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May 3 – May 31 2016	<p>Online campaign I support LGBTI persons because...</p> <p>Tuzla Open Centre will launch a campaign within social networks, the goal of which will be to help to overcome prejudices and barriers between the LGBTI community and non-LGBTI community. The campaign will go through the whole month of May. Citizens of Tuzla and the whole Bosnia and Herzegovina will have a chance to participate and express their support for the LGBTI community. Everyone is invited to participate.</p>	SOCIAL NETWORKS	<p>Tuzla Open Centre</p> <p>Selma Kešetović selmak.toc@gmail.com</p>
May 04 – May 31 2016	<p>Billboard campaign Did you know?</p> <p>Within this activity Sarajevo Open Centre will organize a billboard campaign on twelve different locations. Five different messages will be used to explain main questions regarding the respect of LGBTI people and their rights. Having in mind that a significant majority of citizens lack basic information about LGBTI people life's it is important to spread basic messages through public campaigns, breaking up in that way prejudices and stereotypes. The campaign is supported by the Open Society Fund BiH and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).</p>	<p>SARAJEVO</p> <p>Billboards around the city</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Naida Kučukalić naida@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
Saturday, May 07 2016 11:00-17:00h	<p>Workshop for LGBTI community LGBTI rights and activism</p> <p>The Foundation CURE organizes a workshop whose primary goal is to empower and encourage the activism for the LGBTI persons in Mostar and the region. In addition to the introductory topics of terminology and history of LGBTI movement in BiH, participants will have a chance to discuss possible future activities and what is the best way to protect and enforce their rights. The workshop will be led by members of Foundation CURE and Vladana Vasić, lawyer at the Sarajevo Open Centre. This workshop will be organized as part of a US State Department funded regional project.</p>	<p>MOSTAR</p> <p>***Location will be disclosed to selected participants.</p> <p>Send your applications on: marija@fondacijacure.org</p>	<p>Foundation Cure</p> <p>Marija Vuletić marija@fondacijacure.org 033/207561</p>

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<p>Monday/ Tuesday, May 09 – May 10 2016</p>	<p>Training for judges and prosecutors in the Federation of BiH Antidiscrimination and criminal law: fighting discrimination and violence against LGBTI people</p> <p>For a third year in a row trainings for judges and prosecutors, with the goal of securing more effective protection of the LGBTI persons and more effective processing of human rights violations based on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics, are being organized. Participants will get familiar with domestic legislation and international and European legal standards. Trainers are professionals from BiH and neighbouring countries.</p> <p>This training is organized by the Sarajevo Open Centre and the Centre for Education of Judges and Prosecutors of the Federation of BiH (CEST FBIH), with the support of the Norwegian Embassy.</p>	<p>JAHORINA</p> <p>*** Participation only based on a previous registration at the CEST FBIH.</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Jozo Blažević jozo@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
<p>Thursday, May 12 2016 12:00h</p>	<p>Street action Feel free</p> <p>By organizing this action the NGO Women to Women (Žene ženama) is joining the action LGBTI Equality Month. As a sign of support for the human rights of LGBTI people a gathering and release of balloons in rainbow colours from Bijela tabija, a medieval castle, which has panoramic view on Sarajevo, will be organized.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO Bijela tabija</p>	<p>Women to Women Žene ženama</p> <p>Lejla Arnaut zene2000@ zenezenama.org 033/219640</p>
<p>Friday, May 13 2016</p>	<p>Debate Cooperation between media and civil society organizations – Together towards the improvement of quality of media outputs about the rights, interests and needs of the LGBTI community in BiH</p> <p>With the goal of improving the quality of media contents concerning the LGBTI community and reaching higher respect of journalists' ethics when reporting about minority and vulnerable groups, BH Journalists are organizing two discussions. Speakers at the first discussion are Borka Rudić, Secretary General of BH Journalists, and Lejla Huremović, Coordinator of the Sarajevo Open Centre. Debate is organized with the financial support from the Norwegian Embassy in BiH.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO</p> <p>*** Location and time to be confirmed.</p>	<p>BH Journalists</p> <p>Borka Rudić borka.rudic@ bhnovinari.ba</p> <p>Adis Šušnjar adis.susnjar@ bhnovinari.ba</p> <p>033/223818</p>

