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ABOUT SARAJEVO OPEN CENTRE

Sarajevo Open Centre (SOC) is an independent, non-political and non-profit organization that promotes full respect of human rights and decreases the level of discrimination on grounds of gender, sexual orientation and gender identity by empowering marginalized unprivileged groups through community activities, promoting human rights within the society and advocating for policy change towards the public authorities.

SOC was established in 2007, registered as association of citizens on state level and has grown up to a respectable non-governmental organization in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Although we were founded in 2007, we have been working intensively since 2011, when we opened our first office and had our activists constantly working in the Sarajevo Open Centre. The team is composed of 10 employees, 1 trainee and 2 interns (April 2013).

We actively participate in the following networks: BiH Women's Network; BiH Coalition against hate speech and hate crime; BiH Coalition "Equality" against ethnic discrimination; Regional Network against Homophobia, BaBeINor Network on LGBT rights; BiH Peace Network; BiH Justice Network.

SOC has collaborated since 2007 with national (Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH, Ministry of Culture Canton Sarajevo and FBiH) and international donors (EU, EUPM, NATO, several Embassies, international foundations like Heinrich Boell Foundation, National Endowment for Democracy etc.).

Since April of 2012 Sarajevo Open Centre has been documenting cases of violation of human rights of LGBT persons and has so far documented around 40 cases concerning mostly discrimination and hate crime. Cases collected through the documentation will later on be used as advocacy and lobbying tool towards governmental institutions and relevant decision makers. This documentation is a part of the Sarajevo Open Centre free legal support programme and consists not only of the cases, victims and witnesses of violation of human rights of LGBT persons reported to SOC, but also the cases which were reported by the media and verified, as well as the ones that occurred online in social media or web portals.

For the upcoming period 2013-2014 SOC is going to focus on two intervention areas: *political participation* (women in politics) and *human rights* (women and LGBT rights). We find these two intervention areas crucial in order to achieve our vision.

INTERVIEW WITH SUE FOLGER, INTERNEWS CHIEF OF PARTY



Sarajevo Open Centre, for the second year in a row, organized a School about the rights of LGBT persons. Last year students from the Law Faculty participated, and this year we have included students of Journalism and Communicology. What do you think about this School and will this kind of education contribute to more professional reporting on LGBT issues by future journalists?

S.F.: A school that gives journalism students the tools and resources to report on LGBT issues in a fair, transparent and fact-based way is critical to promoting understanding, first and foremost by the young journalists themselves, and subsequently, the public. The more good and fair coverage there is, the wider knowledge is spread, which, I believe, eventually decreases ignorance and engenders acceptance.

Do you think this school should continue next year and possibly include elective courses in the Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo?

S.F.: Absolutely. Teaching good journalism is a constant. Students, and journalists, need to learn and regularly return to the basics of good journalism, especially given the rapid pace of social media development and increasing online usage. Using new technologies is often the exciting part to journalism. The hard part is creating good content - and covering LGBT issues effectively is especially important since there is little or no media writing about them in BiH. Having this as an elective course would indicate understanding and commitment by the faculty and students at the university.

Freedom of media is very important as media plays a large part in creating public opinion. Can you tell me why it is important for journalist to write about LGBT issues in a professional and ethical way?

S.F.: This is also about basic human rights – every citizen, despite ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, etc., deserves respect, dignity and equal social treatment in any society. It's a no-brainer. I think it will take a concerted effort on the part of journalists and media in Bosnia and Herzegovina to present the facts, bust the myths, and promote understanding and acceptance of LGBT citizens. And one of the most important ways to do this is through consistent professional and ethical reporting.

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MARCH THE 8TH, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PROGRAM POVODOM OBILJEŽAVANJA DANA ŽENA – 8. MARTA

ponedjeljak - 4. 03. 2013, 18:00h

Fakultet političkih nauka, Sala 19/1, Skenderija 72

Promocija zbornika
Kojeg je roda sigurnost?

