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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2009/2010

Activities of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Croatia are divided into five sections in this report. The sections of the report are:

1. **Transitional Justice**
2. **Youth**
3. **Regional**
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All the activities are systematized under these programmes and chronologically within the programmes themselves.

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

Crime IS NOT an honour is an activity through which the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR) demands that towns and counties in the Republic of Croatia strip those unappealably convicted of war crimes off their titles of honorary citizens. This activity entailed sending memos to all towns in the Republic of Croatia, which, pursuant to the Act on the Right of Access to Information (Official Gazette No. 172/03), were requested to deliver their lists of honorary citizens. Upon this, YIHR analyzed the information collected and contacted local organizations and media outlets regarding those towns which had not delivered the information requested. To those towns where the ones unappealably convicted of war crimes are honorary citizens, YIHR sent a request to revise their lists and launch a debate on stripping them off the title. This request was upheld by numerous civil society organizations from Croatia and the region and a number of public figures; actors, TV hosts and editors, journalists, singers, prominent intellectuals and alike. A group in support of this request was

created on the social network Facebook, gathering several hundred members.

On April 12, 2010, YIHR organized a roundtable debate titled *Medak Pocket: Crime and Punishment*, held at the University of Zagreb Rector's Office. Keynote speeches at this roundtable debate were delivered by Dragan D. Pjevac (a son of Boja, killed at Medak Pocket), Stevo Jovic (the widower of Andjelija, tortured and killed at Medak Pocket), Luka Madjeric (Head of the Human Rights Office of the Government of Croatia), Renata Dozet Daskal (lawyer, representative of victims from Medak Pocket), Martina Klekar (Civic Committee for Human Rights' trial monitor), Rade Dragojevic (editor-in-chief of the weekly 'Novosti'), Srdjan Dvornik (human rights activist) and Mario Mazic, YIHR Croatia Coordinator. Underscored as the main conclusions of the event were, on the one hand, condemnation of unsatisfactory prosecution of crimes committed at Medak Pocket, and on the other hand the need to further prosecute those responsible, primarily Zeljko Sacic and Davor Domazet Losa. The importance that institutions of the Republic of Croatia unequivocally condemn the crimes committed was also emphasized. In scope of preparations for this roundtable debate, YIHR issued a special edition of the Newsletter on this case. The Newsletter is available at YIHR website.

During the roundtable debate on the crimes committed in Medak Pocket in 1993, YIHR publicly announced institution of a legislative initiative for amendments of the Pardon Act, with a view to blocking the persons convicted of war crimes from being pardoned or more clearly defining the terms of pardon.

On June 14, 2010, YIHR issued an overview of *Malpractice in Prosecution of War Crimes in Croatia*. This overview addresses the cases of crimes committed by the units and members of Croatian forces in the war waged in Croatia in the 90s, while its objective is to draw public attention to the manner in which Croatian judiciary evades the establishment of justice. The overview addresses the following cases: the case of Tomislav Mercep, murder of the Zec family in 1991, “Evacuation” of Pozega villages in 1991, Killings of Serbs in Sisak in 1991/1992, ‘Lora’ Military Prison Camp 1992-1997, Operation “Pocket ‘93” from 1993 and Military-Police Operation ‘Flash’ from 1995. The Overview is available at YIHR website.

On July 13, 2010, in cooperation with ICTY Outreach Office in Zagreb, YIHR organized a presentation of the ICTY for students of the programme on disintegration of the SFRY, offered by

US-based Northwestern University. The presentation was conducted by Christopher Fry and Klara Dokmanovic of ICTY Outreach Office in Zagreb.

