovenia and the extent of the country's impact analysis. In addition to reviewing and analysing secondary sources and interviewing experts, we asked the competent authorities eight FOI questions, about the introduction of the app, how many positive cases were traced, whether any research and analysis of effectiveness had been carried out, and when would the app be withdrawn. The Liberties study showed that most Member States did not follow the principles of good governance - efficiency and effectiveness, accountability, openness and transparency - when introducing and using contact tracing applications. Countries have not ensured that the apps are sufficiently effective to be justified, and public scrutiny is difficult.

Available results in 2021

- Do EU governments continue to operate contact tracing apps illegitimately? [Elektronski vir] : #trackthetrackers, Thaler, Iza

Announcement of the project continuation

The project is finished.

Populist backlash, democratic backsliding, and the crisis of the rule of law in European Union

Aims and goals

The project aims to inform strategies to increase democratic resilience by studying the mechanisms "exclusionary populists" use to increase their power by undermining the Rule of Law in the areas of law, the economy, and the media. The project also seeks to identify the "coping strategies" societal actors use when faced with exclusionary populism. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach spanning political economy, legal-, management-, and media studies, we compare Austria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and Turkey, all of which have experienced varying degrees of populist success. This project is organised into four WPs, focussing on legal changes (WP1), business and economics (WP2), media and communications (WP3), and impact (WP4).

Realization in 2021

We organised several project meetings in an online environment where we discussed the theoretical concepts of populism and media, designed a methodology for collecting data on media ownership and media legislation, compared the data and preliminary results, and prepared abstracts for publications and conferences.

We collected data on media ownership for the last twenty years and looked at changes in media legislation. Furthermore, a social network

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 12. 2020 - 1. 12. 2023

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University of Cambridge
Goethe University Frankfurt
University of Vienna
Polish Academy of Sciences

FUNDING

Norface

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.popback.org/>

<https://www.norface-governance.eu/>



First meeting of POPBACK project in Cambridge, 25th and 26th of November 2021, photo: PI Archives.

Political and media populism: “Refugee crisis” in Slovenia and Austria

analysis of the data collected in the context of media ownership was carried out to show the trends of concentration and centralisation of the media landscape. In the context of legal analysis, concrete examples of (attempts at) political control through changes in media legislation were identified. Preliminary results were presented in the Communication Systems course at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

We designed a questionnaire that will be a methodological tool for the next stage of the project, i.e. a meso analysis, where we will examine changes in the work of journalists in the context of media ownership, legislation as well as political and economic pressures.

In November, the first meeting of the project researchers was organised in Cambridge, where we presented research and findings done so far, discussed conceptual dilemmas and planned the next steps.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project continues with the next stage of research on populism and media, i.e. meso analysis, where we will focus on identifying changes in journalistic work through the perspective of media professionals. We will conduct at least 20 interviews in each of the countries involved. Once the second phase is completed, we will also look at populism as a communication practice in the context of digital media and television. We are planning several publications focusing on changes in media ownership and legislation, both in the Slovenian and comparative context.



Presentation of the preliminary results of the POPBACK project in the Communication Systems course at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, 20th of December 2021. Photo: PI Archives.

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Otto Penz, researcher (Vienna University)

Daniel Thiele, researcher (Vienna University)

PROJECT DURATION

1. 11. 2018 – 31. 10. 2021

PARTNERS

Vienna University, Austria

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency

(ARRS)

FWF Der

Wissenschaftsfonds, Austria

Aims and goals

The project examines important links between political parties, the media and populism, in the context of the so-called "refugee crisis" in 2015 and 2016 in two countries at the central and northern end of the Balkan route, Slovenia and Austria. The historical background of the project is the erosion of "party democracy" and the rise of "populist democracy", marked by the decline of classical political governance and leadership as well as the rise of extremist political forces against the foreign, dangerous or unknown "other".

Realization in 2021

The project ended in 2021 (at the end of October). Several project meetings were organised in 2021, mainly to discuss the publications of the empirical results, the comparison of the empirical data obtained in Austria and Slovenia and the final stages of the empirical research:

Analysis and comparison of media populism in both countries: online meeting on 11th March 2021; constructing of the methodological design for the analysis of online Facebook comments: online meeting on 7th April 2021; final project meeting of the project research team on 18th September 2021 in Ljubljana.

We have organised internal discussions on the conducted opinion poll research on populism; discussions on migration and the media were also held; we have prepared research reports and a methodological design for the empirical analysis of populism on Facebook (its online comments).

We have organised the international (final) conference of the project entitled 'After the summer of migration: right-wing populism, media and affect', which took place in Ljubljana on 16-17th September 2021. The researchers of the project team contributed presentations with two research papers resulting from empirical research. Renowned communication scholar Zizi Papacharissi and communication scientist Lance Bennett were the conference's keynote speakers.

- Paper presentations of project researchers at the international conference titled After the summer of migration: right-wing populism, media and affect, Ljubljana, 16-17th September 2021: Pajnik, Mojca, Berzelak, Nejc, Šulc, Ajda. Whose media?: how are media preferences related to citizen's populist worldviews; Ribač, Marko, Fabijan, Emanuela, Performativity of political and media populism: analysis of political interviews in TV news shows Odmevi and 24UR ZVEČER.



WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/political-and-media-populism/>

- Paper contributions of project researchers at other international conferences: M. Pajnik, Conceptualizing populism for migration research: towards communicative ethno-national populism, paper presentation at the international conference titled Towards Reflexivity in Migration Studies: Knowledge Production in Times of Contested Politics and Post-Colonial Dynamics (organised by European Sociological Association and Technical University Berlin), online, 28th January 2021; M. Ribač, Populisms: divergent articulations of political futures, paper presentation at the international conference titled "Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures", European Sociological Association, online, 3rd September 2021.

Available results in 2021

- Report on the research and summary of results: Slovensko javno mnenje 2020/3: ogledalo javnega mnenja, Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Public Opinion and Mass Communication Research Centre, 2021, Hafner-Fink, Mitja, Kurdija, Slavko, Malnar, Brina, Uhan, Samo, Toš, Niko, Miheljak, Vlado, Vovk, Tina, Broder, Živa, Falle Zorman, Rebeka, Doušak, May, Gerdina, Otto, Jagodic, Ana, Zajšek, Špela, Kecman, Ivi, Pajnik, Mojca).
- Contribution in an edited volume: Populistički duhovi vremena i izazovi demokraciji: studije o populizmima (Zagreb: Despot infinitus, Veselinović, Velimir (ed.), 2021): Pajnik, Mojca, Šori, Iztok. Ethno-nationalist populism in Slovenia: paving the post-democratic condition.
- Scientific article: Medijski populizem in afektivno novinarstvo: časopisni komentar o »begunski krizi«, Pajnik, Mojca, Ribač, Marko, Javnost – The Public 28 (Supplement): pp. 103-121.



International conference 'After the summer of migration: right-wing populism, media and affect', Ljubljana, 16-17. september 2021. Photo: PI Archives.

- Scientific article: Migracije v času pandemije covid-19: Meje mobilnosti in družbene neenakosti, Zavratnik, Simona, Cukut Krilić, Sanja, Teorija in praksa 58 (1): pp. 72-87.
- Scientific article: Migranti in migrantsko delo v času pandemije, Zavratnik, Simona, Teorija in praksa 58 (3): pp. 785-805, 927-928.
- Scientific article: Politični in medijski populizem v televizijskem političnem intervjuju, Fabijan, Emanuela, Ribač, Marko, Družboslovne razprave 37 (98): 43-68. In print.
- Research report: M. Ribač, Review of existing survey data on migration and populism in Austria and Slovenia.
- International social science survey, collection of data, database available at the Social Science Data Archives, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana (Slovensko javno mnenje 2020/3: ogledalo javnega mnenja, Hafner-Fink, Mitja, Kurdija, Slavko, Malnar, Brina, Pajnik, Mojca, Uhan, Samo, Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2021).
- Frame analysis in newspaper commentaries in Delo and Slovenske novice, collection of data, database available at the Social Science Data Archives, Faculty for Social Sciences, Ljubljana: Pajnik, Mojca, Birgit Sauer in Daniel Thiele, "Migracije v novinarskem poročanju, 2020".
- Ribač, Marko (interviewee), Stališča državljanov na temo migracij in populizma, radio show Agora Divan, Klagenfurt: Radio Agora, 2021.

Announcement of the project continuation

Research project has ended in 2021, i.e. at the end of October, and the project team has completed its empirical research work. In the coming year, we are planning several publications that address populism in both analysed countries: nationally and in the comparative perspective. The publications will mainly focus on empirical analyses that examine in more detail first, the formation of public opinion on migration and second, populism as a communicative interaction in comments on online forums.

The break in tradition: Hannah Arendt and conceptual change

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Vlasta Jalušič

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Mirt Komel, researcher

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, researcher

Iztok Šori, researcher

Franja Arlič, financial management

Gorazd Kovačič (Faculty of Arts)

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Jerneja Brumen (ZRC at the Slovenian Academy of Science)

Wolfgang Heuer (Free University Berlin)

Cristina Sanchez (Autonomous University Madrid)

Zoran Kurelić (University of Zagreb)

PROJECT DURATION

1. 7. 2019 - 30. 6. 2022

PARTNERS

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts
Institute of Philosophy, Scientific Research Centre of Slovenian Academy of

Aims and goals

This project uses Hannah Arendt's thesis of the "break of tradition" and the consequences of this break for political theory, for understanding, the usage and translation of some of the basic concepts of politics – and especially to relate these to the chosen concepts of European schools of conceptual change. It systematically studies the specific of Arendt's contribution to analysis of conceptual change and shows the reasons why and where this approach is similar to, or differs from and disagrees with other relevant schools, especially Koselleck's legacy and how this impacts the explanatory power of the (selected) concepts. By building the interface between different research fields the project aims to enhance the understanding of the influence of political concepts on our ability to comprehend the contemporary challenges. Furthermore, the goal is to reframe and re-describe some selected political concepts in an original theoretical and for political practice relevant way while bringing together a group of scholars of different background, schools and research fields.

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the following activities took place: working meetings of the project group, comparative analyses, study of particular concepts, organization of international conferences and panels, participation at the conferences, publishing and dissemination via presentation of the papers and public events and appearances. Direct research activities included: a study and comparison of selected concepts in Koselleck's and Arendt's theory (freedom, emancipation, society, work, nation-state, sovereignty, revolution and crisis) and in other authors (such as Ranciere, Hegel, Marx, liberalist tradition). In June July 2021 panel took place in July at the IPSA Congress in Lisbon, which has been postponed to due to the epidemic. The project group organized an international seminar *The Inhuman Condition at the Interuniversity Centre* in Dubrovnik in September 2021. It took place in a hybrid form - partly directly, partly on-line.

A set of articles by the research group entitled Politics and action was published in the Philosophical Journal. In June, we organized a scientific conference, *What Form of Government?*, attended by Roger Berkowitz, director of the H. Arendt Center at the Bard College in NYC, and renowned anthropologist Mahmood Mamdani of Makerere University and Columbia University. In July, a panel of the research group was held at the IPSA Congress in Lisbon ([online](#)). An international seminar *The Inhuman Condition* organized by the research group was held at the



Sciences and Arts
Free University Berlin, Otto
Suhr Institut
Autonomous University
Madrid
University of Zagreb,
Faculty of Political Science

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency
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<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/the-break-in-tradition-hannah-arendt-and-conceptual-change/>

Interuniversity Center in Dubrovnik in September 2021 – with a presentation of papers by members of the research group. At the same time, the internal on-line reading seminar continued until the summer. Translation (and conceptual analysis) of Hannah Arendt's *The Life of the Mind* took place as well.

Available results in 2021

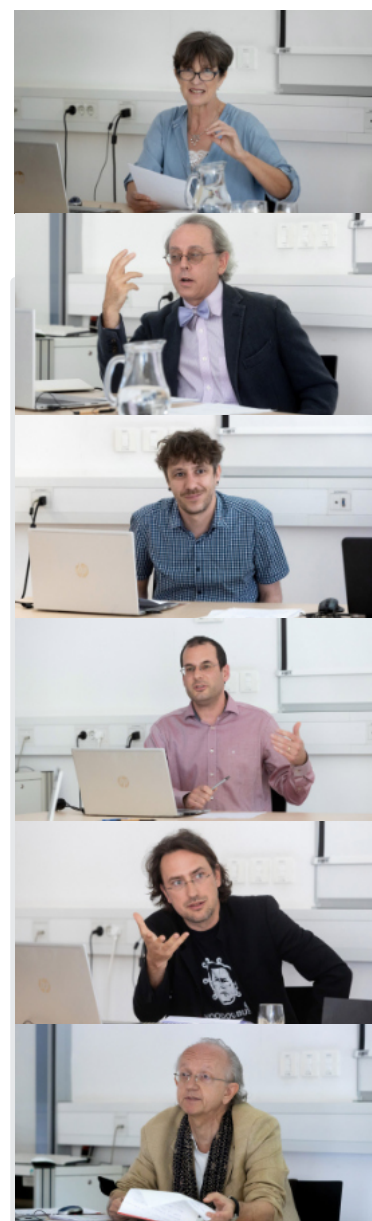
Scientific articles:

- KOVAČIČ, Gorazd. *Arendt's break with the liberal imaginary of society*. *Filozofski vestnik*, ISSN 0353-4510, 2021, vol. 42/ 1, str. 127-151, 270-271.
- JALUŠIČ, Vlasta. *Arendt, Koselleck, and Begreifen : rethinking politics and concepts in times of crisis*. *Filozofski vestnik*, ISSN 0353-4510, 2021, vol. 42/ 1, 97-126.
- KOMEL, Mirt. *"To act or not to act" : Arendt, Hegel, and Shakespeare on action*. *Filozofski vestnik*, ISSN 0353-4510, 2021, vol. 42/ 1, 181-195, 270-271.
- ZDRAVKOVIĆ, Lana. *The concept of emancipation as political action : (Marx, Arendt, Rancière)*. *Filozofski vestnik*, ISSN 0353-4510, 2021, vol. 42/1, str. 153-180

Conferences and scientific contributions at the conferences:

- JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, ZDRAVKOVIĆ, Lana (eds.). *What kind of government?: thinking contemporary forms of government (historical and conceptual perspectives) : international conference, 2-4 June 2021, National Museum of Slovenia - Metelkova, Ljubljana*.