Učesnici_e:

Tobias Flessenkemper, priređivač
Damir Arsenijević, priređivač
Mirela Rožajac-Zulčić, autorica
Amila Ždralović, autorica teksta

Moderatorica:

Lejla Turčilo, Fakultet političkih nauka

četvrtak - 7. 03. 2013, 18:00h

SARTR – Sarajevski ratni teatar, Gabelina 16

Promocija zbornika
Neko je rekao feminizam?

Učesnice:

Adriana Zaharijević, priređivačica
Ivana Dračo, autorica
Jasmina Čaušević, autorica

Moderatorica:

Berina Džemalović, Fondacija CURE

petak - 8. 03. 2013, 10:00h

Parlamentarna skupština BiH, Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1

Obilježavanje Međunarodnog dana žena

Agencija za ravnopravnost spolova BiH,
NATO Štab Sarajevo, Ambasada SAD

petak - 8. 03. 2013, 12:00h

Zemaljski muzej BiH, Zmaja od Bosne 3

Osmomartovski marš

petak - 8. 03. 2013, 22:00h

Fiskultura, Musala bb

Party

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Sarajevo Open Centre, CURE Foundation and NATO Headquarters Sarajevo jointly marked the whole week of the International Women's Day – 8th March. Together, we have prepared a wide range of activities and events – from book promotions, to marches and parties.

This week was opened with the promotion of the collection of papers titled “What is the gender of security?” on March 4th at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo. Participants were Tobias Flessenkemper and Damir Arsenijević, editors, Mirela Rožajac-Zulčić and Amila Ždralović, authors and moderator was Lejla Turčilo, the sub dean of this Faculty.

In the papers of this collection, the authors researched gender and security through a range of topics, including criminology, missing persons, representation of women in the armed forces and police, and in peace activism. This publication has been produced in the hope that it will inspire change(s) in Bosnian society, which is still very traditional.

Another book promotion, by Sarajevo Open Centre and CURE Foundation, was held on March 7th. Collection of papers titled “Someone said feminism?”, took place at Sarajevski ratni teatar (SARTR). The speakers on the promotion were Adriana Zaharijević, editor, Ivana Dračo and Sandra Zlotrg, authors and the moderator was Jasmina Čausević from Sarajevo Open Centre.

This fourth, Bosnian-Herzegovinian, release of famous collection of papers was published by joint cooperation of Sarajevo Open Centre, Heinrich Böll Foundation and CURE Foundation. This publication covers texts by 34 authors, which are divided by chapters, concerning the rights and freedoms of women, issues of personal and political, identity and difference, representation of women, art, literature, and theory and activism.

Marking of the International Women’s Day on 8th March started with a roundtable on women’s rights and their status in BiH, at the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, organized by NATO Headquarters, Embassy of the United States of America, Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Right after this event at Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, CURE Foundation had their annual 8th of March march.

As a closing event to this Women’s Days week, the March 8th party was organized at Fiskultura by CURE Foundation and Sarajevo Open Centre.



Neka ljubi ko god koga hoće!

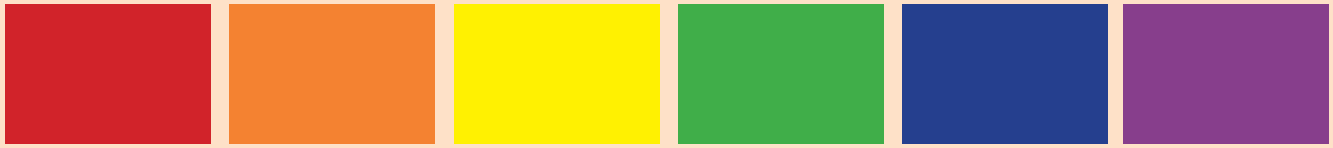
On the 17th of May 1992 World Health Organisation (WHO) declassifies homosexuality as a mental illness in the latest edition of its list of diseases and health problems, the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems*. Since then this day has been marked as an International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, which emphasises that homophobia and transphobia are harmful and must be fought against until its logic is destroyed.