On October 5, 2010, apropos marking the 15th anniversary of the military-police operation *Storm*, YIHR put up a commemorative plaque to victims of the crimes committed in this operation. The commemorative plaque bears the following inscription: *August 5, 1995. – August 5, 2010. / On the 15th anniversary of the Croatian Army Operation “Storm”, by this road thousands of refugees had walked along, the plaque is being put up by citizens of the Republic of Croatia who are offering the victims their apology for want of an apology by those accountable. The plaque was put up through financial support provided by the Government of the Republic of Croatia.* The commemorative plaque was put up in scope of the Project ‘Promotion of Youth Activism for Facing the Past’. The very next day, Administration of the Town of Knin bade utility services remove the commemorative plaque, which they complied with. YIHR therefore sent a request to the Town of Knin to have the commemorative plaque returned, but it has not received any response to date. For the act of putting up this commemorative plaque, YIHR received threats it reported to the police, but the police dismissed the report. Head of the Human Rights

Office of the Government of Croatia, Luka Madjeric, publicly dismissed the claims that the commemorative-plaque had been put up through financial support provided by the Government. On August 27, 2010, inspectors from the criminalist police department looked for YIHR coordinator at his home address for questioning. The planned questioning was in connection with the commemorative plaque. YIHR sent a memo to relevant institutions, demanding a statement regarding this case. Namely, YIHR is not informed of the existence of any process and in its press release it therefore expressed concerns that the aim of this police intervention was political intimidation. On that occasion it called on institutions, civil society organizations and the international community to unequivocally condemn this action on part of the Interior Ministry, should this concern be confirmed. YIHR terminated the Contract on cooperation with the Human Rights Office of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, for it not complying with provisions of the Contract and failing to disburse to YIHR the funds allocated for implementation of the Project.

In September 2010 YIHR representatives met with student associations of the University of Zagreb Law School and School of Political Science, as well as with representatives of ICTY Outreach Office in

Zagreb. They discussed a project YIHR is interested in implementing in partnership with them, which would involve study visits to the ICTY at The Hague for students of law, political science, journalism and history. This project is to be designed and applied for by the end of the year. The implementing bodies of the first part of the programme, the study visits themselves, will be student organizations, while YIHR will assist them in communication with the ICTY, as well as in the second phase of the programme, in which students who visited the ICTY will be writing papers to the topic of impact, contribution and legacy of the ICTY, guided in the process by qualified mentors.

In November, YIHR started collecting documentation and statements from different persons with significant knowledge (NGO activists, journalists, members of the police and armed forces etc.) about the war crime committed against civilians in 1992 in Žrnovnica near Split, when spouses Gašparević were taken from their own home, killed and left at the junkyard by several unknown perpetrators. The institutions of the Republic of Croatia have been having investigations about this case for several years, once in the early 90's and again after year 2000. The first time, the inspector received serious threats and left the country for good. The second time, the investigation brought no new

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significant findings. The Youth Initiative for human rights started investigating the case so it can collect documentation and deliver it to the State Attorney's Office in Zagreb. After YIHR's activist called a person who was at that time in military command in the area, the police brought the activist in for questioning. The questioning was very unusual since the members of the police were asking questions about the activist's opinion on Croatian generals being tried for war crimes at the ICTY and similar. After YIHR published a press release about the events, the local police spokesperson admitted in an interview that the actions by the police were unsuitable. YIHR continued collecting documentation about this case.

In December, YIHR started collecting statements from the family members of the persons kidnapped or killed in Vukovar in the summer of 1991 with the goal of delivering it to the State Attorney's Office in Zagreb (DORH) to be studied and used in the prosecutions. YIHR delivered transcripts of the statements to the DORH and publicly called it to thoroughly investigate the possible responsibility of four persons (two commanders and two direct perpetrators) for these crimes.

YOUTH

My Initiative Network is the Youth Initiative for Human Rights' activist network. It was set up in Croatia through the Youth Initiative for Human Rights' Executive Board Decision of April 3, 2009. My Initiative network implements various actions with a view to warning of human rights violations and promoting democratization and youth participation.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights organizes activist trainings on transitional justice. YIHR designed a programme comprised of four trainings. The first two trainings, *Transitional Justice: Introduction* and *War Crimes Trials*, were held, while the remaining two (Truth Commissions and Institutional Reforms) are to be held by the end of 2010. In scope of the second training the activists visited ICTY Outreach Office in Zagreb and attended a presentation of the ICTY delivered via video link from The Hague by Nerma Jelacic, Spokesperson for the Registry and Chambers.