Citizenship and discrimination: intersectional approach to research social exclusion



International conference
What kind of government?
Thinking contemporary
forms of government
(historical and conceptual
perspectives): 2-4 June
2021, National Museum of
Slovenia - Metelkova,
Ljubljana. Photo: Nada
Žgank.

Ljubljana: Peace Institute, 2021. 1 spletni vir (1 datoteka PDF (14 str.)).

- JALUŠIČ, Vlasta. Predicaments of the Nation-State : can we still learn from Arendt's concepts?. In: *New nationalisms in an open world*. Montreal: International Political Science Association, 2021.
- JALUŠIČ, Vlasta. "Politikunfähigkeit": the predicament of our time?. V: JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, ZDRAVKOVIČ, Lana (eds). *What kind of government? thinking contemporary forms of government (historical and conceptual perspectives): international conference, 2-4 June 2021, National Museum of Slovenia - Metelkova, Ljubljana*. Ljubljana: Peace Institute. 2021, p. 7.
- KOMEL, Mirt. "Neither rule nor be ruled": the (un)form of politics: presentation at the International Conference What Kind of Government? Thinking Contemporary Forms of Government (Historical and Conceptual Perspectives), 2 - 4 June 2021, National Museum of Slovenia, Metelkova, Ljubljana.
- KOMEL, Mirt. A government of the mind: separation of powers in Hannah Arendt's The Life of the Mind : presentation at the conference Identity of Europe, The Inhuman Condition, Dubrovnik, Sep. 6 - 10, 2021.
- KOVAČIČ, Gorazd. Rule by decree, aggressive rhetoric, and mass movement: the form of the current Slovenian government. V: International conference What kind of government? Thinking contemporary forms of government (historical and conceptual perspectives): 2-4 June 2021, National Museum of Slovenia - Metelkova, Ljubljana. [Ljubljana: Peace Institute. 2021], p. 13-14.

Public appearances:

JALUŠIČ, Vlasta (intervjuvanec). *Vlasta Jalušič: Interview*, RTV Slovenija, 1. programme, 18. 4. 2021.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project started in 2019 and continues in 2020, 2021 and until June 2022.

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Mojca Pajnik

PROJECT TEAM

Iztok Šori, researcher

Marko Ribač, researcher

PROJECT DURATION

1.7. 2018 - 30. 6. 2022

PARTNERS

University of Ljubljana,
Faculty of Arts, coordinator,
prof. dr. Roman Kuhar

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency
(ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

[http://
drzavljanstvoindiskriminacij
a.splet.arnes.si/](http://drzavljanstvoindiskriminacij.a.splet.arnes.si/)

Aims and goals

In recent years, Slovenia has been faced with visible phenomena of intolerance, discrimination and exclusion, which are the result of the economic crisis and the crisis of democracy in general, as well as a reflection of the crisis of active citizenship. Despite an increase in research work in the field of social inequality and economic systems, a broader view is needed to understand today's social and political reality. The proposed research project therefore reverses the logic of dominant research, and approaches the analysis of exclusion for the perspective of the margins – intersectional, we will analyse narrations, policies and representations through the prism of sexual and ethnic discrimination - the results will then be applied to the field of researching citizenship as the status that should guarantee to all full membership in the community.

Realization in 2021

- Discussion with prof. Miele Verloo on intersectionality and politics of equality, April 9
- After conducting state of the art, analysis of policies on (anti)discrimination and concluded field work we have focused on publishing and designing a monograph to be issued in 2022.
- Rok Smrdelj from Faculty of Arts and Mojca Pajnik wrote the article entitled Intersectional Representation in Online Media Discourse: Reflecting Anti-Discrimination Position in Reporting on Same-Sex Partnerships, that is currently in review in a journal from the field of intersectionality.

Available results in 2021

Symposium with prof. M. Verloo.

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022 we will focus to prepare a monograph gathering project results.

Segmentation of non-standard employment in Slovenia

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Maja Breznik

PROJECT DURATION

1. 4. 2021 - 30. 9. 2021

PARTNERS

Faculty of Social Sciences,
Centre for Organisational
and Human Resources
Research (coordinator)

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency
(ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/segmentacija-nestandardnega-zaposlovanja-v-sloveniji/>

Aims and goals

Research, first, examined, why the segmentation of non-standard employment in Slovenia continues, and second, why the situation of some groups of workers in low-income standard employment relationships is nearing the situation of the most disadvantaged group of workers in non-standard employment relationships.

Realization in 2021

Relying on a statistical analysis of the LFS database, information from the field research and other literature, reports for WP5, WP6 and WP7 are concluded (SŽ-VIT and LEK). Numerous disseminations of research results have also been made.

Available results in 2021

Maja Breznik, *Mezdno delo: Kritika teorij prekarnosti* [Wage work: Critique of theories on precarity], Založba Sophia, Ljubljana, 2021.

Maja Breznik and Jožica Čehovin Zajc, »Prekarizacija standardnega in nestandardnega zaposlovanja v Sloveniji (2005-2019)« [Precarisation of Standard and Nonstandard Employment in Slovenia (2005–2019)], *Teorija in praksa*, Ljubljana 2021, Vol. LVIII, No. 1, pp. 28–48.

Maja Breznik, »Manjkajoči člen v državi: pokorna sindikalna birokracija« [A missing link in the country: a submissive union bureaucracy, *Delo, Sobotna priloga*, 16 January 2021, Vol. 63, No. 12.

Maja Breznik, »Konec univerzalnih delavskih pravic, zmaga pravnega fetišizma« [The End of Universal Labour Rights, the Triumph of Legal Fetishism], *Delo, Sobotna priloga*, 17 July 2021, Vol. 63, No. 163.

Maja Breznik (interviewee), »Društvene institucije več su se pripremile na dolazak autoritarnog režima« [Social institutions are already ready for the coming of the authoritarian regime], *Novosti*, 29 January 2021, No. 1102, pp. 22-23.

Maja Breznik, »Theory of value and variations in the subordination of labour to capital« (lecture), 39th International Labour Process Conference "Security of Work? The workplace after COVID-19", University of Greenwich, Centre for Research on Employment and Work, 12 April 2021.

Rastko Močnik and Maja Breznik, »Andrea Komlosy, *Delo: globalnohistorična perspektiva*« [Andrea Komlosy, *Work: A global*

historical perspective] (discussion), Besedna postaja v Knjigarni FF, 11 November 2021.

Lenart Kučič, Dejan Jefim, Tea Jarc and Maja Breznik, »*Delo na zahtevo* (The Gig Is Up)« (discussion after film projection), Kinodvor, Ljubljana, 18 October 2021.

Nina Bakovnik, Maja Breznik, Tea Jarc, Aleksandra Kanjoo-Mrčela and Barbara Rajgelj, »Spol, ekonomija in trg dela v času pandemije in po njej« [Gender, economy and labour market during COVID-19 pandemic and after] (round table, Slovenian Sociological Meeting 2021 "Pandemic society"), Ljubljana, 24 and 25 September 2021.

Announcement of the project continuation

Project ended in December 2021.



Publishing house Sophia, 2021.

FRENK: Resources, methods and tools for the understanding, identification and classification of various forms of socially unacceptable discourse in the information society

Aims and goals

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

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Monika Bohinec,
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PROJECT DURATION

1. 5. 2017 - 1. 5. 2020
(extended until 30. 4. 2021)

PARTNERS

Jožef Stefan Institute,
Department of Knowledge
Technologies (coordinator)
University of Ljubljana,
Faculty of Social Sciences
and Faculty of Arts

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency
(ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<http://nl.ijs.si/frenk/english/>

With an expansion of information and communication technologies and computer-mediated communication, and with the speed of information dissemination through the Internet, offensive and hate speech has gained an entirely new dimension, so we need an automated approach to effectively deal with it in the information society. The project is interdisciplinary and connects experts from the field of corpus linguistics and sociolinguistics with experts in the field of critical analysis of discourse and social science survey and legal analysis with experts in the field of language technologies and machine learning for Slovene.

Realization in 2021

The year 2021 was about project dissemination activities.

Available results in 2021

<https://nl.ijs.si/frenk/rezultati/publikacije/>
<https://nl.ijs.si/frenk/rezultati/viri/>

Announcement of the project continuation

The project is finished.

EWSI – The European website on integration

Aims and goals

EWSI provides policy makers and all those involved in European integration with a tool for exchanging information and good integration practices. It serves as a resource for all those working on integration, both in the non-governmental and governmental sectors.

Realization in 2021

Project activities included the following: communication with project coordinators, searching for good practices (communication with relevant governmental and non-governmental actors in Slovenia), publishing on the website and social networks, writing an annual report and general coordination.

Available results in 2021

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/search?search=slovenia>

Announcement of the project continuation

Projekt izvajamo po planu, aktivnosti se nadaljujejo v letu 2022.

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Veronika Bajt

PROJECT TEAM

Lana Zdravković, researcher

PROJECT DURATION

long-term

FUNDING

European Commission,
Home Affairs

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/search?search=slovenia>



European anti-poverty network Slovenia (EAPN SLO)

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Živa Humer

PROJECT TEAM

Mojca Frelih, researcher
Team from other EAPN
Slovenia members

PROJECT DURATION

EAPN Slovenia joined the
EAPN network in September
2019.

PARTNERS

Association Counselling for
workers
Forum for Equitable
Development
Movement for Decent Work
and Welfare Society
Association Cultural,
Informational and
Counseling Center Legebitra
Association Kings of the
street
Association of volunteers of
the Society of St. Vincent de
Paul
Association ŠKUC
Women's Lobby of Slovenia
Mozaik - Association for
social inclusion, social
enterprise
OPRO, institute for
aplicative studies
Slovenian Red Cross, local
branch Ljubljana
Slovenian Third Age
University, National
Association for Education
and Social Inclusion

Aims and goals

The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is the largest European network of national, regional and local networks, involving anti-poverty NGOs and grass-root groups as well as European Organisations, active in the fight against poverty and social exclusion. It was established in 1990. Currently, EAPN is a network of 31 national networks of voluntary organisations and grassroots groups and 13 European organisations which their main activities aimed at combating poverty and social exclusion. It works to co-shape policies and promote measures to eradicate poverty and social exclusion, raise awareness of poverty among the professional and general public, and empower and advocate together with people living in poverty. EAPN has advisory status with the Council of Europe and is a founding member of the Social Platform.

In May 2019 13 organisations, working in the areas of eliminating poverty and social exclusion, established a network - EAPN Slovenia. At the EAPN General Assembly in September 2019 in Helsinki, EAPN Slovenia became a member of the European Anti-Poverty Network. EAPN Slovenia is coordinated by CNVOS (national NGO umbrella network), and currently composed by 19 organizations: Association Counselling for workers; Forum for Equitable Development; Movement for Decent Work and Welfare Society; Association Cultural, Informational and Counseling Center Legebitra; Association Kings of the street; Association of volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Association ŠKUC; Women's Lobby of Slovenia; Peace Institute; Mozaik - Association for social inclusion, social enterprise; OPRO, Institute for applicative studies; Slovenian Red Cross, local branch Ljubljana; Slovenian Third Age University, National Association for Education and Social Inclusion; Trans-feminist Initiative TransAkcija Institute; Institution Three; Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Organization; Association of Friends of Youth Domžale; Association of Friends of Youth Ljubljana Moste-Polje; Association of Friends of Youth Slovenia.

Main endeavours of EAPN Slovenia aim at eliminating poverty and social exclusion of all marginalised groups and individuals taking into account their experiences and needs. EAPN Slovenia's key work areas include long-term care, housing policy, precariousness, access to health care services, intersectionalities and so on, with different subjects in focus being continuously supplemented and added in accordance with the interest and capacities of the members of EAPN Slovenia.

Realization in 2021

EAPN Slovenia has issued its second Poverty Watch report. The report



19th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. "Recharging Europe!", 24-25 November 2021, online. Photo: PI Archives.

Trans-feminist
InitiativeTransAkcija
Institute
InstitutionThree
Slovenian Federation of
Pensioners' Organization
Association of Friends of
Youth Domžale
Association of Friends of
Youth Ljubljana Moste-Polje
Association of Friends of
Youth Slovenia.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.cnvos.si/nvo-vseved/eu-mreze/european-anti-poverty-network-eapn/>

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/ustanovljena-je-mreza-organizacij-ki-delujejo-na-podrocju-revschine-in-socialne-izkljucenosti-eapn-slovenija/>

notes the rise in poverty during the pandemic and warns that the consequences of the pandemic and new protection measures will hit already vulnerable groups hard. Some other initiatives were publicly presented. We actively participated in the 19th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty entitled "Recharging Europe!" and responded in the media.