Sarajevo open centre organized the first ever IDAHO media campaign in BiH this year. The purpose of this campaign named **Neka ljubi ko god koga hoće (Let everyone kiss whomever they want)** was to raise the awareness of the issues LGBT persons face. This campaign aims to indicate the alarming level of homophobia and transphobia in BiH society and to attribute to their decrease. Homophobia and transphobia are present in work places, educational system and schools, streets, media and Sarajevo Open Centre through all of its activities wants to raise awareness of the public on their consequences and work on their decrease.

Media coverage for the campaign was provided by the web portals radiosarajevo.ba and lgbt-prava.ba, radio stations Radio Sarajevo and Balkan radio Banja Luka. Campaign started on the 13th and lasted until 19th of May 2013. Through audio and video messages from famous and respected individuals from BiH society we want to introduce LGBT rights related topics into media and make them closer to the public thus conveying the message: Neka ljubi ko god koga hoće! This campaign was also supported by many individuals on the international level such as the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Šimonović, Members of the European parliament such as Marije Cornelissen, Ulrike Lunacek and Michael Cashman, representatives of the Council of Europe and many others.

These videos were published on the web portal lgbt-prava.ba and in SOC youtube channel.

As a part of our campaign we organised an Info session with journalists whose participant was Marina Milković our guest from Croatia and a member of Zagreb Pride and a co-manager of Queer2Queer workshops in Zagreb. This Info session was organised to present the campaign and generally discuss homophobia and transphobia in BiH and the region and also to present our tender for the professional and ethical reporting on LGBT topics for journalists. A workshop for LGBT persons about Coming out and a discussion on activism in the region was organised on Saturday the 18th. Several street actions in Banja Luka, Mostar, Tuzla and Sarajevo were organised on the 17th of May.17.



coming out!

zagovaranje promocije i zaštite prava lgbt osoba

After two successful capacity building trainings on the EU and BiH legal framework for protection of the human rights of LGBT persons and advocacy and lobbying, and a training for journalists on *The importance of professional reporting about topics related to LGBT*, the project *Coming out! Advocating promotion and protection of LGBT rights*, funded by EU and implemented by Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Sarajevo Open Centre and Foundation CURE, has several activities underway including research activities and training of specific groups, such as law enforcement agents. Research activities are focused on investigating the causes and the level of the existing homophobia in the BiH society through a public opinion poll, on one hand, and determining the state of protection and situation of LGBT human rights in 5 different sectors: health, education, internal affairs, judiciary and political parties, on the other (implemented by CURE). Both of these research activities will result in 6 reports (June-October 2013) in total to be used as tools in the advocacy and lobbying activities: meetings, roundtables and conferences.

Regarding the training for journalist that SOC has organized last May in Sarajevo, offered a chance for printed, online, TV and radio journalists from BiH to learn more about dominant patterns of representation of LGBT persons in BiH media, with the emphasis on visual representation, the importance of pride parade related to visibility of LGBT persons and LGBT activism, responsibility and ethics of reporting about LGBT persons and topics, media law and media regulation and social responsibility of journalists reporting about LGBT persons and topics. In the first half of June, a round table on the topic of the proactive stance of BH authorities towards protection of LGBT human rights will be organized by HBS and the second half of this year will be reserved for different advocacy and lobbying actions.

RESEARCH ON NEEDS OF LGBT COMMUNITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

From February till July 2013, Sarajevo Open Centre undertakes a research on the needs of LGBT community in BiH within the our LGBT rights project funded by Open Society Fund. The main goal of this research is to map real problems and assess concrete needs of LGBT people in BiH in order to continue working on these problems using the precise data. It includes concrete work with governmental and other institutions (through advocacy, education, meetings, and so on) which prove to demonstrate discrimination against LGBT persons, do not operate according to the professional ethics, or in any other way fail at hindering the policy of selective approach to human rights.