Action *I don't want fascism!* lasted for two days, May 29 and 30, 2009, and it was protest in character, directed against organization of the concert

by the Croatian nationalist singer Marko Perkovic at Ban Josip Jelacic Square in Zagreb on May 30, 2009. This singer is notorious for his ultra-nationalist ideology and calls for the Ustasha movement. Activists warned of the problem that the concert was being financed by taxpayers' money. On the 29th of May activists and members pasted stickers with messages against the organization of this concert, while on the 30th of May activists and members were engaged in registering at the concert site the cases of public use of symbols and messages representing hate speech or inciting to discrimination, violence or intolerance along national, ethnic or religious lines. A brief report on this was developed and sent to the Interior Ministry and the media. YIHR also sent this report to the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic of Croatia, demanding that Mr. Perkovic be prosecuted for incitement to ethnic hostility.

Action "Where are the military documents?" was implemented on several occasions and it involved pasting stickers with the words *Where are the military documents?* in downtown Zagreb, sending open letters to the Government of the Republic of Croatia, an on-line petition for establishing full and unconditional cooperation with the ICTY and printing

t-shirts with various messages¹ which activists and members were clad in at St Mark's Square on the eve of the Croatian Government session, considering that public assemblies around the premises of the Government and the Croatian Parliament are illegal.

Apropos the 15th anniversary of the military-police operation Flash, in front of the premises of the Office of Attorney General of the Republic of Croatia My Initiative network activists drew contours of human bodies, with a view to warning of the problem of the lack of prosecution of crimes committed in this operation. They underscored the importance of prosecuting all the crimes committed, irrespective of who had committed them over whom. The action was terminated by police, who asked for the activists' identity cards.

¹ There were operations in Knin; There were operations in Varivode; Where are the military documents?; This is not a protest, this is a t-shirt slogan; We want cooperation – documents to The Hague; Cooperation with The Hague – state secret!; We don't have, we have, we delivered, we found, we lost, we investigated; EU demarche, my ultimatum

REGIONAL

“Young Politicians’ Regional Cooperation” is a project which the Youth Initiative for Human Rights is implementing in partnership with the organization Impunity Watch, through financial support provided by the Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. A regional conference was held in 2009, involving young politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia. Lecturers and speakers at the conference were representatives of YIHR, Impunity Watch, Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden in Zagreb, Human Rights Centre, Coalition for RECOM, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, Team for Negotiations of the Republic of Croatia with the European Union and the National Committee for Monitoring the Accession Negotiations of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. Along with participants, a part of the conference was also attended by guests from civil society organizations (Documenta, Legalis, PoliGraf etc.) and international organizations (OSCE, UNHCR, ICTY etc.). YIHR continues work on the Project Young Politicians’ Regional Cooperation in 2010 as well. This year, in cooperation with young politicians who partook in the

programme and in partnership with Impunity Watch, it issued the publication titled *Recommendations: Implementation of mechanisms of transitional justice and wider respect for human rights*. This publication is available at YIHR website. The publication was presented at public events in Belgrade, Podgorica, Prishtina, Sarajevo and Zagreb. Young politicians, YIHR activists and the representative of Impunity Watch partook in the presentations.

Apropos International Day of the Disappeared, August 30, 2009, a regional action was implemented on social networks Twitter, Facebook and MySpace. My Initiative network activists across the region pasted into their status the following text: Do you know where your loved ones are? Help others learn too. We demand that governments in the region locate nearly 16,000 people who are still unaccounted for on the territory of the former SFRY. August 30 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DISAPPEARED. According to the network’s records, several hundred people in the region put this text into their status.

During the organization of the Belgrade Youth Summit in December 2009, among participants from Croatia were representatives of numerous youth and human rights organizations from across Croatia,

institutional and government representatives, YIHR activists, journalists and other guests.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights is a member of the Coalition for RECOM (Coalition for setting up a Regional Commission tasked with establishing facts about war crimes and other grave human rights violations committed on the territory of the former SFRY). Through its operation and press releases, as well as its contribution, it has demonstrated undivided support for the Coalition's endeavours. YIHR partook in filming of the material for the Coalition's media campaign, in consultations and other activities of the Coalition. It continues to contribute to work of the Coalition and it has thus helped organize several consultations, while YIHR representative also partook in a meeting of the Coalition's delegation with the President of the Republic of Croatia, Ivo Josipovic, held on August 30, 2010. YIHR expressed its interest in coordinating the campaign for collection of signatures in Croatia and the Coordination Council assigned it this role. At the VII Transitional Justice Forum, YIHR Coordinator delivered an address on the campaign for the collection of signatures in support of the establishment of RECOM. In cooperation with Legalis, by the end of the year YIHR will organize Regional Consultations on the RECOM Draft Statute for

students of political science and law from the region, while YIHR representative will also partake in the team for presenting the Draft Statute at the consultations of the Coalition.