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<p>Saturday/ Sunday, May 14 – May 15 2016</p>	<p>Workshop Human rights of LGBTI people</p> <p>Youth Movement Revolt and the Tuzla Open Centre will organize a workshop open for all citizens of Tuzla. Main topics of the workshop will be gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, LGBTIQ activism and human rights. The workshop will address discrimination, hate speech, hate crime, and mechanisms for human rights protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region and Europe. Workshop sessions will be led by activists of the Tuzla Open Centre and Vladana Vasić, coordinator of Sarajevo Open Centre.</p>	<p>TUZLA</p> <p>***Location will be disclosed to selected participants.</p> <p>Send your applications on: dajanab.toc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Centre</p> <p>Dajana Bakić dajanab.toc@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday, May 15 2016 19:30h</p>	<p>TV Show on the TV Liberty Hate crimes</p> <p>This TV show will present five stories about persons and communities who are targeted by hate crimes: LGBTI people, Roma, returnees and religious and sacral objects. This TV show will as well talk about recently adopted regulation on hate crimes in the Criminal Law of FBiH, enabling stricter punishments for such criminal acts. The realisation of this TV show has been enabled through the financial support of the Dutch Permanent Mission at the OSCE in Vienna. Schedule of screenings on different TV stations can be found on: http://www.slobodnaevropa.org/content/popup/26893658.html</p>	<p>BHT 1</p> <p>Available online: http://www.bhrt.ba/bht1-uzivo/</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Jozo Blažević jozo@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
<p>Monday, May 16 2016 10:00h</p>	<p>Press conference Human rights of LGBTI people: Current status and priorities for 2016</p> <p>Fifth year in a row Sarajevo Open Centre is publishing its Pink Report – Annual Report of the State of Human Rights of LGBTI people. On the occasion of May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia – members of SOC will present the main conclusions and recommendations for further steps, which should be taken by public institutions in order to advance the human rights of LGBTI people. The publishing and promotion of the report has been supported by the Norwegian Embassy in BiH.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO</p> <p>Square in front of the Parliamentary Assembly BiH Trg BiH 1</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Emina Bošnjak emina@soc.ba 033/551000</p>

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<p>Tuesday, May 17 2016 12:00-14:00h</p>	<p>Annual discussion on the occasion of May 17 - IDAHOT EQUALITY NOW! Current state of human rights of LGBTI people and priorities for 2016</p> <p>2015 has brought some positive changes. Members of SOC will present main findings of the Pink Report – Annual Report of the State of Human Rights of LGBTI people and will make recommendations for further steps to be taken by the public authorities in BiH. Speakers will be Vibeke Lilloe (Ambassador of Norway), representatives of institutions and members of the Sarajevo Open Centre. The event is supported by the Norwegian Embassy, Open Society Fund BIH and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).</p>	<p>SARAJEVO Mediacentar Kolodvorska 3</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre Emina Bošnjak emina@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 17 2016 12:00h</p>	<p>Press conference Human rights of LGBTI people: Presentation of Pink report 2016.</p> <p>Fifth year in a row Sarajevo Open Centre is publishing its Pink Report – Annual Report of the State of Human Rights of LGBTI people. The Pink Report is at the same time the only report in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is dedicated to the rights of LGBTI people. Speakers at the press conference will be members of the Youth Centre KVART, and representatives of media and institutions.</p>	<p>BANJA LUKA Perpetuum mobile Petra Kočića 4</p>	<p>Youth Centre KVART Branko Ćulibrk idahotbanjaluka@gmail.com 052/961118</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 17 2016 13:00h</p>	<p>Press conference About LGBTI people and their rights</p> <p>On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, members of the Tuzla Open Centre will organize a press conference for local media. The main goal of the press conference is to increase visibility and raise awareness on the unequal position of the LGBTI people in Tuzla Canton and Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p>	<p>TUZLA *** Location: to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Centre Dajana Bakić dajanab.toc@gmail.com</p>

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<p>Tuesday, May 17 2016 16:00-19:00h</p>	<p>Movie screening and discussion The relation between the LGBTI movement in BiH and political parties and other interest groups</p> <p>The NGO Liberta Mo from Mostar organizes also this year an event on the occasion of May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. The event will be opened by the screening of the movie Pride, which tells about the relationship between the workers union and gay-lesbian movement in the 80ies in Great Britain. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Speakers are Professor Mile Lasić (University of Mostar), and Husein Oručević, political scientist and radio presenter. Moderator: Nino Zelenika. This activity has been supported by the US Embassy in BiH.</p>	<p>MOSTAR</p> <p>OKC Abrašević Alekse Šantića 25</p>	<p>Liberta Mo</p> <p>Ines Pusić ines.politologija@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 18 2016 14:00-16:00h</p>	<p>Workshop Human library</p> <p>Human library functions on the principle of a real library. The only difference is that reading is replaced by talking with the Book. Books are persons who voluntary talk to readers about challenges they face for being a minority and/or different than others. During the human library you will have a chance to meet a book of a gay man, a book of a lesbian, and books of bisexual, transgender, transexual, pansexual, asexual and queer people.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO</p> <p>***Location will be disclosed to selected participants. Send your applications on: marija@fondacijacure.org</p>	<p>Foundation Cure</p> <p>Marija Vuletić marija@fondacijacure.org Denija Hidić denija@fondacijacure.org 033/207561</p>
<p>Thursday/ Friday, May 19 – May 20 2016</p>	<p>Training Rights of LGBTI people for the representatives of the Coordination board FBiH for the enforcement of the Gender Action Plan</p> <p>For the first time rights of LGBTI people have been included as a part of a public policy. Different ministries and institutions will enforce those measures during 2016. In order to make this work sustainable the Sarajevo Open Centre and the Gender Centre FBiH will organize this training for representatives of the FBiH Coordination Board, hoping that they will be able to advance LGBTI rights independently in the future. The training is financially supported by the Open Society Fund BIH.</p>	<p>JAHORINA</p> <p>*** Participation upon individual invites.</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551000</p>