The assessment of the real problems and needs will be achieved through the analysis of questionnaires. Finally 550 LGBT persons from the whole Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in this research. Six regions in BiH (more then 24 municipalities in total) were recognized and marked as those that should be covered and each region has been assigned a researcher working with LGBT persons on site. The research includes three areas: everyday life of LGBT persons, LGBT activism of Sarajevo Open Centre, and political participation of LGBT persons. The questionnaire could be filled out in three different ways: through a face-to-face interview, a telephone interview, or filling it out online. The questionnaire was totally confidential. The purpose of this research is to gather data that will provide a basis for the analysis and a report on research results. This report will serve as a platform for further advocacy for concrete changes for the benefit of LGBT persons in the fields of health, police, justice, political participation, and overall empowerment of LGBT community and culture in BiH.

The results of the research will be published at the end of July 2013, available also on our web page.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY

We are empowering the LGBT persons by implementing supportive community based activities related to their needs and rights through information sharing, counselling, education and support for informal LGBT initiatives throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Wednesdays at SOC!: we are organizing bi-weekly social gatherings with different topics to discuss or different activities to work together with the main purpose of creating a strong community and give them a safe space to freely communicate themselves and help us to claim our rights.

- Countrywide capacity building workshops: a team of SOC is travelling to 5 different cities to organize capacity building workshops for those activists that want to get engage on as LGBT human rights defenders. We have been organizing those workshops for more than a year in Zenica, Tuzla, Banja Luka, Mostar and Sarajevo.

- Gay-straight Parties at FIS!: we are organizing every second Friday evening parties for everybody, being LGBT or just friendly, who want to enjoy a relax atmosphere and meet new people.

MERLINKA LGBT FILM WEEKEND IN SARAJEVO



Sarajevo Open Centre has hosted the international LGBT film festival called Merlinka within the Sex, Pop and Politics Project in collaboration with the Embassy of the Swiss Confederation in BiH. This festival was held in the period from 15th until 17th May of 2013. The Festival is named after a trans person Vjeran Miladinović Merlinka, who played in the movie „Marble Ass“ from the director Želimir Žilnik and its goal is to promote the rights of LGBT persons and lower homophobia through film art.

Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo was opened on the 15th of May of 2013 and this was the first time that this Festival was ever screened outside Belgrade. An important number of media, TV, radio, printed and online covered the Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo.

The Festival was officially opened with a message from Ulrika Lunacek, member of the EU Parliament. The first night started with screening of the movie “Marble Ass”, and after the screening Jasmila Žbanić, a well-known film director from BiH, discussed with Želimir Žilnik about his movie and the anecdotes he had with the main actors who were trans persons, as well as about the murder of Merlinka. The second day of the Festival was reserved for the discussion about LGBT activism in Serbia which was moderated by Saša Gavrić, and the panelists were Predrag Azdejković (GLIC, Beograd) and Aleksandra Gavrilović (Labris, Beograd).

During the second and the third day the audience was presented with 17 short and feature-length films. The Festival was closed on the 17th of May with a screening of a French film called „The String“.

COALITION FOR COMBAT AGAINST HATE SPEECH AND HATE CRIMES



KOALICIJA ZA BORBU PROTIV GOVORA MRŽNJE I ZLOČINA IZ MRŽNJE
КОАЛИЦИЈА ЗА БОРБУ ПРОТИВ ГОВОРА МРЖЊЕ И ЗЛОЧИНА ИЗ МРЖЊЕ
COALITION FOR COMBAT AGAINST HATE SPEECH AND HATE CRIME

Coalition for combat against hate speech and hate crimes was formed in January of 2013 with the support of Civil Rights Defenders and OSCE BiH and its current members are Association for Democratic Initiatives; Youth Initiative for Human Rights; Mediacentre; Sarajevo Open Centre and later joined CURE Foundation; BH journalists and Press Council in BiH.