In February 2010 YIHR regional network launched Balkans Human Rights website (balkanshumanrights.org). The website contains the following description: Balkans Human Rights is a portal intended for lawyers, human rights advocates and all citizens interested in the status of human rights in the countries of the Western Balkans. The site contains information, news, documents, reports, publications, regulations and judicial decisions on human rights violations in the countries of the Western Balkans, as well as documents and reports by international institutions and organizations. The portal is edited by the Youth Initiative for Human Rights' network, comprised of members in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia and Kosovo. The portal is supported by the organization Civil Rights Defenders. Balkans Human Rights portal has a view to creating a single database comprised of data pertaining to human rights in the countries of the Western Balkans. The portal emerged in response to the needs for objective and timely information from this field.

At its meeting in May, Regional Coordination of the YIHR network decided for the next Youth Summit to be held in Zagreb. YIHR is currently in talks regarding the Summit with the Office of the President of the Republic of Croatia, since it has proposed that the President endorse the Summit and speak at its opening. The programme and topics of the Summit will be agreed by the Regional Coordination of the YIHR network.

YIHR partakes in the Regional Exchange Programme, in scope of which the YIHR regional network gathers young activists apropos various events significant for human rights and regional cooperation. On the 4th of November, YIHR Croatia and YIHR Serbia organized a meeting of youth activists from Belgrade, Vukovar and Zagreb in Vukovar, apropos the meeting between the President of the Republic of Croatia and the President of the Republic of Serbia. On this occasion YIHR activists cast flowers into the Vuka River from the bridge in downtown Vukovar, thus honouring all the victims of war in Vukovar. YIHR also organized a lunch for young activists, during which they were addressed by the people whose family members or they themselves were the victims of war crimes. Alongside them, the activists were also addressed by Danijela Stankovic, Deputy Mayor and Vesna Pusić, a liberal MP.

WATCHDOG

YIHR reacted to actions by the Government of the Republic of Croatia, other institutions and organizations, in cases of calling for discrimination, violence, violation of laws of the Republic of Croatia and non-implementation or inadequate implementation of mechanisms for the protection of human rights and mechanisms of transitional justice.

In the case of organization of the “Anti-Gay Protest” apropos holding the 2009. “Pride Parade” in Zagreb, YIHR sent an open letter to the Interior Minister, calling on him to prohibit that event, in keeping with the Public Assembly Act (Official Gazette No. 128/99), since it was tantamount to calls for hatred, as well as a threat to the Pride Parade participants’ safety. In 2010. organizers of the Parade themselves requested that this event be prohibited. The event was not prohibited on either occasion.

In its press release of September 12, 2009, YIHR warned of the calls for discrimination of candidates for the President of the Republic of Croatia based on religious orientation and of violation of the Croatian Broadcasting Act (Official Gazette No. 25/03)

during live coverage of a Catholic mass on the Croatian Radio Television (HRT), when one of the bishops called for voting in the presidential elections for a candidate of Croatian ethnicity and Catholic faith. YIHR reaction was publicly endorsed by some of the most prominent political analysts, President of the Republic of Croatia Stjepan Mesic and Public Ombudsman Jurica Malcic.

On two occasions YIHR sent an open letter to the Government of the Republic of Croatia, demanding full cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Likewise, YIHR sought greater transparency regarding the Government's work on implementation of this cooperation, considering that the reports the Government submits to the ICTY are fully confidential. YIHR requested publication of introductory sections of the reports, namely those sections describing work methodology, but which do not contain any information which would meet the criteria for declaring them confidential, particularly in the case of reports on the so-called Artillery Documents from the operation *Storm*, whose delivery many EU member states deemed a condition for opening negotiation chapter 23 (Judiciary and Fundamental Rights).

