



Bijeli krug Hrvatske



Newsletter



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This Newsletter refers to the project "Survive, Overcome and Support Victims of Crime" (S.O.S. for victims). This is the third of a total of four issues that we will publish quarterly. With this number, we will introduce you to the content, goals and most important activities of this project.

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Dear readers,

you have the opportunity to read the third Newsletter of the S.O.S. for victims project, whose coordinator is the White Circle Croatia Association in partnership with Rete Dafne Italia, the Association for Nonviolent Communication and The Irish Council for Civil Liberties. In this issue of the Newsletter the project team will share the activities carried out in the period from the 2nd Newsletter until today.

In the last few months we systematically worked on organizing trainings for professionals, we planned national conferences and we have invested a lot of effort in writing, designing and printing the Final Report that will be disseminated soon. In the Final Report, the goal is to show the results of the research that we collected based on the Questionnaire for assessing the needs of victims and the Questionnaire on the attitudes and experiences of competent authorities in relation to Directive 2012/29/EU. We presented the results of the questionnaire for victims in Italy at the National Conference in Turin.

We hereby thank all the victims of criminal acts, institutions and organizations, and primarily Professor Barbara Herceg Pakšić, whose effort and commitment led to the successful realization of the Final Report.

Also in this period, we conducted two trainings in Ireland as well as one in Italy. This successfully completed the activity of implementing training for professionals in partner countries

This edition of the Newsletter will describe the above-mentioned activities as well as an overview of upcoming activities.

We hope you enjoy reading!

With respect,
S.O.S. team

White Circle Croatia Association (WCC), Rete Dafne Italia (RDI), Association for Nonviolent Communication (ANC) and The Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL)

Project S.O.S. for victims is co-financed from the Justice Program of the European Commission. The main goal of the project is to improve knowledge about special provisions that regulate victims' rights, to increase the capacity of experts and CSOs to deal with victims' rights, and to improve intersectoral cooperation. If you want to know more about the project and partnership, read our 1. NEWSLETTER : (<https://www.bijelikrug-hrvatske.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Bijeli-Krug-newsletter-quarterly-1.pdf>)

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CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Training for professionals

- *Ireland*

Two two-day trainings were held under the name "Training on the Rights and Support of Victims". The trainings in Dublin were held on June 22nd and 29th, 2023

At the first training, the lecturers were Dr. Susan Leahy, who is the Director of the Center for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies at the University of Limerick, Professor Jennifer Schweppe from the University of Limerick, Joe Power, Restorative Practice Development Officer Céim ar Chéim & Simon Keating, restorative justice project assistant, Le Chéile mentorship.

At the second training, the lecturers were Doireann Ansbro, Head of Legal and Political Affairs at ICCL, Professor Amanda Haynes from the University of Limerick, Ian Marder from the University of Maynooth. Liam O'Driscoll made the closing remarks on the topic of Compensation for Victims of Crime.



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CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- *Italy*

On October 2nd, 2023, a second training session for professionals was held in Mantua entitled "VICTIMS OF CRIME, POSSIBLE SUPPORT". The Rete Dafne in Turin and Rete Dafne in Mantua organizations were presented at the Training. After the initial presentation and introduction, the essential elements of how we can understand the service that deals with providing support and help to people who have suffered a crime in their life. In this sense, reference was made to the European Union Directive on the rights and protection of victims of criminal offenses (2012/29/EU).



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National conference in Turin

The national conference in Turin was held on October 13th, 2023. Representatives of public and private institutions that work with victims were present at the Conference. President Livija Plančić presented the project, the results of the project and directions for the future. Interviews with the victims were shown, and several speakers presented the work of the organization Rete Dafne Italia and the cooperation on our project.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Final report - dissemination based on research and consultation with other relevant stakeholders in each country

National meeting in Slovenia

National meeting in Ireland

Final Conference (Zagreb, Croatia)

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