The main goal of the Coalition is to advocate and lobby for adequate and proper regulation of hate speech and hate crime in the criminal legislation of BiH, as well as for the harmonisation of this regulation on all state levels. The Coalition already advocated for a wider and more inclusive hate crime definition and has sent its proposition of amendments for the Law on amendments to the Criminal Law of Republic of Srpska which should be adopted during this year.

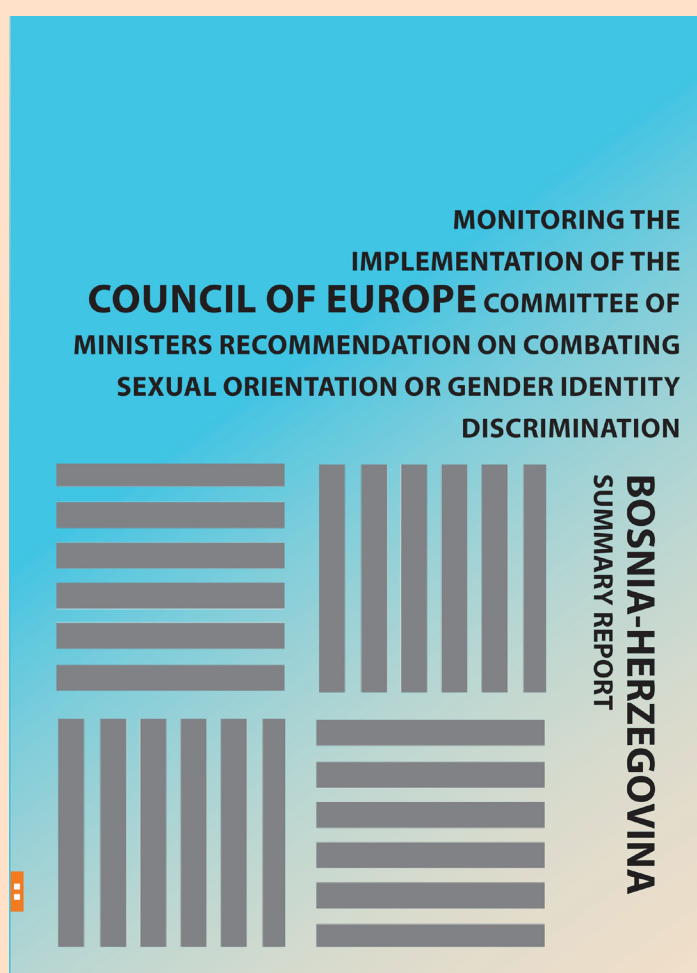
Further plans of Coalition are to conduct similar actions in Federation of BiH and the preparation of the proposition of amendments concerning the definition and sanction for hate speech and hate crime to the Criminal Law of Federation of BiH. These actions of the Coalition are supported by the fact that the Commission for Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of FBiH has instructed the Federal Ministry of Justice to initiate the adoption of amendments to the Criminal code of FBiH.

This initiative of the Commission for Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of FBiH is actually a reaction to the appeal Sarajevo Open Centre made towards all the institutions in charge in FBiH, after the hate crime against a young gay man in Mostar in December of 2012, for introduction of hate crime in the Criminal Law of FBiH.

MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CoE RECOMMENDATIONS

Sarajevo Open Centre presented its publication „Monitoring of the Implementation of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Recommendation on Combating Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination” in March of 2013. Within this project Sarajevo Open Centre contacted several ministries and public institutions, seventy one in total, in charge of implementation of anti-discriminatory measures in ten different fields. These fields were regulated by the Recommendation and its Appendix. Only twenty seven institutions, out of seventy one, responded to the questionnaire. The information gathered in this report indicates that the only measure BiH government undertook in the accordance with the Recommendation was the legal prohibition of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. However this prohibition offers very little protection to LGBT persons in the intolerant and homophobic society of BiH authorities will have to revise and harmonize the existing legislative with the Anti-discrimination law and conduct a public campaign to raise the awareness of the public on the mechanisms for protection of discrimination, and adequately implement the Recommendation in order to comply with the obligations they received by the Council of Europe.