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<p>Saturday, May 21 2016</p>	<p>Debate Cooperation between media and civil society organizations – Together towards the improvement of quality of media outputs about the rights, interests and needs of the LGBTI community in BiH</p> <p>With the goal of improving the quality of media contents concerning the LGBTI community and reaching higher respect of journalists' ethics when reporting about minority and vulnerable groups, BH Journalists are organizing two discussions. Speakers at the second discussion are Milkica Milojević, President of the Board of BH Journalists, and Kristina Ljevak, journalist and collaborator of the Sarajevo Open Centre. The debate is organized with the financial support from the Norwegian Embassy in BiH.</p>	<p>BANJA LUKA</p> <p>*** Location: to be confirmed.</p>	<p>BH Journalists</p> <p>Borka Rudić borka.rudic@bhnovinari.ba</p> <p>Adis Šušnjar adis.susnjar@bhnovinari.ba</p> <p>033/223818</p>
<p>Saturday, May 21 2016</p>	<p>Daylong celebration of May 17 - IDAHOT IDAHOT Banja Luka 2016</p> <p>On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, the Youth Centre KVART from Prijedor and the NGOs Oštra Nula, BUKA and Unsa Geto from Banja Luka are organizing activities through the whole day. Some of the activities are: presentation and workshop "Queer in Comics" with Helena Janečić. The representation of women and queer characters in comics, whether they still undergo through stereotyping and if they still turn up as side characters or they managed to reach the autonomy are the initial questions of the presentation. Following the presentation all interested guests can take part in the comic workshop. After the workshop the movie Danish Girl will be screened. Directed by Tom Hooper, this movie has been inspired by the life of the Danish artist Lili Elbe. The movie tells a biographical story suffused with love and personal struggle of the first trans woman who went through a sex reassignment. The daylong event will end with a party with the DJin duo Psychos from Banjaluka, playing electroclash, electropop, synthpop.</p>	<p>BANJA LUKA</p> <p>***Location will be disclosed to selected participants.</p> <p>Please send your registrations on idahotbanjaluka@gmail.com, unsageto@gmail.com</p>	<p>Youth Centre Kwart Branko Ćulibrk idahotbanjaluka@gmail.com 052/961118</p> <p>UNSA GETO Vesna Malešević unsageto@gmail.com 065/730343</p>

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<p>Monday, May 23 2016 09:00-14:30h</p>	<p>Regional conference Public policies on equality LGBTI persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>The aim of this conference is to present the CM/Rec(2010)5 Council of Europe Recommendations on fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and the mapped needs for actions in BiH and its entities – Republika Srpska and Federation BiH.</p> <p>The conference is organized by the Gender Centre – Centre for Gender Equitz and Equality of the Republika Srpska Government and the Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of the Gender Equality Agency BiH and the Gender Centre FBiH. Panellists, moderators and participants are Ombuds-Persons, representatives from the Council of Europe, Parliaments, Governments and CSOs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia. The conference is organized within the project Enhancing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans rights in BiH in the line with EU standards, financed by the European Union and co-financed by Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and Open Society Fund BiH.</p>	<p>BANJA LUKA</p> <p>Administrative Centre of the Government of the Republika Srpska Trg Republike Srpske 1</p> <p>***Registration needed. Register on: vladana@soc.ba</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Vladana Vasić vladana@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
<p>Tuesday- Thursday, May 24 – May 26 2016</p>	<p>Training for CSOs from BiH and Western Balkans Documentation on human rights violations LGBTI people and advocacy</p> <p>Everyday violation of human rights of LGBTI people often does not get recorded by responsible institutions. In order to make these human rights violations visible, CSOs often take over the task of documentation of human rights violations of LGBTI people.</p> <p>Sarajevo Open Centre will host a three-day training for organizations working within the field of LGBTI rights coming from Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and BiH. Realization of this event is supported by the US State Department and ILGA Europe.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO</p> <p>*** Participation only based on direct invitation.</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Maja Lukić Schade maja@soc.ba 033/551000</p>

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<p>Friday, May 27 2016 18:00h</p>	<p>Discussion LGBTI community in Kosovo The Sarajevo Open Centre, as part of its monthly LGBTI community programme, will organize a closed debate with community members. Rajmonda Sylbije, Executive Director of the LGBTI NGO Centre for Equality and Liberty from Pristina will present her experience and views.</p>	<p>SARAJEVO ***Registration needed. Register on: naida@soc.ba</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre Naida Kučukalić naida@soc.ba 033/551000</p>
<p>Friday, May 27 2016 18:00h</p>	<p>Literature evening Queer poetry night With this activity Tuzla Open Centre would like to open a platform where LGBTI culture and wider community culture intersect, meet and communicate to one another. The main goal of this activity is to encourage and empower LGBTI persons to take a stand in a public space and express them self in a safe and supporting environment. This event is open for individual performances of LGBTI persons, and it will be accompanied by the performers who will read poetry of already affirmed poets.</p>	<p>TUZLA American Corner, NUB Derviš Sušić</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Centre Bojana Matuzović bojanam.toc@ gmail.com</p>