Available results in 2021

Oddaja Botrstvo, Jana Vidic, Val 202, 22.3.2021, prispevek Otroci ne morem nahraniti s koščkom zidu ali s kljuko, [posnetek oddaje](#).
Sodelovanje Mojce Frelih v intervjuju za [The Global Coalition on Aging \(GCOA\)](#) (Sagar Sane Researcher, Global Coalition on Aging), 17.5.2021
Delo, Simona Fajfar, Zakaj veliko ljudi z nizko pokojnino nima varstvenega dodatka?, v rubriki Vprašanja in odgovor sodeluje dr. Živa Humer, 27.10.2021, str. 12.
Oddaja Botrstvo, Jana Vidic, Val 202, 27.11.2021, prispevek [Pohlepni ljudje so po celem svetu ne glede na to, kako bogata država je](#).
Oddaja Botrstvo, Jana Vidic, Val 202, 29.11.2021, prispevek [Tudi najbogatejše države so klecile pri problemu naraščajoče revščine](#).

Announcement of the project continuation

Preparations for the annual Poverty Watch report will continue and participation in activities under the current membership agreement will continue.



HUMAN RIGHTS

Migrant children and communities in a transforming Europe (MICREATE)

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Vlasta Jalušič

PROJECT TEAM

Veronika Bajt, researcher
Lana Zdravković, researcher
Franja Arlič, finances

PROJECT DURATION

1. 1. 2019 - 31. 12. 2021

PARTNERS

Science and Research Centre Koper (lead partner)
The Manchester Metropolitan University
University of Ljubljana
University of Southern Denmark
University of Barcelona
Hellenic Open University
Stowarzyszenie Interkulturalni PL Association
University of Vienna
The French National Centre for Scientific Research
The Hope For Children CRC Policy Center
CESIE - European centre of studies and initiatives
Centre for Peace Studies
Institute for Social Studies
University of Primorska Faculty of Design

FUNDING

European Commission, Horizon 2020

WEB PAGE

www.micreate.eu

Aims and goals

The overall objective of the project is to stimulate inclusion of diverse groups of migrant children by adopting child-centred approach to migrant children integration on educational and policy level. Stemming from the need to revisit the existing integration policies, the research project aims at comprehensive examination of contemporary integration processes of migrant children in order empower them. The project is problem-driven and exploratory at the same time. Its exploratory part mainly concerns child-centred approach to understanding integration challenges, migrant needs and their well-being. However, the findings of the open-ended exploratory research will be used in an explicitly problem-driven way – with an aim to stimulate migrant inclusion, to empower migrants and build their skills already within the (participatory) research.

Realization in 2021

Due to the pandemic in 2021, we were still finalizing part of the project activities for WP 5-7, i.e. field work in schools with newly arrived migrant children, long term migrant children and local children. We have completed the research reports and started the work on WP11 (Public Policy Laboratory), run by the Peace Institute and connecting all partners and activities to date. We produced national analytical reports on the results of field research that are relevant to public policies. This will be followed by recommendations for EU and national policy stakeholders, which will focus on migrant children and their needs. In 2021, we also carried out several dissemination activities, including the preparation and publication of chapters in books and articles. In addition to the published chapter, an article in the journal Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, which will be published in 2022, was also accepted for publication.

Available results in 2021

JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, BAJT, Veronika. What are the problems? : reception communities in the EU environment. V: SEDMAK, Mateja (ur.), et al. Migrant children's integration and education in Europe : approaches, methodologies and policies. 1st online ed. Barcelona: Octaedro, 2021. Str. 61-79.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project will continue in 2020 and 2021.

Voices of immigrant women

Aims and goals

The project will contribute to building an inclusive higher education system by addressing the major societal challenge represented by migrations and, more specifically, women's migratory flows in the present European context.

Realization in 2021

During the project implementation, the whole project team met in two two-day consortium meetings, which were held via virtual tools or on-line due to the epidemiological situation. In 2021, case studies were set up and stories of successful integration of migrant women in selected European countries were reviewed. In Slovenia, the project team conducted an online survey to gather information and experiences of migrant women themselves and a focus group with those NGOs working on the ground and in constant contact with migrant women.

Available results in 2021

<https://viw.pixel-online.org/>

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, the project team will set up an e-learning programme on "Human Mobility, Integration and Gender" in a European context, in a transnational and interdisciplinary perspective. It will develop policy recommendations or practical proposals in the field of integration.

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 10. 2020 – 30. 9. 2022

PARTNERS

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Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy)
European Public Law Organisation (Greece)
Pixel – Associazione Culturale (Italy)
Fundación EMET Arco Iris (Spain)
Instituto Politecnico de Braganza (Portugal)

FUNDING

Erasmus + Programme of the European Union

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://viw.pixel-online.org/>

Study on quality of RSD interviewing and decision-making in Slovenia

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PROJECT DURATION
1. 1. 2021 – 31. 12. 2021

FUNDING
UNHCR

Aims and goals

The project aims at undertaking a quality review of first instance RSD (refugee status determination) decisions rendered by the Migration Office between 1 July 2017 and 31 August 2020. The main focus of the review is on the quality of the interview techniques used and the analysis of claims including establishment of relevant facts, identification of harm or persecution, credibility assessment, legal analysis, country of origin information, vulnerability and best interests considerations and application of relevant laws. The review is to be carried out in line with standards and guidelines as provided by UNHCR.

Realization in 2021

We analysed 150 first instance RSD decisions and attended 28 personal interviews with applicants for international protection. Based on the findings we prepared a report.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project finished on 31. 12. 2021

Reducing and eliminating discrimination based on ethnicity, 'race', nationality and/or religion

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PROJECT DURATION
1. 11. 2019 - 31. 10. 2021

PARTNERS
Advocate of the principle of equality

FUNDING
Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) (CRP) and Advocate of the principle of equality

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT
<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/reducing-and-eliminating-discrimination-based-on-ethnicity-race-nationality-and-or-religion/>

Aims and goals

The purpose of the project is to reduce and eliminate discrimination based on ethnicity, 'race', nationality and / or religion. On the basis of an analysis of the situation from available sources, the aim is to first identify precisely the areas of life from which the likelihood of discrimination against persons on this basis arises, and to develop a methodology for obtaining qualitative and quantitative data directly from such persons. By conducting situational testing and other quantitative and qualitative research methods, the project is to obtain quality data from the field and verify the existence of discrimination of persons based on ethnicity, nationality, 'race' and / or religion. The aim is to inform the professional and general public about the results of the research project and empower them to formulate proposals for measures to eliminate discrimination or to identify discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, 'race' and / or religion.

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the majority of project activities were carried out: an extensive field research was conducted (an online survey implemented, expert interviews conducted and situational testing of discrimination was carried out) and an Interim Report on the Results was prepared. In October 2021, organization and implementation of an online expert conference (i.e. consultation with stakeholders from the professional public and representatives of institutions and the NGO sector) and organization and implementation of an online final public presentation of project results in the form of a press conference on the Zoom platform. Preparation of the Project Evaluation Report, the Final Report on the Results and the Final Content Report. Work on dissemination of project results and public awareness.

Available results in 2021

[The first findings of the research](#)

[Infographic](#)

Announcement of the project continuation

The project is finished.

Human rights guide

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 11. 2019 - 31. 8. 2021

PARTNERS

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Latvija (koordinator)
Estonian Human Rights
Centre, Human Rights
Monitoring Institute
(Lithuania)
Law Institute (Lithuania)
Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

FUNDING

European Commission,
Erasmus+

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/human-rights-guide/>

Aims and goals

The Human Rights Guide is online information and education resource and a self-help tool. It offers help in understanding human rights in different situations. The aim of the project is to adapt the content of the Guide to Slovenian context and language and publish it online.

Realization in 2021

- We have adapted and translated four topics: courts and fair trials, detention of foreigners and asylum seekers, police detention and custody, family.
- The guide has been placed in an online environment.
- Poster campaign across Slovenia.
- Online campaign on FB.
- FB event to launch the guide
- Presentation of the guide at the 6th National Conference on Global Learning.

Available results in 2021

Human Rights guide

Video presentation of the guide

Announcement of the project continuation

We have obtained an extension of the funding, so the project will continue in 2022, when we will broaden the range of topics.



National integration evaluation mechanism: Measuring and improving integration of beneficiaries of international protection – NIEM

Aims and goals

The National Integration Evaluation Mechanism (NIEM) is a six and a half-year transnational project which aims at preparing key actors in the integration field in 15 EU Member States to better face the current challenges and improve the integration outcomes of beneficiaries of international protection. The aim of the project is to establish a mechanism for a biennial, comprehensive evaluation of the integration of beneficiaries of international protection to provide evidence on gaps in integration standards, identify promising practices and evaluate the effects of legislative and policy changes in 15 EU member states.

Realization in 2021

We conducted the third set of research, which includes more than 180 indicators. The research includes a review of laws and regulations as well as the implementation of policies and measures in all areas concerning the integration of asylum seekers and persons with recognized international protection. We also conducted numerous interviews, two national coalition meetings, attended several meetings with other NGOs and international organizations working in the field of integration. We are currently writing the latest national report on the integration system, in which we focus on the most pressing issues / areas. The report will be published in Slovene and English at the beginning of 2022. As part of the project, we also carried out advocacy activities and networking through participation in various events, establishing contacts and meetings with actors in the field of integration.

Available results in 2021

See project's webpage.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project was extended until the end of June 2022. During this time, we will complete and publish the third national report and the third comparative European report in the field of integration. We will carry out final national events in partner countries and a joint closing event in Brussels.

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 10. 2015 – 30. 6. 2022

PARTNERS

Institute of Public Affairs in
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Migration Policy Group
(coordinating research partner)
UNHCR Regional
Representation for Central
Europe and UNHCR
Representation in Poland
The Polish Ministries of
Interior and Administration
and of Labour and Social
Policy
The University of Warsaw

Project partners conducting
research and organising
national coalitions in
partner countries:
Bulgarian Council on
Refugees and Migrants
(Bulgaria)

FRANET research network

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

FUNDING

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

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<http://www.forintegration.eu/>

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PROJECT DURATION

13. 11. 2018 – 12. 11. 2022

PARTNERS

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
 FRANET network members in other EU Member States, North Macedonia and Serbia

FUNDING

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/research/franet>

Aims and goals

The Peace Institute, as a member of the FRANET research network and a contracting partner of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), which set up the research network, is tasked to collect relevant data and provide research services to FRA in the field of fundamental rights covered by the FRA mandate (e.g. equality and non-discrimination, racism, asylum, immigration and integration, border and visa policy, rights of children, data protection, access to justice).

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the Peace Institute produced information and reports on, among other things, on the national legal environment and space of civil society organisations, national situation regarding fundamental rights in the context of vaccination against COVID-19, national standards regarding criminal detention. The project team also drafted national contribution to FRA 2022 Fundamental Rights Report and a contribution on the use of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in Slovenia.

Available results in 2021

Publications released by FRA with information produced including by the Peace Institute.

Announcement of the project continuation

The project continues in 2022. This is the last year of its implementation.

Trial waiver systems in Europe (TWSE)

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 11. 2019 - 31. 10. 2021

PARTNERS

Fair Trials Europe (koordinator)
Antigone (Italy)
KISA (Cyprus)
Madžarski Helsinški odbor (Hungary)
Center Res Publica (Albania)

FUNDING

European Commission

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/trial-waiver-systems-in-europe-twse/>

Aims and goals

In the EU context the objective of the project is to provide comparable data and analysis on the implementation of safeguards provided for in the EU Directives. This data would allow us to identify potential common threats trial waiver systems pose to the right to a fair trial across the Member States and candidate countries and make recommendations to address them. In addition to EU context, an equally important objective of the project is to identify risks and best practices specific to each jurisdiction. The objective of the project is to develop practical, country-specific understanding of the impact of trial waiver systems on the right to a fair trial and develop guidance on best practices adapted to each country.

Realization in 2021

Based on the national research, a national report was produced. The research included a review of existing sources, case law, as well as interviews with stakeholders (lawyers, prosecutors and judges) and an analysis of more than fifty court and prosecution case files. We followed up with an online event where stakeholders shared their experiences with the national trial waiver systems. On the basis of these activities and the regional survey, we prepared a national guide to trial waiver systems, with a focus on guaranteeing procedural rights of the accused. In October, we organised an event to launch the guide, and also participated in the regional launch event. Both were held online.

Available results in 2021

Guide: Trial waiver systems in Slovenia

Announcement of the project continuation

The project ended on 31 October 2021.

ARVID – Advancing access to rights under victims' directive for persons with disabilities

Aims and goals

The project aims to investigate the level of participation of persons with disabilities in the criminal justice proceedings, in the capacity of victims, as well as the potential problems limiting their full participation and enjoyment of rights. The results of the research will be utilized to: (a) develop and advocate for improved support services for persons with disabilities, as well as all the necessary adjustments; and (b) develop knowledge and tools for the direct use by persons with disabilities who are victims of crime, and by professionals and institutions whose role is to assist them in gaining full access to the rights guaranteed by the Directive 2012/29/EU.

Realization in 2021

In 2022, we completed our research activities (interviews with victims who are persons with disabilities, focus groups with NGO representatives) and prepared a national report. This was followed by the preparation of training materials (for representatives of institutions and NGOs working with victims with disabilities) and information materials (for victims). Advocacy meetings were organised with representatives of institutions that play an important role in ensuring victims' rights. In September, online international conference concluded the project.

Available results in 2021

Compendium of Project Materials ARVID – Advancing Access to Rights under Victims' Rights Directive for Persons with Disabilities

Announcement of the project continuation

The project ended on 31 October 2021.

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 10. 2021 – 30. 9. 2024

PARTNERS

Croatian Law Centre (coordinator)
Ministry of Justice (HR)
Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities (HR)
Victim and Witness Support Association (HR)
Peace Institute (SI)
and ALTRA Association (SI)
The project is supported by the Human Rights Ombudsman (SI).