In its own reply to the Follow-up to Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, BiH confirmed the information SOC gathered through its monitoring, and assessed the implementation of the Recommendation and the measures itself took to ensure it as insufficient.



WHAT IS GENDER OF SECURITY?

NATO Headquarters Sarajevo, in cooperation with Sarajevo Open Centre and five local non-governmental women's and youth organizations, organized from 3 to 6 June 2013 roundtables entitled *What is the gender of security?* Roundtables were held in the municipalities of Bihac, Velika Kladusa, Cazin, Prijedor and Banja Luka.

NATO is dedicated to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and through its Action Plan cooperates with local communities and non-governmental organizations in order to raise awareness of the resolution and the need for the participation of women in decision-making processes. The aim of the project is to introduce projects NATO Headquarters Sarajevo is working on and together with Ministry of Defense BiH to encourage women from small communities to get more involved in the decision-making processes.

Participants were addressed by colonel Harald Hiorth (NATO), brigadier Mersida Mešetović (Ministry of Defense), Vanja Matic, coordinator of gender equality program at NATO Headquarters Sarajevo, and representatives of NGOs.

Sarajevo Open Centre also organized 7 round-tables in December 2012 in municipalities Ostra Luka, Jajce, Prozor-Rama, Livno, Vlasenica, Milici and Zvornik.

FIGTHING ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IN BIH

National Endowment for Democracy (NED) supports SOC project *Promoting Public Debate on Ideas for Improving State Functionality*, whose aim is to promote public debate and build citizens support for ideas for constitutional changes needed to improve the country's functionality and advance its democratic transition. Our activities are related to the *Coalition Equality – Coalition against constitutional discrimination*, which was created in December 2012, with the aim to bring together civil society organizations, formal and informal groups and individuals.

Also, within activities of NED project, on the 10th of May was held a conference *What is the vital interest of peoples and to whom it belong? Constitutional and political dimension*. The organizer of the conference is Center for Political Studies in cooperation with the House of Peoples of the FBiH Parliament.

HOW TO REACH 40% OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENTS?

GENERAL ELECTIONS 2014

Sarajevo Open Centre on May 30, 2013 organized a discussion entitled How to reach 40% of women in governments? General elections 2014 which was dedicated to the amendments to the Election Law of BiH concerning the issue of participation of women and men on the electoral lists, which were adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly in March 2013. Sasa Gavric moderated the discussion and participants were female parliamentarians from different levels of government: Besima Boric (the House of Representatives of the Parliament of FBiH, SDP BiH), Ismeta Dervoz (the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, SBB BiH), Katica Cerkez (the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the FBiH, HDZ BiH) and Segmedina Srna (the Assembly of the Sarajevo Canton and the House of Peoples of the Parliament of FBiH, SDP BiH).

ALTERNATIVE/SHADOW REPORT ON CEDAW IMPLEMENTATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

During April 2013, Sarajevo Open Centre has been coordinating the writing of the Alternative/Shadow Report on CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This year's Report is focusing on the rights of marginalized women (Roma women, women with disabilities, women from rural areas, LBT women), and for the first time, the Alternative Report on CEDAW implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina will include the text on LBT (lesbian, bisexual, transsexual/gender) women, written by Sarajevo Open Centre. The Alternative Report also addresses the participation of women in political and public life, economic status of women, but also the issues of violence against women, women victims of war and victims of trafficking in women.

This Report has been prepared and finalized with the help of the informal network of BiH non-governmental organizations working in the area of women's human rights, which consists of: Rights for All (Prava za sve, Sarajevo), Future (Budućnost, Modriča), Lara (Bijeljina), Medica (Zenica), United Women and Helsinki Parliament of Citizens (Ujedinjene žene and Helsinški parlament građana, Banja Luka), Collective - Initiative for experimental learning of the Lotos Association (Kolektiv - Inicijativa za iskustveno učenje udruženja Lotos, Zenica), and Sarajevo Open Center (Sarajevski otvoreni centar, Sarajevo). Organizations that have not been directly included into the Report writing, but have been available for eventual consultations, were CURE Foundation (Fondacija CURE, Sarajevo) and From Women to Women (Žene ženama, Sarajevo).

