



## INCEST TRAUMA CENTER – BELGRADE

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### BASIC INFORMATION ON THE INCEST-TRAUMA CENTER – BELGRADE

The Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade (ITC; officially registered in 1994, under the name: Support Group for Child Sexual Abuse Survivors and War Survivors of Sexual Violence) is a women's non-governmental organization, a service specialized in the problem of sexual violence. The professionals were originally trained in the sphere of health and mental health. More details about the activities of the ITC can be downloaded at [www.incesttraumacentar.org.rs](http://www.incesttraumacentar.org.rs). We provide psychological assistance to child and adult survivors of sexual violence and their supportive persons (9 reported cases per week; the only representative statistical data on the national level on the social problem of sexual abuse of children for the period 1994-2009, which was published annually, has been incorporated in several national strategies and reports for the Republic of Serbia). At the same time, we work as a training center and over the 18 years of ITC activities, our diverse training programs were attended by 7,021 from 506 GOs and NGOs (3/4 from GOs). In June 2001, the UTC started and has to this day been coordinating ***The Network of Trust against gender-based violence*** (an intervention team of trained practitioners from 15 GOs and NGOs, who in the course of their daily professional activities provide assistance to victims of violence). We are experienced in public campaigns and lobbying (e.g. September 2007 - February 2012, we were implementing the campaign against sexual violence entitled "The Me Nobody Knows", one of the specific aims of which is the introduction of the topic of gender-based violence into the school curricula, syllabi and textbooks). All the ITC educational and preventative programs have been conceived and realized on the grounds of our team's daily practical activities in the context of violence against women and children. (Illustration: over the period 2005-2011, in partnership with the Ministry of Justice of RS, for the personnel of 4 penitentiary institutions in the territory of Serbia, working with women and minor perpetrators of criminal offences. Educational programs of basic and advanced level (42 + 58 effective hours of work).

In accordance with the ITC Strategic Plan for the period 2009-2015, our main identity is related to the prevention of sexual violence, and accordingly, some of the results have

been: a) State Excellence Award 'for special contribution to awareness-raising concerning the unacceptability of sexual and gender-based violence" (The Ministry of Social Policy of RS, 2010) b) Finalist in 2011 and recipient in 2012 of the award "REWARD" of the PR Society of Serbia in the category "Communication in the non-profit sector" c) Appointment by the Council of Europe in Strasburg as the official partner in the Campaign against sexual violence for the Republic of Serbia, the Campaign entitled "ONE in FIVE", based on the Lanzarote Convention (according to the signed agreement, in the course of the entire Campaign, 2012-2014) d) The official song "Stop the Silence!" of ITC Campaign in Serbia has been handed over to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and it's been declared as the official song of "ONE in FIVE" Campaign on European level to be used by the member-states.

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