FUNDING

European Commission

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/arvid-advancing-access-to-rights-under-victims-directive-for-persons-with-disabilities/>

Statelessness index

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PROJECT DURATION
 1. 1. 2019 - 31. 12. 2021

PARTNERS
 European Network on Statelessness (coordinator)

FUNDING
 Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT
<https://index.statelessness.eu/country/slovenia>

Aims and goals

Statelessness Index provides for a comprehensive, reliable, and up-to-date index to facilitate comparison between how different European countries protect against and respond to statelessness. It will serve as an advocacy tool for its members, wider civil society, government, researchers, and media, to quickly understand which areas of law and policy can be improved by states and which states’ regimes can be looked to as examples of good practice in addressing statelessness.

Realization in 2021

The Peace Institute is participating in the project since 2017. In 2021, we updated the existing information and provided new information for the new index indicators. We also prepared a country briefing (useful for advocacy).

Available results in 2021

See project’s website.

Announcement of the project continuation

Our part of the project was completed in 2021, updated index will be publicly available in 2022.

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

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PROJECT DURATION
 Long-term

PARTNERS
 Human Rights Ombudsman (coordinator)

FUNDING
 Human Rights Ombudsman

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT
<http://www.varuh-rs.si/o-instituciji/podrocja-dela-varuha/varuh-kot-drzavni-preventivni-mehanizem/>

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 2021

In 2021, we participated in a total of two visits to police stations and, as this activity was hampered by the COVID-19 measures. After the visits, we forwarded our observations to the Ombudsman, and sometimes also took over the writing of the full report.

The aim is to visit places of detention to inspect and monitor the manner in which the staff treats the occupants of the secure wards/ institutions where people’s liberty is deprived. In some cases the focus of visits was on the living conditions instead of on the systematic issues, meanwhile in the others the visits are specific focused on contents. The experiences gave a good insight in the situations in these facilities; therefore the Peace Institute will cooperate with Ombudsman in the future.

Available results in 2021

Reports are available at the [Human Rights Ombudsman’s website](#).

Announcement of the project continuation

We will cooperate with Human Rights Ombudsman on NPM also in year 2022.

Representation of persons without status in Slovenia

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PROJECT DURATION

Long-term

FUNDING

Volunteer work & funds
raised through own
campaign.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/zastatus/>

Aims and goals

In essence, this is not a project but our continuous work, which dates back to the years when we were still implementing projects in the field of erasure and representing the erased in regulating their status in Slovenia. We represent some individuals who still reside in Slovenia without a regulated status (or have recently acquired it) in proceedings before the police, in administrative proceedings before the Administrative Unit or Ministry of the Interior, and we inform relevant bodies (such as Ombudsman) about their situations. Most of them are elderly people who were erased from the register of permanent residents, and some were also rejected asylum seekers or refugees from BiH, who later failed to settle their status.

Realization in 2021

For all the persons we represent, we will continue to conduct procedures in 2022 and work towards the regulation of status - obtaining a permanent residence permit. The work includes filing applications, renewing permits to remain in Slovenia or temporary residence permits, as well as advocacy activities related to statelessness (some are also stateless persons).

Announcement of the project continuation

Our work contributes to the regulation of the foundations for life in Slovenia - to the regulation of the permanent residence permit, from which the rights in the field of health, social welfare, employment, education, etc. derive. On the other hand, we contribute to raising the awareness of both civil servants and the general public about the problems of persons without regulated status and the necessary legislative changes that could prevent or resolve such cases.



Representatives of the Erased at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, 2010. Photo: PI Archives.

 **MEDIA**

Defending watchdog role of civil society and journalists in Slovenia - extended project phase

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 12. 2020 - 30. 11. 2021

PARTNERS

Slovenian Association of
Journalists
Bottom Line portal

FUNDING

NEF-Network of European
Foundations (Program
Civitates)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/defending-watchdog-role-of-civil-society-and-journalists-in-slovenia-extended-project-phase/>

Aims and goals

The project aims at countering threats and challenges to watchdog role of civil society and journalists in Slovenia by strengthening their capacities for efficient response and gaining public support.

The main activities of the extended phase of the project include: a) launching an online platform to monitor and report attacks on journalists; b) responding to attacks and threats: providing legal aid, informing the international public, producing content on the work of non-governmental organizations, producing podcasts on the findings of journalistic research; c) empowering civil society and journalists (exchange of knowledge and experience with experienced activists and journalists, especially from other European countries, on countering attacks and threats, communication training for NGO representatives, training in the media to implement a protocol to protect journalists in case of online harassment).

Realization in 2021

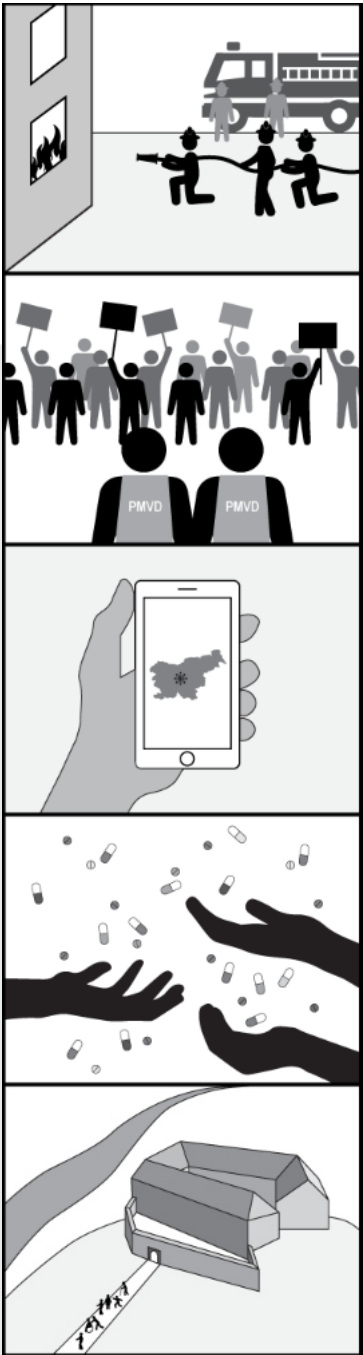
A series of **9 articles on the activities of non-governmental organizations**, published in the **subpage #nevladniki** (#non-governmentalists, published by the Peace Institute).

Conducting 4 public debates on the experience of protecting the supervisory role of civil society and journalists in Slovenia and other countries::

23. 2. 2021: How is the right to protest defended in Poland and France? (guests: Marta Lempart, All-Polish Women's Strike, Poland, Draginja Nadaždin, Amnesty International, Poland, Jean-Marie Fardeau and Laure Paradis, VoxPublic, France, moderator: Lenart J. Kučič, Bottom Line portal) - online conversation

28. 6. 2021: Non-governmentalists – a battle for water (guests: Gaja Brecelj, Umanotera, and Andreja Slameršek, Društvo za preučevanje rib Slovenije, moderator: Monika Weiss, independent journalist) - online conversation

18.11.2021: Exposing and opposing extreme neo-Nazi groups - experiences of journalists and civil society (guests: Talya Feldman, media artist, survivor of the racist attack in Halle, Germany, Erik Valenčič, independent journalist from Slovenia and Darko Šper, RTV journalist from Serbia, host: Brankica Petković, Peace Institute) - online conversation



29.11.2021 (in Ljubljana): Intimidation will not stop journalistic stories (guests: Matthew Caruana Galizia, Daphne Foundation, Malta, Primož Cirman, Uncensored, Slovenia, Maja Sever, HRT, Croatia, host: Lenart J. Kučič, Bottom Line, Slovenia)

Design and launch of an **online platform for reporting on attacks on journalists** and the media (coordinator: Slovenian Association of Journalists).

8. 4. 2021: Implementation of an online workshop for media representatives on the protocol for combating online harassment of journalists, conducted by Javier Luque Martínez from the International Press Institute. (carried out by Slovenian Association of Journalists)

Meetings of the Slovenian Association of Journalists with representatives of national and local media **on the implementation of the protocol for combating online harassment of journalists** (eg RTV Slovenia, POP TV, N1, Vestnik, Nepujsag). (carried out by Slovenian Association of Journalists)

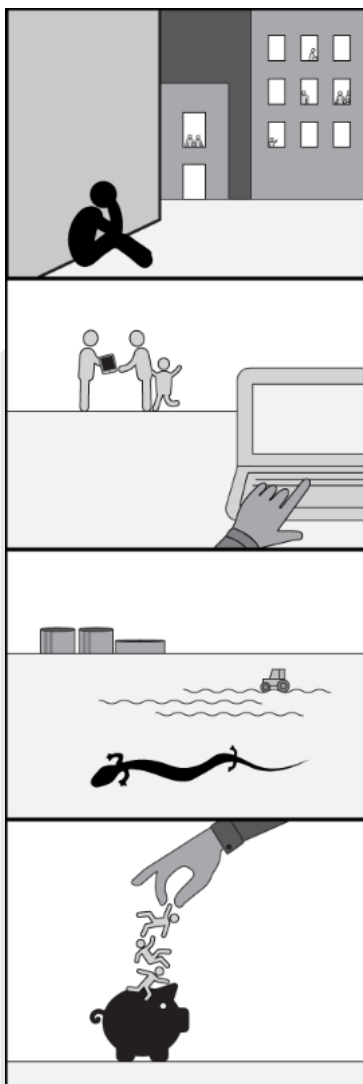
Legal assistance in the protection of civil society representatives and journalists - through the Legal Network for the Protection of Democracy and the Zakonjšek Law Office (carried out by Peace institute and Slovenian Association of Journalists)

Informing the international public about attacks on civil society and journalists in Slovenia - regular communication with representatives of the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the European Parliament, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, diplomatic missions, international donors, European umbrella organizations and networks of NGOs for human rights of civil society and journalists, with representatives of many foreign media, etc. Contribution to the report on the rule of law in Slovenia. (carried out by Peace institute and Slovenian Association of Journalists)

9 episodes of the Bottom Line portal podcast on investigative journalism topics which are relevant for the protection of civil society and the rule of law. Using the method of "storytelling" in presenting the findings of the research. (carried out by Bottom Line portal)

Available results in 2021

A series of 9 articles on the work of non-governmental organizations published in subpage #nevladniki:



Illustrations for journalistic stories in the section #nevladniki (author of illustrations: Špela Kranjec).

- 30.11.2021: #nevladniki: Najhitrejša pomoč, ko se ti v pepel spreminja tisto, za kar si delal (avtor: Luka Lukić)
- 26.11.2021: »nevladniki: Policija mora proteste omogočati, ne povzročati eskalacij (avtorica: Monika Weiss)
- 22.11.2021: »nevladniki: Podatki kot grožnja ali navdih (avtor: Lenart J. Kučič)
- 21.10.2021: #nevladniki: Otroci s postaje darknet (avtor: Lenart J. Kučič)
- 11.10.2021: #nevladniki: Razprava o totalitarnih institucijah se mora začeti (avtorica: Monika Weiss)
- 6.10.2021: #nevladniki: Reševanje človeka, preden se je prisiljen naučiti preživetja na ulici (avtor: Luka Lukić)
- 23.6.2021: #nevladniki: Proti razslojenosti informacijske družbe (avtor: Lenart J. Kučič)
- 16.6.2021: #nevladniki: Zoperstavljanje uničevanju habitata črne človeške ribice (avtorica: Monika Weiss)
- 9.6.2021: #nevladniki: Reševanje ujetih med izkoriščanjem delodajalcev in brezbrzičnostjo odločevalcev (avtor: Luka Lukić)
- Online platform of the Slovenian Association of Journalists for reporting on attacks on journalists and the media.
- Botton Line Podcasts, epizode 26-34.
- Videos of public debates:

- 23. 2. 2021: How is the right to protest defended in Poland and France?
- 28. 6. 2021: Non-governmentalists – a battle for water
- 18.11.2021: Exposing and opposing extreme neo-Nazi groups - experiences of journalists and civil society
- 29.11.2021: Intimidation will not stop journalistic stories

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, the project continues with an additional phase in which we will participate in the Voice of the People initiative (Glas ljudstva), which connects many civil society organizations and individuals in the election year. We will continue to operate an online platform for reporting attacks on journalists and report findings, we will conduct a workshop for journalists on preventing the abuse of journalism to deepen polarization in society, we will continue to publish a positive blog #non-governmentalists with stories about the activities of NGOs, we will provide funds for legal assistance in case of attacks and restrictions, we will continue to inform international organizations and foreign public, we will continue with publishing podcasts (Bottom Line portal) and organizing online conversations with journalists and activists from Slovenia and abroad.

Resilience – Civil society in the Western Balkans and Turkey for media free of hate and disinformation

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 2. 2020 – 31. 1. 2023

PARTNERS

SEENPM – South East
European Network for
Professionalization of Media
(project coordinator)
Albanian Media Institute
Media Center Sarajevo
Kosovo 2.0
Montenegro Media Institute
Macedonian Institute for
Media
Novi Sad School of
Journalism
Bianet (Turkey)

FUNDING

European Union, Regional
Programme, DG for
Neighbourhood and
Enlargement Negotiations.

Project co-financing in
Slovenia: Ministry of
Foreign Affairs,

Aims and goals

The project goals are: a) enhanced regional cooperation and increased capacities of media civil society organisations (CSOs) to promote media freedom and pluralism, b) increased awareness of gender issues related to media freedom and democracy in Western Balkans and Turkey (WBT), c) increased capabilities of media CSOs and grassroots organisations to address disinformation, propaganda and hate speech, and to promote media literacy and gender equality, d) strengthened response of CSOs and media to disinformation and hate speech, e) increased media literacy and resilience of citizens to hate speech, disinformation and propaganda, f) raised awareness and engagement of key stakeholders on good practices in addressing hate speech, disinformation and propaganda. The project is implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

Realization in 2021

The coordinator of the research component of the project is the Peace Institute. The research component in 2021 included the continuation of a series of research and the publication of research reports:

Implementation of the third research within the project - on trust in the media. Cooperation with Ipsos agency in conducting a public opinion poll in six countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Serbia. Conduction of focus groups with journalists and editors in all target countries.