The Alternative Report will be presented in July 2013 at the 55th CEDAW Committee Session in Geneva, by the three-member delegation representing the informal network of NGOs, consisting of the representatives of Rights for All and Sarajevo Open Center. This delegation will also attend the „From Global to Local“ Programme, organized by IWRAW Asia Pacific. Those activities were supported by IWRAW Asia Pacific and UNWomen BiH. The report is available on our web-page.

GENDER AND SECURITY FORUM

During May 2013, Sarajevo Open Center coordinated the preparation of the 3rd Gender and Security Forum, which was held in Sarajevo on 12th and 13th of June. The event is traditionally hosted by NATO HQ Sarajevo, Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina and UN Women BiH. This Forum gathers representatives from BiH state and international institutions, NGOs and embassies. The purpose of the event is to provide platform for information sharing and coordination as well as networking amongst participants. This is one of the largest gatherings of institutions who work on implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

PUBLICATIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS EDITION



REPORT ABOUT HATE SPEECH BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY. CASES FROM 2012 AND 2013

<http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/Izvjestaj%20govor%20mrznje%20finalni.pdf>



REPORT ABOUT HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA IN SCHOOLS IN BIH

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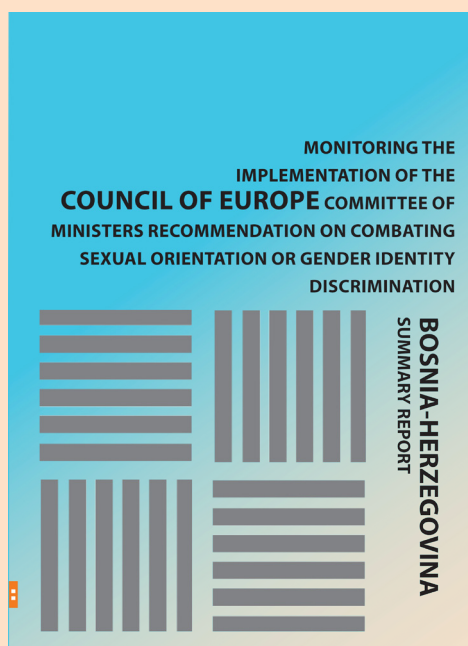
REPORT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF TRANSGENDER PERSONS IN BIH

<http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/Izvjestaj%20o%20transrodnosti%20web.pdf>



PINK REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF LGBT PERSONS IN 2013

<http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/Rozi%20izvjestaj.pdf>



MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS RECOMMENDATION ON COMBATING SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY DISCRIMINATION

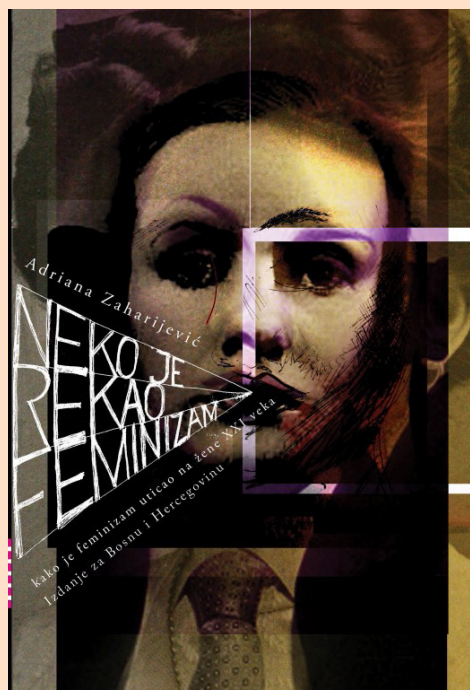
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SHORT GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL REPORTING ABOUT LGBT ISSUES

