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Dear all,

The Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade has realized its activities throughout this year with the support of the *European Union, through the Program of Support to the Civil Society of 2013, the Australian Embassy, Reconstruction Women's Fund and Republic of Serbia Government Office for Cooperation with Civil Society*. At this moment, the full duration of the Council of Europe Campaign "1 IN 5" in the period 2012-2015 we're drawing to a close in the capacity of official national leader for the Republic of Serbia, appointed by the Council of Europe in Strasburg (Children's Rights Division).

We look back at the following accomplishments in the year 2015:

January – Short educational film "**KIKO AND THE HAND**" that we produced in partnership with the Primary School "Djura Danicic" from Belgrade and the children of their preschool group "Cika Jova Zmaj" , according to their original idea, which was presented at our Sixth Annual Excellence Award Competition for primary and secondary schools, as well as with "LUPA Studio" from Belgrade. It is intended for use in everyday life of kindergartens and in the classroom, as part of the regular primary school curriculum.

The film (4 min.) is available in Serbian and in English on the following links (just click!)

serbian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBKPDcGMnwE>

english <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4fPI6h-0EU>

January-October – **Implementation of the first National Study on the social problem of childhood sexual abuse** (we interviewed children, youth and parents in 97 schools from 51 cities in the territory of Serbia), in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia and the Women Health Promotion Center from Belgrade, and in cooperation with the Ombudmans's Office of the Republic of Serbia. You can find two national documents on the first National Study (2015): the Draft Strategy in Education for the prevention of child sexual abuse in the Republic of Serbia (2016-2020) and the National Strategy for Gender Equality (2016-2020).

February-April – We expanded our Sexual Assault Prevention Peer Team (made up of children and youth aged 12-18)!

March – At the invitation of the Committee for Children's Rights of the Parliament of Serbia, we became involved as active members of the Task-force that was formed in order to monitor the implementation on the Family Law in parts referring to the protection of children against domestic violence (our written contribution was published as part of the first National Study). Also, we made a written contribution to the Gender Equality Coordinating Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia concerning the Action Plan for 2015, pointing to the need that the topic of sexual violence be introduced in the national preschool and school curriculum and the relevant textbooks, as well as a comment concerning the new Draft Law on Gender Equality.

June – We presented the Preliminary Report of the first National Study with the participation of the representatives of the European Union Delegation in Serbia, the Council of Europe Belgrade Office, the Ministry of Education of Serbia, the Women Health Promotion Center and the Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Serbia. A total of 247 persons as part of the National Study Team invested their personal effort in the implementation of this national research. The Ombudsman's institution, at our own request, monitored the entire process of preparation of the Study and provided a written positive opinion regarding the respect of children's rights in the course of the National Study.

The results of the activities of our Sexual Assault Prevention Peer and Volunteer Teams against sexual violence are shown as accompanying video material of the first National Study, in our short educational film **"LET US TALK ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE"**, made in cooperation with "LUPA Studio". It is intended for use in everyday classroom activities, as part of the regular curriculum of primary and secondary schools.

The film (8 min.) is available in Serbian and English at the following links (just click!)

serbian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzoK0GW-fTE&feature=youtu.be>

english https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flgU-cpgh_4&feature=youtu.be

September – We began the new school year with the presentation of our new interactive web page for children, youth and their supportive persons "I AM HERE FOR YOU, TOO!" www.ijasamuztebe.org.rs, - our new 3D SEXUAL ASSAULT FREE ZONE. In cooperation with "LUPA Studio", at an Open Day Class against Sexual Assault, we introduced the pupils and teaching staff with this new, rich resource, which is accompanied with a NEW BROCHURE "I AM HERE FOR YOU, TOO!", now on http://incesttraumacentar.org.rs/publikacije/I_ja_sam_uz_tebe!_ITC_2015.pdf

We presented the results of the first National Study at a Public Hearing in the Parliament of Serbia, in partnership with the Women's Parliamentary Network.

With the support of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, we also organized the visit of Mr. Matthew McVarish, a Scotsman who himself has been a survivor of Childhood Sexual Assault and who, in the period May 2013 - February 2015, walked 16,000 km and visited all the EU member states' capital cities in order to raise consciousness on childhood sexual assault and make an impact on social and political policymakers. Mr. McVarish spoke in the Parliament of Serbia and for the first time in Serbia, we organized the activity "I WALK AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT!" Reminder of the Program of the visit <http://incesttraumacentar.org.rs/index.php/najnovije-vesti/784-25-septembar-25-26-septembar-2015-program-posete-metjua-mekvarisha-beogradu-u-organizaciji-incest-trauma-centra-beograd-u-okviru-kampanje-saveta-evrope-1-od-5> .

September-October - In partnership with the Ministry of Education of Serbia, (Violence Prevention Unit / Group for the protection against violence and discrimination), we realized a Public Debate "FROM THE NATIONAL STUDY TO THE NATIONAL STRATEGY IN EDUCATION FOR THE PREVENTION CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" in 11 cities, with the participation of 553 persons, out of whom 161 pupil.

November - This year too, we organized the SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION WEEK and, for the first time, commemorated the EUROPEAN DAY on protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and the permanent commemoration of the WORLD DAY of prevention of child abuse and neglect!

We have also published the Final publication of the first National Study <http://incesttraumacentar.org.rs/index.php/najnovije-vesti/431-20-novembar-2015> .

As part of the Sexual Assault Prevention Week, at the Public Hearing in the Parliament of Serbia, in partnership with the Women's Parliamentary Network, the Ministry of Education of Serbia (with the participation of the Minister) and Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Serbia (with the participation of the Deputy Ombudsman for Rights of the Child and Gender Equality), we presented the **Draft of the first Strategy in Education for the prevention of childhood sexual abuse in the Republic of Serbia**. Authors: from the Ministry of Education (Biljana Lajovic, Smiljana Grujic and Gordana Medenica) and from the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade (Dr. Ljiljana Bogavac, Dr. Stanislava Otasevic, Dusica Popadic and Snjezana Mrse).

With the support of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, our guest in the Sexual Assault Prevention Week was Mr. Patrik Sjöberg from Sweden, former high jump world record holder, who himself has been a survivor of Childhood Sexual Assault, perpetrated by his coach. In 2011, he wrote his autobiography entitled "**Det du inte sag / WHAT YOU DIDN'T SEE**" and, echoing this title, several activities in the

Sexual Assault Prevention Week wore that name. Reminder of the Program of the visit http://incesttraumacentar.org.rs/files/ITC_2015_Nedelja_prevenције_seksualnog_nasilja.pdf .

We have submitted the Initiative of the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade to the Women's Parliamentary Network for the supervision of the implementation of the legal provisions regarding the prevention of re-victimization in the course of the entire criminal procedures, in the best interest of child sexual assault survivors.

December – We are preparing for the Year of 2016 and we invite you to join our activities aimed at preventing Sexual Assault!

Summary - Brief Info on the Results of the Incest Trauma Center - Belgrade <http://incesttraumacentar.org.rs/index.php/en/we-are/background-and-mission> .

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