Publishing publications with national research reports on media trust. Publishing a regional comparative review on this topic and an e-book in English combining a regional review and six national research reports.

Publishing four infographics with the main findings of three research actions conducted within the project in 2020 and 2021.

Presentation of the findings of three research actions carried out within the project at a regional meeting on the preparation of the campaign in the target countries of the project. The meeting was in Njivice, 6-9. 7. 2021 (host: Montenegro Media Institute).

Conducting a research on regulation and self-regulation in the field of prevention of hate speech and disinformation in seven target countries of the project: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey. Publishing seven national reports with an overview and examples of regulation and self-regulation in the form of "factsheets".

International Development Cooperation.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

SEENPM:
<https://seenpm.org/about-resilience/>

Collection of research reports and other materials: <https://seenpm.org/resilience-research/>



E-book by Sandra B. Hrvatin, Brankica Petković and Sanela Hodžić, 2021.

Publishing the overview of examples of regulation and self-regulation in the field of prevention of hate speech and disinformation at the level of the European Union and in individual EU Member States.

The Peace Institute is also the coordinator of the project component for sub-granting. Under this strand, the second phase of the competition for small grants in five countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) was conducted in 2021, selecting 22 projects and mentoring the implementation of projects promoting media and information literacy in local level (in small towns and rural areas). Implementation of a regional meeting of 22 project leaders from five countries that received a small grants, in Novi Sad, 30.11.-3-12.2021 (host: Novi Sad School of Journalism).

Camapign on rasing public awareness on media freedom and countering hate speech and disinformation: production and distribution of the first of six documentaries with the title: Junk folder, director: Alen Šimić, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Promotion of constructive journalism: organization of a meeting of editors from the region - "Forum of Editors", in Njivice, 13-16.10.2021.

Available results in 2021

Publications with national research reports on media trust in six countries:

[Albania](#), [Bosna and Hercegovina](#), [Montenegro](#), [Kosovo](#), [North Macedonia](#), [Serbia](#).

Regional comparative review of the findings of the national reports on media trust.

E-book with regional overview and seven national reports in English on media trust.

Ipsos agency report on public opinion polls on media trust in six Western Balkan countries:

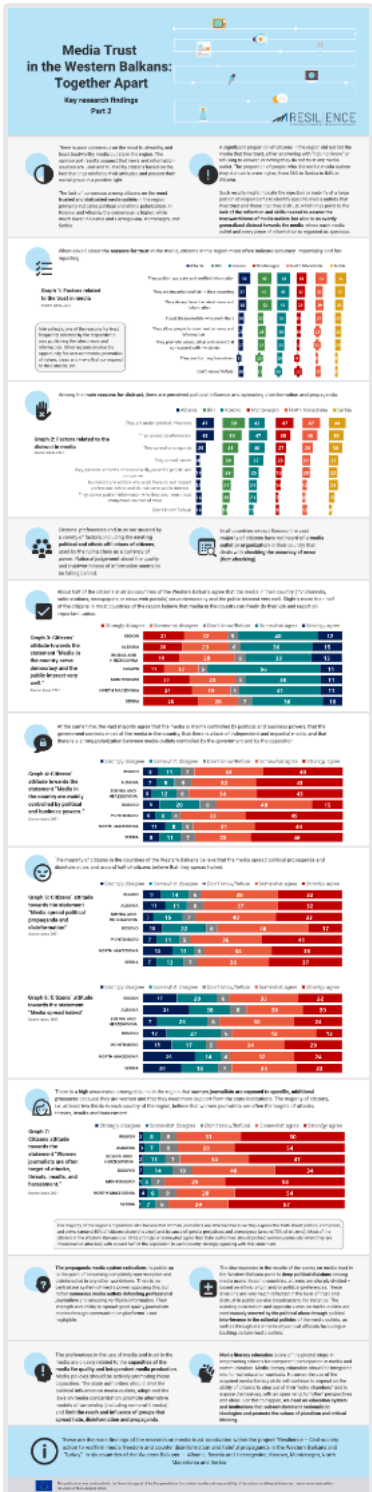
Narrative report

Technical report

Infographics on the findings of three studies:

[On hate and propaganda models of media and communication](#)

[On hate narratives](#)



On media trust [part 1](#) and [part 2](#)

Publications with a factual overview of regulation and self-regulation in the field of prevention of hate speech and disinformation in the seven target countries of the project ("**factsheets**"):

[Albania](#), [Bosna and Hercegovina](#), [Montenegro](#), [Kosovo](#), [North Macedonia](#), [Serbia](#), [Turkey](#).

Factual overview of examples of regulation and self-regulation in the field of prevention of hate speech and disinformation at the level of the European Union and in individual EU Member States ("**factsheet**").

Announcement of the project continuation

The project lasts three years. In 2022, the third year of the project, advocacy events will be organized in the target countries of the project to present research findings, in particular an overview of regulation and self-regulation in the field of hate speech and disinformation prevention, including examples of regulation and self-regulation in the European Union.

The implementation of 22 projects in the five target countries of the project, which received a small grant through sub-granting to strengthen media and information literacy in local environments (small towns and rural areas), will continue.

Awareness campaign on media freedom and countering to hate speech and disinformation will be implemented: production of the remaining five documentaries and 200 other visual messages in six countries to counter narratives of hatred and disinformation.

Promotion of constructive journalism: study visits of editors from the region in the media in the EU, production of 18 journalistic articles (stories) and cross-border exchange and publication of these stories in the media of editors participating in the 2021 "forum of editors" from the region.

Infographic ‘On media trust part 2’.

Behave – SEE beyond hate: Learning and acting to counter hate speech online in South East Europe

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Brankica Petković

PROJECT TEAM

Iztok Šori, researcher
Lana Zdravković, researcher, coordinator
Jasna Babić, communication coordinator
Franja Arlič, financial manager

PROJECT DURATION

1. 1. 2020 - 30. 9. 2021
 (originally until 30 June 2021, but the project was extended for three months)

PARTNERS

University of Ljubljana,
 Faculty of Social Sciences,
 Ljubljana
 Centre for Peace Studies,
 Zagreb
 Novi Sad School of
 Journalism, Novi Sad

FUNDING

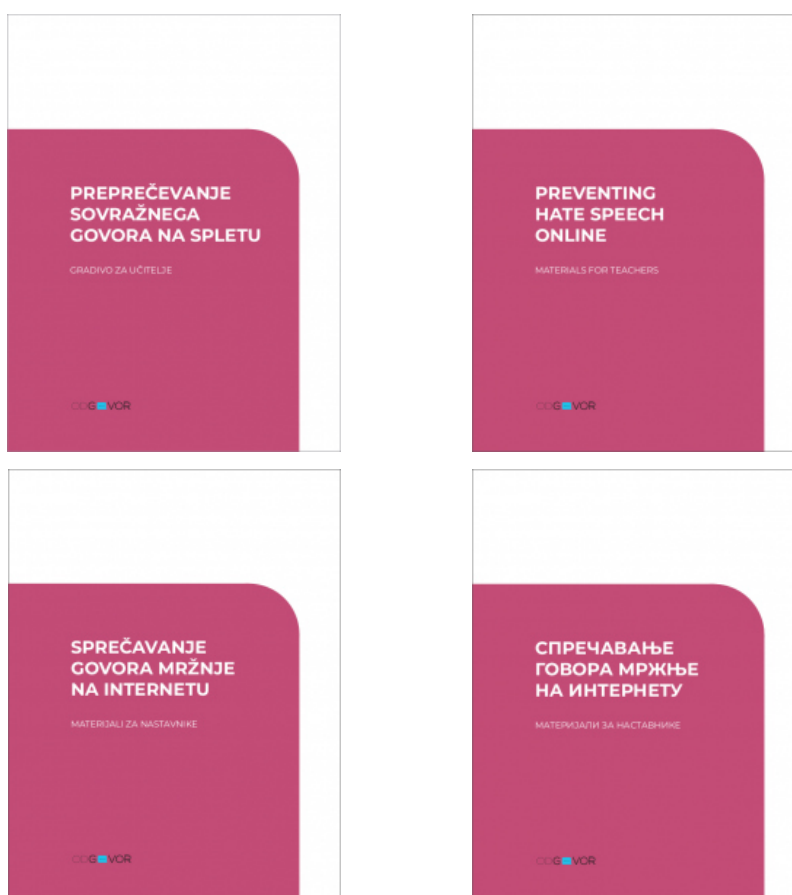
European Union, Rights,
 Equality and Citizenship
 Programme

Aims and goals

The project aims at: a) Identifying good practices and supporting mutual learning on countering hate speech online between state and non-state actors in Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia; b) Analysing hate speech online, responding to dominant hate narratives in new media forms addressing particularly young users; c) Raising competencies of secondary school teachers for working with students in addressing hate speech online. The project will include public awareness campaign targeting young users of new media forms.

Realization in 2021

Online regional workshop on the preparation of a campaign countering hate speech, 18-22 January 2021 (organiser: Novi Sad School of Journalism).



Manual »Preventing hate speech online«.



Agrumenti 'Nedeljske pridige' ('Sunday Sermon') were created as part of the campaign against the hate speech #ChooseLove. Illustrations: Jernej Žumer - Stokto.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/behave/>

Implementation of the campaign countering hate speech in Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia.

Online regional workshop for high school teachers on addressing the problem of hate speech online, 17-19 May and 25 May 2021 (organiser: Center for Peace Studies, Zagreb).

Preparation, publication and distribution of a manual for teachers with material on the prevention of hate speech online. Publication in four languages: Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian and English (organiser/publisher: Center for Peace Studies, Zagreb).

The project was completed in 2021.

Available results in 2021

Campaign countering hate speech, posts on the Facebook page of the campaign.

E-publications with a manual for teachers with material on the prevention of hate speech online, 4 language versions:

In Slovenian

In Serbian (in Latin and Cyrillic)

In Croatian

In English

Networking and international cooperation in the field of media research, advocacy and training

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Brankica Petković

PROJECT DURATION

1. 1. 2021 - 31. 12. 2021

PARTNERS

SEENPM network, Tirana
Center for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at the European University Institute in Florence
Civil Liberties Union for Europe, Berlin

FUNDING

European Union (TACSO project research, study on media pluralism online, impact assessment study on the planned EU Media Freedom Act and workshops for the project Technical Assistance to Public Service Media project in the Western Balkans).

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

SEENPM: <https://seenpm.org/>

Aims and goals

Participation in regional and international networks in the media field and building partnership with relevant organisations abroad with purpose to incorporate our work in regional and international initiatives on media freedom and accountability, and freedom of information.

Realization in 2021

Continuation of active participation in the South East European Network for Professionalisation of the Media (SEENPM): a) participation in an online interview on journalists as targets of hatred and the impact of hostile campaigns on the security and independence of journalists, organized on 2 July 2021 by the SEENPM network with IFEX support; b) participation in the annual assembly of the SEENPM network, 11 September 2021 in Fažana; c) leading the panel "Do the media control the governments or do the governments control the media" within the Media Festival in Fažana, 9.9.2021.

Participation in a TACSO project research to update the European Commission's document directing EU financial and political support for media freedom and integrity in the Western Balkans and Turkey (Guidelines for EU support for media freedom and media integrity in enlargement countries 2014-2020).

Collaboration with the Center for Pluralism and Freedom of the Media at the European University Institute in Florence in conducting a study for the European Commission on media pluralism and diversity online.

Collaboration with PwC EU Services in conducting an impact assessment study for the European Commission on the planned EU Media Freedom Act.

Participation in the preparation of the report on the rule of law in Slovenia within the Civil Liberties Union for Europe.

Conducting workshops for representatives of public service broadcasters in six Western Balkan countries on self-regulation and the ombudsman model in public service broadcasters, at the invitation of ERNO – Eurovision News Exchange for South East Europe, within the project Technical Assistance to Public Service Media in the Western Balkans, supported by European Union. Cooperation with Ilinka Todorovski, Ombudsman for the Rights of Viewers and Listeners of RTV Slovenia, in conducting workshops.

Participation in the research for the Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA) from Washington on regional networks and coalitions working in the field of media development in the region of Southeast

Europe, which was the basis for the CIMA report "United by Challenge: Regional opportunities to drive reform in Southeast Europe".

Available results in 2021

Chapter on Slovenia in the report on the rule of law in the European Union "EU 2020: Demanding on Democracy", prepared by Civil Liberties Union for Europe.

CIMA report »United by challenge: Regional opportunities to drive media reform in Southeast Europe«.

Announcement of the project continuation

Partnership in regional and international networks/initiatives and development of project consortiums to promote diverse and independent media ownership, strong public media, and universal, affordable access to communications will be continued.

 **GENDER**

Early care and the role of men (ECAROM)

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Majda Hrženjak

PROJECT TEAM

Živa Humer, researcher, trainer

Mojca Frelih, researcher, trainer

Monika Bohinec, finances and administrative support

PROJECT DURATION

1. 2. 2021 - 31. 1. 2023

PARTNERS

Dissens Institut für Bildung und Forschung e.V. – Germany

Verein für Männer- und Geschlechterthemen Steiermark – Austria

Instituto degli Innocenti – Italy

Center of Women's Studies and Policies – Bulgaria

Center for Equality Advancement – Lithuania

FUNDING

European Commission, Program JUST

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://ecarom.eu/>

Aims and goals

The project aims to explore pedagogical practices of formal and hidden curricula in preschool education that influence the formation of gender stereotypes about care work. The project will develop and disseminate innovative gender sensitive pedagogical approaches and tools for kindergarten teachers that promote perception of care work as gender neutral and a socially important area. Gender equality in the division of private and professional care work presupposes the loosening and changing of existing gender roles and social norms not only for women but also for men men receive little attention in existing gender equality policies, programs and projects. In the ECAROM project, we start from the recognition that the success of efforts for gender equality also depends on the involvement of men, so we focus our activities on changing gender stereotypes associated with masculinity and caring work.