YIHR is a signatory to the open letter to the Government of the Republic of Croatia through which civil society organizations requested that media freedoms be respected. This letter was initiated by the Human Rights House Network.

On January 18, 2010, YIHR sent an open letter to caucuses and Members of the Croatian Parliament, urging them not to endorse a document put forth by the Croatian Parliament's Committee on Croats outside the Republic of Croatia, titled the *Declaration on Support to the Croatian People in B&H and to B&H in the Process of Constitutional Changes*. YIHR assessed that this document advocated further division of B&H along ethnic lines. Upon sending this open letter, YIHR was contacted by Chairman of the Croatian Parliament's Committee on Croats outside the Republic of Croatia, Ivan Bagaric, voicing in a telephone conversation with YIHR Coordinator his disagreement with YIHR. This document was never debated on and it was thus not adopted either. YIHR continues to monitor work of the Croatian Parliament.

On April 22, 2010, YIHR Croatia and YIHR B&H released a joint statement, endorsing endeavours by the President of the Republic of Croatia, Ivo Josipovic, to pay respects to the victims of war in B&H and initiate debate on the crimes committed. The open

letter strongly condemned statements made by Croatian Parliament Deputy Speaker, Vladimir Seks, and Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Jadranka Kosor, in which they condemned endeavours on part of the President of the Republic of Croatia, openly advocating the position of denial of the crimes committed. The same evening My Initiative network activists in Zagreb implemented the action of putting up posters which contained images of Mostar and Ahmici in ruins.

Upon rendering of the unappealable verdict in Montenegro for the crimes committed at the Morinj Prison Camp, YIHR Croatia and YIHR Montenegro sent a joint press release, voicing their concerns about the manner in which war crimes proceedings, as well as investigations in Montenegro and Croatia, were being conducted. This press release warned particularly of exceptionally poor judicial practices demonstrated during the trial in the Morinj case in Montenegro, as well as in the Lora case in Croatia.

On May 24, 2010, YIHR sent a letter to ICTY Chief Prosecutor, Serge Brammertz, in advance of his visit to Croatia. The letter underscores that YIHR is monitoring Croatian authorities' cooperation with the ICTY and that it deems that the investigation conducted, aimed at locating "The Artillery

Documents", was not fully satisfactory. On several occasions YIHR requested from the Government and the Ministry of Justice to provide information about work methodology applied by the Working Group, its membership and mandate, also proposing involvement of impartial members, of the likes of civil society representatives and independent experts, in its work. The Prosecutor was thus informed that the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Justice offered the public no relevant information about the Working Group that was allegedly set up. The letter was concluded with the claim that the investigation cannot be deemed transparent and that its methodology still remains questionable. This letter was also sent to numerous Croatian and EU officials. The European Parliament Rapporteur on Croatia, Hannes Swoboda, confirmed to YIHR his agreement with the claims made in the letter.

In the first half of June 2010. Croatian Radio Television ran a live coverage of a concert titled *For Truth*, aimed at raising funds for the defence of Croatian Army generals indicted of war crimes, currently tried before the ICTY at The Hague. On that occasion, assessing that this was a serious violation of the Croatian Broadcasting Act, YIHR initiated a joint press release, signed by more than 25 organizations,

networks and coordinating bodies of associations from Croatia and international organizations.

On September 22, YIHR sent a letter to President Josipovic, expressing its full support to his decision to strip off military ranks persons unappealably convicted of war crimes, murder and abuse of position and authority. The letter, *inter alia*, states: "The Youth Initiative for Human Rights would hereby like to express satisfaction at your decision to strip off ranks persons unappealably convicted of war crimes against civilian population, abuse of position and authority, as well as the crime of murder, affecting Branimir Glavas, Mirko Norac Kevo, Vladimir Zagorac, Tihomir Oreskovic and Sinisa Rimac. This act on your part is not only important in light of preserving the reputation of the Republic of Croatia and its army, but even more so since it represents a clear position that crime cannot be worthy of respect, but of utmost condemnation. This is the way to go in combating denial and justification, as well as diminishment of crime. Moreover, this is of paramount importance in acknowledging suffering of the victims, as well as in terms of sending out a message that criminals must not be role models, the message particularly significant for young people in this society. In promotion of these messages the Youth Initiative for Human Rights hereby gives you its sincere support.