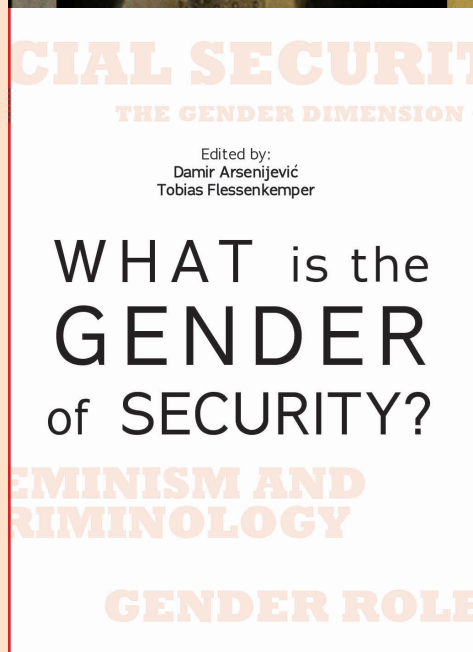
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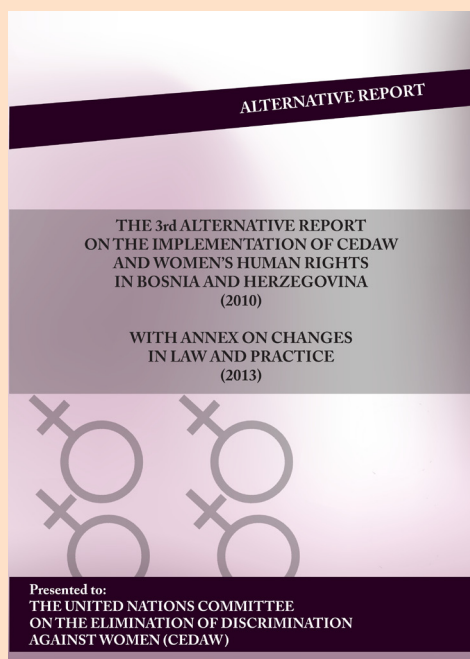
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WHAT IS THE GENDER OF SECURITY?

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THE 3RD ALTERNATIVE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CEDAW AND WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA WITH ANNEX ON CHANGES IN LAW AND PRACTICE (2010-2013)

<http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/The%203rd%20Alternative%20Report%20on%20the%20Implementation%20of%20CEDAW%20and%20Women%27s%20Human%20Rights%20in%20Bosnia%20and%20Herzegovina%20with%20Annex%20on%20changes%20in%20law%20and%20practice%20%282010-2013%29.pdf>

QUESTIONING EDITION



GLOSSARY OF LGBT CULTURE

<http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/Pojmovnik-Final-na%20verzija%20za%20web.pdf>



TEXTBOOK OF LGBT HUMAN RIGHTS

http://soc.ba/templates/lightbreeze-red/media/CITANKA_LGBT%20ljudskih%20prava.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD JULY-DECEMBER

- **Coming out!:** during the following months a group of academia experts will be researching different focus groups' perceptions and knowledge about LGBT issues/persons. They will be assessing members of the educational community, health care system, law enforcement officers, judges and prosecutors and journalists. After the assessment several trainings will be given for those specific groups, starting by police officers and secondary education representatives.
- **December the 10th, HUMAN RIGHTS DAY activities:** we will organize on December the 12th a Regional conference about LGBT human rights situation, and we will include as panelist National Human Rights Bodies and civil society; We will give out the Journalist prize for the best continuous professional reporting about LGBT issues/persons; and we will start a raising society awareness campaign about the necessity to apply human rights to LGBT persons.
- **LGBT cultural programme:** it will include a continuous film programme, exhibitions, public discussions and book publications.
- **Publications:** Analysis of media reporting on LGBT issues during 2013; LGBT men coming out stories; Short guide for law enforcement officers; Political System of BiH.
- **Seven project: Documentary play** based on interviews with seven women's rights activists from BiH.
- **Research on participation and role of women in political parties' bodies in BiH.**

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