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the project team carried out state of the art research and needs analysis, developed a national report and co-wrote a transnational comparative report on state of the art and needs analysis in all partners' countries. Recruiting of kindergartens for participation in the project was successfully accomplished. A project's website and leaflet were produced and the information about the project was disseminated among the relevant stakeholders.

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, the project's partners will develop and test new didactical tools in selected kindergartens and primary schools, develop and implement training for teachers, organise national symposium and publish a manual and on-line learning platform.

Occupational risks in sex work at the intersections of policy framework and social stigma (ORIS)

Aims and goals

The project aims at developing a methodological and theoretical framework that foregrounds voices and interests of sex workers and to investigate pathways to sex worker's empowerment – increased agency, autonomy and human rights – through policy building and policy execution. The background thesis is that professional risks in sex work are being formed at the intersections of policy framework and social stigma. We aim to investigate the complex interrelations of these concepts, strengthen the underdeveloped research field of sex work, stimulate informed public discussions and contribute to the adoption of an inclusive, comprehensive and multidimensional policy on prostitution in Slovenia. The project approaches the research problem from the perspective of occupational risks and harm reduction, which we assess enables to the highest possible extend a non-judgmental research of the field and by this most objective data on the experiences, situation and needs of sex workers.

Realization in 2021

- Systematic review of Slovenian literature on sex work.
- Systematic review of the international literature on sex work.
- Methodological plan.
- Three focus groups with sex workers.
- Methodological preparations for the survey.
- Methodological preparation for the socio-legal analysis.
- Two seminars with organisations from abroad (European sex workers right alliance and P&G292).
- Online discussion on sex work from a labour perspective.
- Participation in several online seminars on sex work.
- Publication on the occasion of the International Day of Sex Workers' Rights on 3 March

Available results in 2021

See project's webpage.

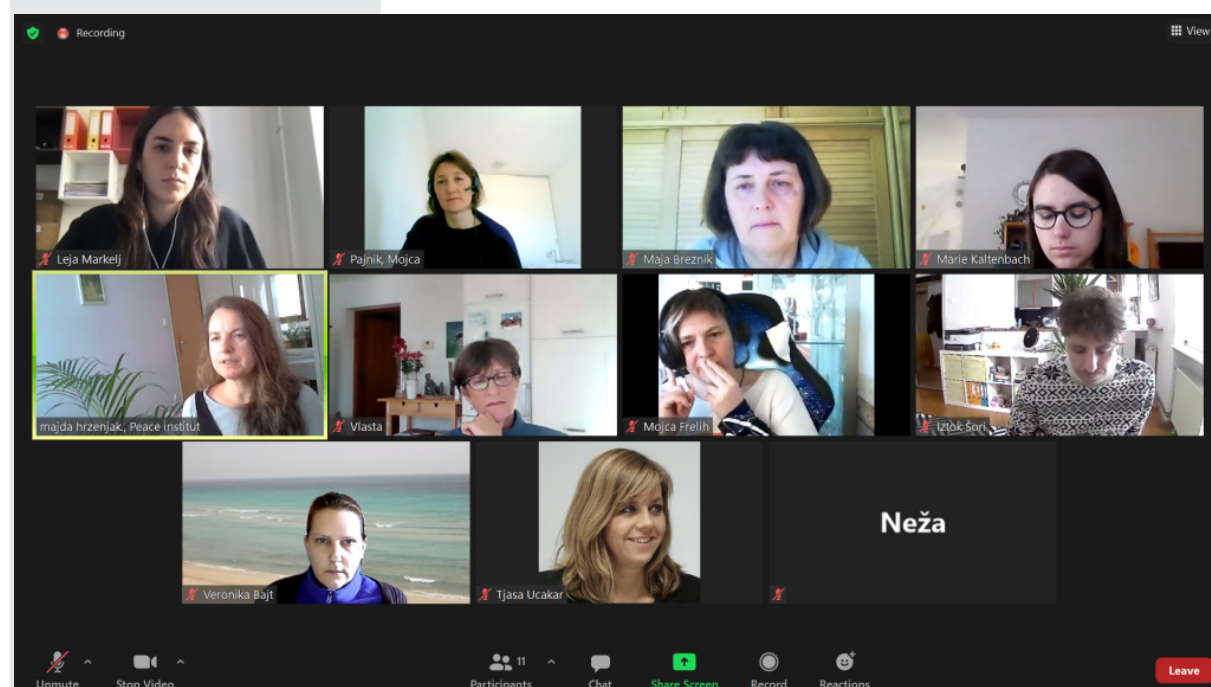
Military specific risk and protective factors for military family health outcomes - MilFam

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/occupational-risks-in-sex-work-at-the-intersections-of-policy-framework-and-social-stigma-oris/>

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, we will spend the first half of the year conducting empirical research and the second half writing scientific papers.



On Friday 15 January 2021, the ORIS project hosted an online discussion aimed at reflecting on sex work through the lens of work. Participants sought answers to the questions of what is work, what are the differences and similarities between sex work and other professions, and how sex work fits into capitalist society and relations.

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

At the Peace Institute the project is coordinated by **Živa Humer**. The project coordinator is Janja Vuga Beršnak, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

PROJECT TEAM

Monika Bohinec, finances and administrative support

PROJECT DURATION

1.7. 2019 - 30. 6. 2022

PARTNERJS

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.fdv.uni-lj.si/raziskovanje/raziskovalni-centri/oddelek-za-politologijo/obramboslovni-raziskovalni-center/vojaske-druzine>

Aims and goals

The research project represents the first comprehensive survey of military families that will include risk factors at different socio-ecological levels, aiming to determine the strength and direction of their impact on family health indicators.

In addition, we will include comparisons with civilian families to determine military specificities. Civilian testing will open the way for further research into the impact of military life on the development of risk factors that affect family health. In addition, the project will expand and deepen research in a specific field within military sociology in Slovenia and internationally. The research project will incorporate different scientific approaches and perspectives, leading to a holistic approach in the study of military families. The tested model of risk factors for family health will allow different stakeholders (e.g. military support structures, military leaders, teachers, social workers) to identify the problems of military family members and know how to deal with them.

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the project team designed and implemented an online survey to measure the existence and strength of risk and protective factors for the health of military families. The survey was sent to all members of the armed forces via email. We also conducted the online survey on a civilian sample. The data were then analysed using a statistical tool. We identified the extent to which health indicators are present and how strong they are, as well as risk and protective factors at different socio-ecological levels. We measured how strong these factors are and their impact on negative health outcomes. By comparing a sample of civilian and military families, we identified the risk factors associated with the military. In addition to the online survey in 2021, we wrote the text for a monograph in English, which was sent to Rutledge. We expect to receive feedback from the publisher in the first months of 2022. I have also been actively involved in the preparation of a monograph in Slovene, which will be published by the Faculty of Social Sciences' Publishing House.

The project will end on 30 June 2022.

Available results in 2021

Article: [Characteristics of pandemic work–life balance in Slovenian military families during the lockdown: Who has paid the highest price?](#), Janja Vuga Beršnak, Živa Humer, Bojana Lobe; SAGE journals.

Action dad

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Mojca Frelih

PROJECT TEAM

Živa Humer, researcher
Majda Hrzenjak, researcher
Franja Arlič, financial management
 Team from the Ministry of the Republic of Slovenia for Labor, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.

PROJECT DURATION

1. 3. 2020 – 31. 8. 2022

PARTNERJS

Ministry of the Republic of Slovenia for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (leading institution).

FUNDING

European Commission within the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2013-2020; co-financing will be assured by: Ministry of the Republic of Slovenia for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and the Peace Institute.

Aims and goals

The main purpose of the Action Dad project is to contribute to the awareness raising of (future) parents, employers, the professional and general public about the importance of actively involving men in paternity and a more equal distribution of parental care for the child from birth. Overall goal of the project is the reduction of the deep-rooted inequalities that still persist between women and men in relation to paid/unpaid work, the uptake of family related leaves and to enable people with caring responsibilities to better balance their work with family commitments.

Realization in 2021

A number of awareness-raising activities were carried out in 2021. In January, the website www.ockavakciji.eu was launched. In February, the [English version](#) was launched. There were many posts on Facebook and Twitter. Statements by role models or supporters in the role of famous fathers had a very high impact (e.g. the post "*Robi Kranjec - supporter*" had a reach of more than 30.600 users, 1.658 likes, 1.972 comments and 1.615 shares). A professional team produced a TV commercial (30 s and 15 s; with English and Slovenian subtitles) which was broadcast on various TV channels with a national reach, i.e. TV SLO, POP TV, A Kanal, etc. (at different times and over a total period of ten weeks - spring and autumn). A 15-minute documentary (supporters, experts, employers and working fathers) was produced and received over 14.000 views, while a shorter 3-minute video (supporters) was edited in Slovene with English subtitles. A press release was produced in April and covered by a number of media outlets. A digital advertising campaign was carried out in autumn (20.9.2021 - 25.10.2021), with a very high response (494.771 impressions and 3.542 clicks on the four networks).

Famous fathers have been actively invited to support the project - David Urankar (TV presenter, model and podcaster), Robert Kranjec (ski jumper) and Miha Vodičar (professional dancer and choreographer) are ambassadors of the project. Žiga X Gombač (youth writer, TV presenter), Nebojša Joksimović (former Slovenian basketball player), Igor E. Bergant (journalist and TV presenter), Seku M. Condé (journalist and TV presenter), Radoslav Nesterović (former NBA player, Slovenian basketball player and Secretary General of the KZS), Iztok Melanšek (bassist and lyricist of the band TABU), Rihard Zadavec (musician and pedagogue), Boštjan Romih (TV and radio presenter), Uroš Kuzman (mathematician and comedian; among others, in the stand-up show Little Children, Big Problems) and some others.



Promotional poster.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://ockavakciji.eu/en/>

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/action-dad/>

The project had stands and promotional products at the AGRA fair in Gornja Radgona (22 August 2021), at the NGO fair in Lendava (3 September 2021), at the Pika Festival in Velenje (13 September 2021), at the Open Day in Lipica (3 September 2021) and at the football match NK Bravo : NK Mura at the ŽAK stadium in Ljubljana (3 October 2021).

The project was mentioned at the Expo conference in Dubai, on the TV programme Good Morning, and at the United Nations conference Population: a webinar for Eastern Europe/Balkans, as well as at other national and international meetings attended by the management of the Directorate for Family at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Family.

In the international context, Živa Humer spoke at the "Balance for All" conference (5 March 2021) and Mojca Frelih actively participated in a focus group on working with fathers organised by MenEngage Europe (1 December 2021).

The policy report "Work-life balance in Slovenia and the role of men as fathers" was written in both Slovenian and English.

Preparations were underway for the implementation of the pilot testing in cooperation with 4 companies or organisations that applied for the call for proposals and will carry out practical activities with interested working fathers for at least six months in 2021: NOMAGO d.o.o., the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the University of Ljubljana, NK Bravo and the Public Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for Cultural Activities. In



Fair of non - governmental organizations, Lendava 2021.



Supporters of the 'Action Dad' campaign
David Urankar, Robert Kranjec and Miha
Vodičar.

this context, a number of activities took place, including four thematic workshops (on cooperative parenting and fatherhood, on communication and conflict, on stress and burnout, and on time management), followed by a screening of the stand-up comedy "Little Children, Big Problems" at the SiTi Teater in Ljubljana (8.12.2021).

Živa Humer and Mojca Frelih presented a paper on the positive aspects of cooperative parenting at the professional meeting of patronage care providers "Selected topics in the field of prevention and health promotion" organised by the National Institute of Public Health (9.12.2021).

Available results in 2021

Očetje s(m)o v akciji tudi v naši regiji (Domžalec.si, 2.11.2021)

Očetje s(m)o v akciji tudi v naši regiji (Modre novice, 2.11.2021)

Euranet Plus (radijska oddaja, 28.6.2021)

Aktivni očetje v akciji s pomočjo evropskih sredstev (Euranet Plus, članek, 28.6.2021)

Aktivni očetje v akciji s pomočjo evropskih sredstev (FB Radio SI, 19.6.2021)

Aktivni očetje v akciji s pomočjo evropskih sredstev (Euranet Plus Slovenija FB, 19.6.2021)

Aktivni očetje obračamo svet na bolje (28.4.2021)

Robert Kranjec kot »očka v akciji«: Ne bom rekel, da mi gre vzgoja vrhunsko od rok, se pa s Špelo odlično dopolnjujeva (26.4.2021)

Otroci, mame in družba potrebujejo očke v akciji (Ringaraja.net, 23.4.2021)

Očetje bi se morali bolj vključiti v družinsko življenje in prevzeti svoj del bremen, ki jih prinaša! (Ženska.si, 20.4.2021)

Z medijsko kampanjo do bolj aktivnih očetov (Radio Krka, 17.4.2021)

David Urankar: Očetovski dopust sem koristil pri obeh otrocih (Ona plus Delo, 16.4.2021)

David Urankar se mora včasih brcniti v rit (Javnost.si)

Žiga X Gombač je nezadovoljen sam s sabo (Javnost.si)

Robert Kranjec na prvo mesto postavlja družino (Javnost.si)



Živa Humer, educational-
documentary feuilleton
'Modern Father', RTV
Slovenia.