OTHER

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights partakes in NGO forums organized by the Human Rights Centre. It has taken part in the following forums to date: The Coalition for RECOM and The System of Protection of Witnesses and Victims in War Crimes Trials. Other YIHR offices from the region were also invited to the second forum stated, and YIHR Montenegro and YIHR Serbia took part in it.

YIHR representative took part in the conference Youth for Peace and Security, held in Kvesheti, Georgia, from June 21 – 25, 2010. The Conference was co-organized by the Women's Information Centre from Georgia, the Austrian Helsinki Association for Human Rights and International Dialogue from Austria and the Agency for Public Transformations from Ukraine. YIHR's work and good work practices in the domain of dealing with the past on the territory of the former Yugoslavia were presented at the Conference.

At the Summer School of Civic Courage organized by the Nansen Dialogue Centre from Osijek, on August 27, 2010 the YIHR representative delivered a lecture on activism in the domain of dealing with the

past. The School was attended by high school students from Srebrenica and Vukovar. YIHR established contact with attendees of the School from Vukovar, announcing that transitional justice and activism trainings would be organized for them in Vukovar in November.

In late September, YIHR Coordinator delivered a lecture to American students attending the SIT World Learning Study Abroad Balkans Programme about the youth and dealing with the past in Croatia. Alongside YIHR Coordinator, Emina Buzinkic, Secretary General of the Croatian Youth Network, also delivered a lecture.

In the course of 2010, YIHR representatives met with officials of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia on a number of occasions. YIHR has kept up good cooperation with the ICTY in The Hague and Zagreb alike. On the 26th of April YIHR representatives met with the ICTY Registrar, John Hocking. Likewise, this meeting was attended by Martin Petrov, Chief of the Office of the Registrar, Nerma Jelacic, Christopher Fry, as well as representatives of the Human Rights Centre from Zagreb and non-governmental organizations the Centre for Peace, Non-Violence and Human Rights from Osijek, Documenta and the Civic Committee for

Human Rights. The meeting pertained to the ICTY completion strategy and legacy, as well as mutual cooperation. On July 5, YIHR Coordinator partook in a meeting with the ICTY President, Judge Patrick Robinson. Gabrielle McIntyre, Chief of Bureau, Office of the President, Christopher Fry and Klara Dokmanovic, as well as the representatives of non-governmental organizations Documenta and the Civic Committee for Human Rights also attended this meeting. The meeting pertained to cooperation of the Republic of Croatia with the ICTY and the legacy of the ICTY, as well as its impact on local judiciary.

YIHR representative partook in the conference Towards Reconciliation, held in Dubrovnik from October 24 – 26. The European Council on Tolerance and Reconciliation, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Robert Bosch Stiftung and other foundations and organizations organized this conference.

From November 2 – 5, 2010, YIHR representative took part in the international conference in Paris aimed at setting up the European Grassroots Antiracist Network. YIHR had earlier sent to the organizer brief information regarding racism-related problems in Croatia, while at the conference itself YIHR signed the Manifesto of this antiracist movement.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Croatia is a member of the Regional YIHR Network

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights (hereinafter the Initiative) is a regional network of non-governmental organizations with programs on the territories of Serbia, Kosovo, Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Initiative was formed by young people from these countries in order to enhance youth participation in the democratization of the society and empowerment of the rule of law through the process of facing the past and establishing new, progressive connections in the post-conflict region of former Yugoslavia.

The Initiative was formed in 2003, and more than 30 people work on various projects on a daily basis. The work of the organization also includes several hundred activists.

The mission of the Initiative is to protect the victims of human rights violations, establish new connections in the region among the post-war generations, as well as to include the young in the process of transitional justice, through promoting the truth about the wars in former Yugoslavia.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights promotes the truth, justice, responsibility and equality as the basic values. The Initiative has offices in Belgrade, Pristina, Podgorica, Zagreb and Sarajevo.



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