Očka v akciji (TV add)

Očka v akciji (TV add)

Documentary »Aktivni očetje obračajo svet na bolje!«

Announcement of the project continuation

Due to the epidemiological situation and the resulting difficult circumstances for the implementation of some activities, the project duration has been extended by the European Commission until August 2022, when the project is due to end. Until then, promotional activities will continue: a media campaign for the general public, including supportive statements by well-known fathers. A public event for (expectant) parents and their children to promote active fatherhood is foreseen; the production of guidelines for employers (separate for private and public sector) on work-life balance. Three iterations of training for midwifery, nursing and social work staff will be conducted, followed by the production of guidelines for staff in health centres and social work centres who are in contact with parents-to-be. Two study visits to countries with good practices in work-life balance policies and measures are planned (if conditions allow).

Men in care. Workplace support for caring masculinities (MiC)

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Živa Humer

PROJECT TEAM

Majda Hrženjak, researcher
Mojca Frelih, researcher
Franja Arlič, financial management

PROJECT DURATION

15. 3. 2019 - 14. 9. 2022

PARTNERS

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain (koordinator)
 Fundación 1 Mayo-Research institute related CCOO trade unión (F1M) (Spain)
 Institute for Masculinity Research and Gender Studies (VMG)(Austria)
 Work With Perpetrators EN (WWP)(Germany)
 Social Science Research Institute, University of Iceland (UI) (Iceland)
 Reform – resource center for men(Norway)
 Jagiellonian University (JU)(Poland)
 PlinEU (Poland)
 Federation of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia (ZSSS) (Slovenia)

Aims and goals

The European project MiC aims to improve organisational conditions for men taking caring roles. It is focused on organisational players and cultures that can help men to do what they want, but sometimes fail to do: be more involved in caring roles. The goals of the MiC project is to disseminate good practice models to improve work-life balance and to promote strategies in companies and work organisations that support men with caring responsibilities. At the same time, the goal is also to improve working conditions with positive effects for both employers and employees (reduce absenteeism, increase productivity and employee's satisfaction at work).

Realization in 2021

In 2021, the project team prepared a report in Slovene and English on good practices in selected companies and organisations in the field of work-life balance, with a focus on male employees with caring responsibilities. We also prepared short reports with research findings and recommendations for the participating companies and organisations. Good practices in Donar d.o.o., Mikro+Polo d.o.o., Saubermacher Komunalna Murska Sobota d.o.o. and the Police were presented at the public event "Caring Companies - Employers as positive change agents", which was organised online on 16 June 2021. Part of the event was organized as peer to peer learning and dedicated to employers, who shared experiences, knowledge and practices of WLB and discussed the vision for the future in the field of work-life balance, especially in the light of the changes in the ageing population, changes in the labour market and encouraging men to become more involved in caring responsibilities in private life.

In spring 2021, we launched trainings for employees and trade union representatives and for management. In 2021, a total of 9 trainings were held, attended by 182 employees (134 men) at the Police and trade union representatives. We also conducted 2 training for management, which were attended by 32 persons (11 men). In addition, the project team at the Peace Institute participated in the writing of a joint scientific article entitled "CARING MASCULINITIES IN CARING ORGANIZATIONS? Insights from international workplace studies", which will be co-authored and published in the journal Gender, Work & Organization in spring 2022. We also participated in consortium meetings, the preparation of guidelines for employers and dissemination activities.

Slovenian Employers' Association (ZDS) (Slovenia)

FUNDING

European Commission, EaSI-PROGRESS.

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.men-in-care.eu/>

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/projects/men-in-care-workplace-support-for-caring-masculinities-mic/>

Announcement of the international conference MiC.

Available results in 2021

Človek je celovito bitje, ne le delovni robot – Strokovnjakinji o usklajevanju poklicnega in zasebnega življenja, ZSSS

Men in Care: Workplace Support for Caring Masculinities. Country Report. Slovenia.

Trade Union Academy: Usklajevanje poklicnega in zasebnega življenja za sindikate

Discussion: Skrbna podjetja – Delodajalci kot akterji družbenih sprememb

Usklajevanje dela in zasebnosti. Obilo dobrih praks. Delavska enotnost, št. 13, 8.julij 2021.

Sindikalna akademija. Različni obrazi usklajevanja poklicnega in zasebnega življenja. Delavska enotnost, št. 18, 21. oktober 2021.

Report: Dobre prakse usklajevanja poklicnega in zasebnega življenja v podjetjih in organizacijah v Sloveniji

Announcement of the project continuation

The project MiC will end on 14 September 2022.





Vlasta Jalušič: Lampedusa beach, acrylic on canvas,
150x200, 2018.

2. RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Equality and human rights in times of global governance

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PROJECT DURATION

1. 1. 2020 - 31. 12. 2023

FUNDING

Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)

WEB PAGE OF THE PROJECT

<https://www.mirovni-institut.si/enakost/>

Aims and goals

The research programme focuses on the concepts of human rights, equality, diversity and non-discrimination that found themselves at a historical crossroads. While on one hand the regulation of human rights has never been so precise and extensive, on the other hand the significance of these rights has never been so reduced. In times of permanent crisis (economic, financial, migration, crisis of democratic institutions ...) the debate of the fundamental equalities among people and of the theory of human rights at the international and European levels has largely faded away and in Slovenia after it gained independence it has never really come to life again. In time of the decline of politics it was replaced by the debates on security, terrorism, sovereignty. This research programme addresses the problem of the devaluation of human rights and the idea of equality, reflecting the possible future of the European humanism.



Izvedba projekta v letu 2021

- We organized two scientific symposia. The first was organized on January 28 and was dedicated to discuss exclusionary ideologies and the role of institutions and social movements. At the second symposium which took place on October 1, we discussed the genealogies of (in)equality, focusing on the challenges posed by the Covid-19 epidemic.
- In collaboration with Transfeminist initiative TransAkcija Institute we organized a colloquium on December 14 entitled Strengthening

Allies of Transgender Persons, Raising Awareness about Transgender and Preventing Transphobia.

- We have defined strategies for scientific publishing, including open source publishing options, and action strategies for popularizing science.
- We have published several original scientific articles and book chapters.

Available results in 2021

Abstracts from the scientific symposiums: second and third. See the list of publications of the PI.

Announcement of the project continuation

In 2022, we plan to organize two scientific symposiums. We plan to publish in the context of thematic modules, including the results of pandemic-related analysis.



Third Symposium of the Peace Institute Program Group, October 2021. Photo: PI Archives.

Mirovni inštitut - Inštitut za sodobne družbene in politične študije The Peace Institute - Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies

3. INSTITUCIONAL SUPPORT

20. 6. 1991 Ustanovitev Mirovnega inštituta

Ustanovitelji: Maja Novak, Marjeta Hren, Lada Gostol, Mirna Javdič, Tadej Klemenčič, Tomaz Mastnak, Rudi Romer, Stjepan Štefan, Darko Štanga, Gregor Tomc, Maja Hudobin, Lada Šabado, Gilebera za kulturni mir in mirnost.

Mirovni inštitut - danes je neodvisna, nepridobitna, javna ustanova, ki se ukvarja s sodobnimi družbenimi in političnimi vprašanji. Njegov glavni namen je podpirati in spodbujati raziskave in razprave o sodobnih družbenih in političnih vprašanjih. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo.

Od leta 1991 naprej je Mirovni inštitut s svojim delovanjem prispeval k razvoju slovenskega civilnega društva. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo.

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Aktivnosti in sodelovanje z mirovničnimi skupinami v nekdanji Jugoslaviji, delo z begunci

V ustanovitveni fazi in prvih letih delovanja inštituta so bile aktivnosti usmerjene v podpiranje in spodbujanje raziskav in razprav o sodobnih družbenih in političnih vprašanjih. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo.

Iniciativa Demilitarizacija otoka Visa

Mirovni inštitut je sodeloval pri organizaciji in izvedbi projekta demilitarizacije otoka Visa. Projekt je bil namenjen raziskavi in razpravi o sodobnih družbenih in političnih vprašanjih. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo.

Reševanje konfliktov v skupnosti

Mirovni inštitut je sodeloval pri organizaciji in izvedbi projekta reševanja konfliktov v skupnosti. Projekt je bil namenjen raziskavi in razpravi o sodobnih družbenih in političnih vprašanjih. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo. Inštitut je tudi središče za izmenjavo mnenj in idej med strokovnjaki in širšo javnostjo.

Sociologija vojaka

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Nenasilno reševanje konfliktov v Jugoslaviji

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Vzgoja za mir

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Peticija za preklc embarga na uvoz orožja v BiH

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Zgodba za Macija

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Nastanek, razvoj in vloga neodvisnih ženskih skupin v Sloveniji

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Politični ekstremizem in nasilje do tujcev in drugih

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Nasilje in post ali Svoj o nasilju v postmodernem svetu

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Kulturna industrija

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Delavnice-punkerske univerze (DPU)

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Peace Institute as part of the exhibition
'KNOWLEDGE! UPOR! REACTION! Performance
and politics in the 1990s in the post-Yugoslav
context 'v + MSUM.

Open Society Foundation support

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Individual thematic focuses are coordinated by Lana Zdravković, Veronika Bajt, Maja Breznik, Majda Hrženjak, Marko Ribač and Vlasta Jalušič.

TEAM

The Peace Institute
Collective

DURATION

9. 1. 2019 – 30. 11. 2021

Aims and goals

With the institutional support, we aim to improve our advocacy and awareness-raising activities and create synergies between individual projects. We identified 5 + 1 strategic thematic focuses, within which we carry out individual activities (production of infographics, round tables and other public events, workshops, study visits, public letters, policy analyses).

Realization and available results in 2021

Migrations and equality

- November 24th 2021: **Info** about the EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027 has been published on the web-site and sent on a mailing lists reaching network of the NGOs dealing with the issue.

Gender and racism

- 26th February 2021: On the anniversary of the Erasure, Veronika Bajt, Katarina Vučko and Jasna Babić prepared a special **infographic** about the Erasure of permanent residents of the Republic of Slovenia. This was posted online and promoted via Peace Institute's website and social media.
- September 2nd 2021: Veronika Bajt participated in a **public debate** titled "Europe – Still a Continent of Immigration?" (City Museum, Ljubljana). In a conversation with prof. dr. Volker M. Heins, author of the book "Offene Grenzen für alle" (Open Borders for All), from the Institute for Cultural Studies in Essen, led by Igor E. Bergant, dr. Bajt addressed current issues of nationalism, racism, migration and integration in European societies. The event was co-organized by the Goethe Institute from Ljubljana, the German Embassy in Ljubljana, the Peace Institute and the City Museum of Ljubljana, as part of the exhibition Europe – the Heritage of Humanists. The video of the public debate was published and promoted online: Video lecture and debate: 'Europe – Still a Continent of Immigration?'. You can watch a recording of the public debate (in English) [here](#).
- October 29th 2021: Veronika Bajt and Jasna Babić published **infographic** about discrimination based on ethnicity, nationality, skin colour, religion and gender, publicly presenting the results of an online survey on discrimination.



Labor rights and precarious work

- January 15th 2021: Majda Hrženjak and Maja Breznik participated in **online discussion** »On (sex) work« at the Peace Institute. Content: Majda Hrženjak spoke about sex work from the perspective of intimate and body work, Maja Breznik spoke about the aspects of personal and economic dependence in sex work.
- March 8th 2021: **Infographic** Ženske v precarnih oblikah dela (Female workers in precarious forms of work). Content: Higher representation of women in low-paid jobs with low employment security.
- April 15th 2021: Our co-workers took part at the **consultation meeting** Virtual Experts' Consultation Meeting: Gender Inequalities and Platform Work, organized by The Ministry for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and European Institute for Gender Equality. Content: Consultation on platform work with European experts in the frame of Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2021.
- April 16th 2021: Our co-workers took part at the **consultation meeting** Gender inequalities and platform work, organized by The Ministry for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and European Institute for Gender Equality. Content: Consultation on platform work with representatives of European institutions (European Commission DG Competition, DG Employment, ETUC, Business Europe and others) in the frame of Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2021.
- May 14th 2021: Živa Humer had an **expert interview** for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) with the title "Gender equality and the socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic". The **report** content: Impacts of health crisis on gender equality in relation to the labour market, labour regulations, income, work-life balance, active employment policy.
- September 8th 2021: **Infographic** Increasing of poverty and inequality during the COVID-19 pandemic. Content: Increase of poverty in 2020 and distribution of poverty among social groups.
- September 24th 2021: Maja Breznik participated in the **round table** "Gender, economy and labour market during the pandemic and after", Slovenian Sociological Meeting 2021 "Pandemic society". Content: The varieties of "woman question" and the position of low-wage female workers during the pandemic.



Debate after the premiere of the documentary 'Work on Demand'. Photo: PI Archives.

- October 7th 2021: Mojca Freljih and Živa Humer participated in the high-level **conference** Quality Work for the Quality of Life, organized by the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2021. Content: Conference on quality work and work-life balance, lifelong learning and health security at work, including the professions of the future and new forms of work.
- October 8th 2021: Mojca Freljih and Živa Humer participated in the **consultation meeting** with Association Counselling for Workers. Content: Plan on future activities in the field of worker's rights and precarious work conditions.
- October 11th 2021: Maja Breznik participated in **discussion** about the book Work: The last 1000 years written by Andrea Komlosy, Besedna postaja 2021, Knjigarna Filozofske fakultete. Content: Specific nature of the Central European primitive capitalist accumulation and its explanatory value for the present "surplus exploitation".
- October 18th 2021: Maja Breznik participated in discussion about the **documentary film** 'Work on Demand' directed by Shannon Walsh. Content: The struggle of workers for the recognition of their employment status.
- 2021: Majda Hrženjak prepared a **research report**, »National regulation of platform work and its implications for gender



equality», country research report for the European Institute for Gender Equality. Content: The implications of platform work (employment security, working time, pay, work-life balance) on gender equality.

Social rights and intergenerational solidarity

- April 4th 2021: Majda Hrženjak held a **lecture** at the online Conference "Decent Care Work? Transnational Home Care Arrangements" with the title Transnationalization of eldercare in Slovenia: an outline of a recent phenomena.
- May 17th 2021: Mojca Frelih participated at the **expert interview** on the topic of dementia for Global Coalition on Aging.
- August 31st 2021: Mojca Frelih participated at the **consultation meeting** regarding the preparation of the Action Plan for the EU Pillar of Social Rights at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Rights and Equal Opportunities.
- September 21st 2021: Mojca Frelih participated at the **conference** Alzheimer 's situation and challenges diseases in Slovenia: Alzheimer 's disease through prism of the syndrome SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 (Stanje in izzivi na področju Alzheimerjeve bolezni v Sloveniji: Alzheimerjeva bolezen skozi prizmo sindemije SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19) organized by National Institute of Public Health.
- January - October 2021: Mojca Frelih and Živa Humer cooperated with EAPN Slovenia (The European Anti-Poverty Network Slovenia) in activities related to **Poverty Watch report** for Slovenia (discussion groups with NGO's working with victims of domestic violence and families experiencing poverty and social exclusion, writing and co editing the report).

Media and politics of intimidation

- January 11th 2021: **Statement** of support for the oldest student radio station in Europe Radio Študent.
- February 11th 2021: **Infographic** on the financing and of the Peace Institute was prepared by Marko Ribač.
- September 9th 2021: Mojca Pajnik held a **lecture** titled Nationalisation of Citizenship: the Case of Statelessness in Slovenia in the National Museum of Contemporary History of Slovenia in English language and was a part of the cycle of free hybrid lectures and events happening from 9 - 11 September titled 'Identity at a Crossroads: From Ljubljana to Koper'.



Photo: PI Archives.

30th anniversary of the Peace Institute

- Designing the **logo and visual image** of the anniversary.
- Designing and printing of **promotional materials** (bags, T-shirts, paper folders, bicycle bells, pens).
- June 24th – October 10th 2021: Providing materials and preparation of a timeline for the **exhibition** in the Museum Of Contemporary Art: REALIZE! RESIST! REACT! Performance and Politics in the 1990s in the Post-Yugoslav Context. The introduction of the work of the Peace Institute in the 1990s was one part of the exhibition.
- Designing and preparing an **online exhibition** about the Peace Institute and our responses to important events in the last 30 years. It includes a documentary about the institute, a timeline, a selection of 30 books authored by institute's co-workers, a photo gallery, and video portraits.
- Production of a **video documentary** about the Peace Institute and short video portraits.
- 29th September 2021: Organization of a **public event** with two roundtables, banquet and music performances.
- June 2nd – 4th 2021: Co-financing of the **international conference** 'What Kind of Government?'.

Announcement of the project continuation

The funding was finalised in 2021.

Structural support from Citizens for Europe

HEAD
Iztok Šori

DURATION
1. 1. 2021 – 31. 12. 2021

FUNDING
Citizens for Europe

Aims and goals

To strengthen digital capacities and skills at the Peace Institute and correspondingly rethink and upscale our dissemination, awareness-rising, educational and other public activities.

Realization in 2021

- Developing a concept for the transfer of knowledge to society, in particular to the economy.
- Developing a concept for the education pillar.
- Production of a video for the 30th anniversary of the Institute of Peace.
- Software purchase.
- Participation in communication trainings.

Announcement of the project continuation

The funding was closed in 2021.



Photo: Nada Žgank



4. DISSEMINATION



Peace Institute Library

HEAD

Martina Kerec

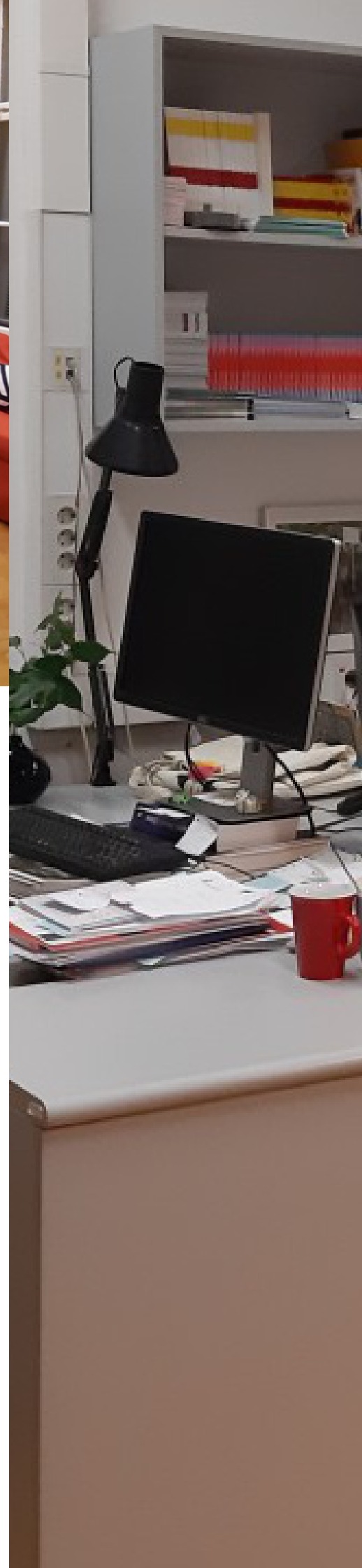
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<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/library/>

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.

In 2021 we carried out library, information and bibliographic services.



Peace institute website and other communication tools

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Jasna Babić

WEB PAGES

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Website

The Peace Institute website was established to inform the wider public about the institute's activities, its projects and achievements. Activities in 2021 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, creating subpages etc.). Regular information via the PI Facebook and Instagram page was also provided.

Newsletter

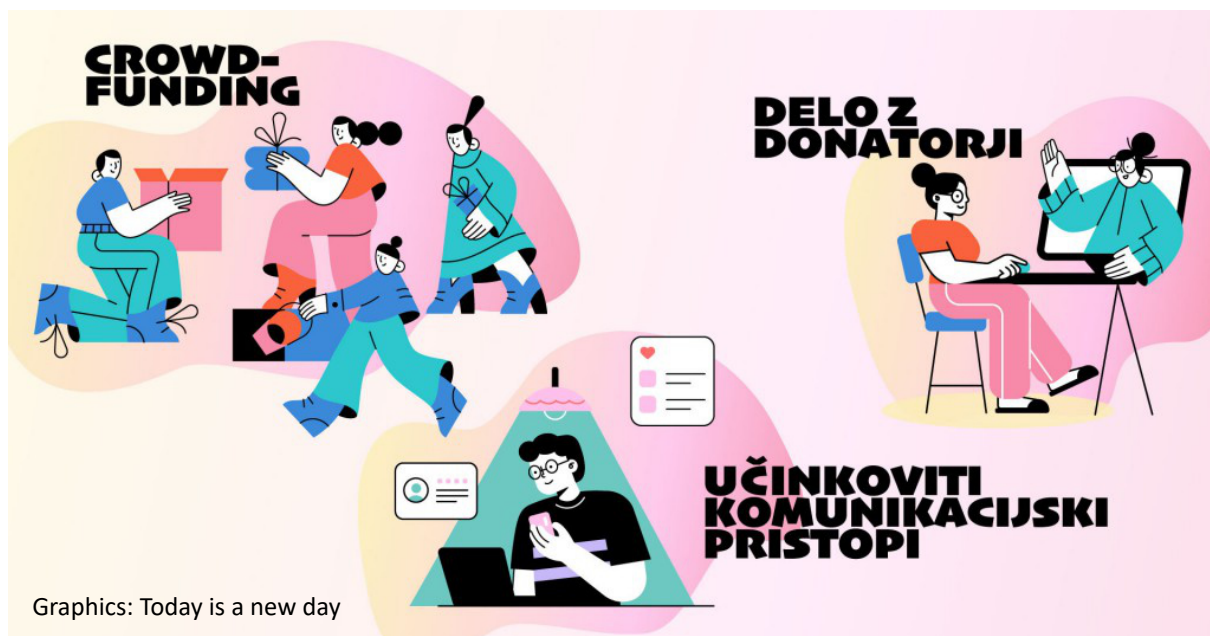
The aim of the Peace Institute newsletter is to actively inform the international public about its work, events, publications and projects. It is issued in English and Slovene and is distributed to 2000 e-mail addresses. Registration to receive the newsletter is possible through a Peace institute website. In 2021, we sent four newsletters in Slovene and English and one bilingual newsletter dedicated to the events marking the 30th anniversary of MI.

Facebook

On the PI FB page we share news and press releases from the MI website, news / announcements of related organisations (eg Amnesty International Slovenia, Slovenian Philanthropy, Pod črto, CNVOS, etc.) and the media articles when their contributions are related to the work of the Peace Institute. The Facebook MI page currently has 3.608 followers. By posting on the FB page, we mainly reach the general public.

Instagram

Instagram page was set up in December 2020. It contains certain news and press releases from the PI page. The PI IG page currently has 626 followers. By publishing on the IG page, we mainly reach the general public.



SUPPORT: developing innovative models of support and communication for NGOs

HEAD OF THE PROJECT

Jasna Babić, communication coordinator

PROJECT DURATION

1. 4. 2021 - 30. 9. 2021

PARTNERS

Bottom Line portal
Institute Today is new day
Slovenian Journalists' Association

FUNDING

Ministry of Public Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, public tender for the development and professionalisation of NGOs and volunteering in 2019.

WEB PAGE

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projects/support-develop-innovative-models-support-and-communication-for-nvo/>

Aims and goals

Consortium partners address the problem of lowering democratic standards in Slovenia and reducing the space for civil society organisations to work in the field of human rights, equality and freedom of the media. Within the project the Peace Institute co-finances the job position of communication coordinator.

Realization and available results in 2021

Within the project, we regularly published news on the website, Facebook and Instagram pages. We regularly updated the Media Archive, which contains monthly reports on the media coverage of the Peace Institute and sent newsletters. We published five infographics on funding, two on hate speech, the 29th anniversary of the erasure, and discrimination based on ethnicity, citizenship, skin color, and religion. We have published two guides in Slovenian language: *Handbook for NGOs: Digital Data Security Protocol* and *Handbook for NGOs: Through effective communication to greater visibility*. In November and December 2021, we conducted the two support campaigns: campaign to help erased *FOR Status!* and *Donate 1% of personal income tax to the Peace Institute*.

The project runs until 31st January 2022.



Membership in organisations

- Asociacija – Association of non-governmental organisations and independent artists in the field of culture and art
- CINETS: Crimmigration Control – International Net of Studies (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- Civil Liberties for Europe (contact: Brankica Petković)
- Coordination of non-governmental and humanitarian organisations in the field of refugees (contact: Maja Ladić)
- Council of the Human Rights Ombudsman (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- Council of the Republic of Slovenia for Children and Family (member: Živa Humer)
- Council for Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia (member: Iztok Šori)
- Council of the Social Science Data Archives (member: Iztok Šori)
- Ethics Committee of the Association of Journalists and Union of Journalists in Slovenia (member: Katarina Vučko, representing the public)
- European Anti-poverty Network (members: Mojca Frelj and Živa Humer)
- European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (member: Franja Arlič)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- 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 (member: Katarina Vučko)
- 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 (contact: Katarina Vučko)
- Europe Sub Chapter Mediterranean Group for UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Alliance

13 organizations from Slovenia, including the Peace Institute, form a network of organizations - EAPN Slovenia. Photo: FB

- Expert Council for Gender Equality at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (member: Iztok Šori)
- Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality – EIGE (member: Iztok Šori)
- Fundamental Rights Plaform pri EU Fundamental Rights Agency / International Law Association (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- JUSTICIA – European Rights Network (contact: Katarina Vučko)
- REKOM Coalition
- KOSRIS – Coordination of Independent Research Institutes of Slovenia
- MenEngage Europe
- Migration forum (contact: Lana Zdravković)
- Migration and development (contact: Lana Zdravković)
- Odysseus Academic Network of Experts in Asylum and Migration (member: Neža Kogovšek Šalamon)
- 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 Petković)
- Slovenian Communication Association (Mojca Pajnik, member of the executive committee)
- Statewatch (member: Brankica Petković)
- Women's Lobby Slovenia (member: Živa Humer)

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 Professionalisation of the Media

Membership in the committees of domestic and international scientific journals

- Analize : journal of gender and feminist studies, Romunija (Iztok Šori, member of the editorial board 2013-)
- Družboslovne razprave (Iztok Šori, member of the editorial board 2021-)
- Global media and communication (Mojca Pajnik)
- Journal of alternative and community media (Mojca Pajnik)
- Men and masculinities (Majda Hrženjak, member of the editorial board 2020-)
- Migracijske i etničke teme (Mojca Pajnik)
- Publishing House Sophia (Maja Breznik, founder and member of the board of Sophia Publishing House since 2010, President of the Board since 2019)



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Awards in 2021

Peace Institute is the recipient of the “Krunoslav Sukić” Recognition for the promotion of peacekeeping, nonviolence and human rights “. The Krunoslav Sukić Recognition is awarded to persons, initiatives, schools and organizations whose work contributes to the protection and promotion of human rights, promotes a culture of peace and nonviolence and works for the common good. For the ninth year in a row, the award has been presented by the Center for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights, Osijek, Croatia.

The article by Mojca Pajnik and Majda Hrženjak »Engendering Media Work: Institutionalizing the Norms of Entrepreneurial Subjectivities«, published in Journalism, was selected among the achievements »Excellent in Science 2021« by the Slovenian Research Agency. The selection was prepared by members of the Agency’s Expert Bodies and was confirmed by the Scientific Council of the Agency. The article is the outcome of the research project Gender differentiation in media industry.



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