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Introduction

Dear Reader,

This Annual Report for 2013 contains detailed descriptions of project activities that were implemented in 2013. Several projects described in the Report have been extended, new activities have been added, and we have received additional support and funding for their implementation in this year as well.

We hope that you find the Annual Report for 2013 useful and informative. Moreover, we hope that this Report will help you understand better our work and efforts we invest into democratization of public institutions, protection of human rights, and promotion of EU integration processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We are open for cooperation with diverse societal actors and have worked in the past with great number of non-governmental organizations, public institutions, and business representatives. Therefore, contact us if you would like us to work together and build a partnership!

Sincerely,

ADI Team



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About us

Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) is a non-governmental organization working on improvement of the rule of law, protection of human rights, and EU integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina by fostering participatory and direct democracy practices and instigating partnerships between the civil society, governmental institutions and the private sector. ADI realizes its objectives through proposing policy solutions, implementing projects and advocacy campaigns, and organizing educational trainings. Particularly, ADI's efforts are directed towards building institutional capacities of civil society organizations and promotion of their role in the society.

During its 12 years of existence, ADI has worked on diverse national and regional projects on issues in area of development of political and economic institutions, instigating participatory democracy mechanisms, strengthening the civil sector, and protection of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since its creation until 2008, ADI has served as the Secretariat for the Balkan Human Rights Network (BHRN), coordinating activities and projects with 44 human rights organizations in the Balkans region. During this period ADI implemented great number of projects in cooperation with national and regional partners/NGOs. Some of ADI's past project include, successful regional schools "Human Rights and Business" and "Regional Summer School on Human Rights" held in Malta. In last six years, ADI implemented several projects focusing on the reform of the justice sector and development of public participation practices in this sector: "Strengthening the Role of the Professional Associations in the Justice Sector in BiH" and "Creating the Preconditions for the Cooperation between Non-governmental organizations and the Ministry of Justice of BiH".

In addition, ADI held numerous trainings for civil society organizations (CSOs) focusing on developing their knowledge and skills in writing project proposals; trainings on organizing advocacy campaigns and public consultations; preparing applications for EU funds, World Bank, and other international and national donor organizations; financial management; strategic planning; monitoring work of public institutions; building



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communication strategies. Similar trainings were organized for municipalities and small businesses throughout the country. As part of its projects' activities, ADI prepared and published great number of guidebooks, research and public policy papers.

ADI possesses strong partnership relations with great number of institutions in the country and regionally. In realization of our current project activities, for example, ADI draws from its established partnerships with more than 300 CSOs in the country, several municipalities, the Ministry of Justice BiH, and the Ministry of Human Rights, Refugees and Civil Affairs in BiH. ADI has skilled staff to manage and implement projects and programs, organize and coordinate large-scale public consultations and advocacy campaigns, research and write policy analyses and comparative studies, and lead promotion activities. Large number of donors and particularly international development organizations present in BiH, have recognized our expertise, professional attitude, dedication and enthusiasm we bring into our work. ADI's current donors are: Government of Great Britain, USAID, Swiss Government; while some of its former donors were: European Commission, Danish Center for Human Rights, USAID, USAID BiH, Government of Great Britain, Catalonia Ombudsman, UNDP BiH, UNDP in Serbia, British Embassy in BiH, OSCE Mission in Croatia, and Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Aside from regional presence that we developed through implementation of projects with our partner organizations in Macedonia, Kosovo and Serbia, we also built our international experience working outside of the Balkans especially in the Euro-Mediterranean region as a member of the educational working group within Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network and consultant in the process of establishing Turkish Human Rights Network.



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Implemented Projects in 2013

Human Rights Awareness Rising and Education Project: Selection and participation of two representatives from BiH for MEDAC human rights course in Malta 2013

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) is an institution of higher learning offering advanced degrees in diplomacy with a focus on Mediterranean issues. MEDAC is based in Malta and was established in 1990 pursuant to an agreement between the governments of Malta and Switzerland.

The Human Dimensions Program of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies - in collaboration with Ireland and with the financial support of the Swiss Development Cooperation of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs – organizes a specialized yearly summer training course on Human Rights and Development: Educational Perspectives. Through lectures by established experts, case studies, group discussions and simulations, the training course offers the participants an opportunity to study basic principles of human rights, international law development and education. The course is also a very useful match-making event and an opportunity to confront different experiences and points of view when it comes to HR in different cultural contexts.

For the sixth year, Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) organized and participated in the selection process of candidates from B&H for mentioned summer school. Swiss Embassy provided financial support and awarded full scholarship for two candidates from Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in summer training. This year's summer school subject was "Women's Rights and Gender Identities" and it was held in the period between 3rd and 11th July 2013.

MEDAC annually organizes specialized summer course on "Human rights and development: An educational perspective." Through lectures of recognized experts, case studies, group discussions and simulations, this course provides an opportunity for participants to analyze the basic principles of human rights, the development of international law and human rights



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education. The course is also very useful event for making new contacts and opportunities to address the different experiences and views on the human rights of people from different cultural groups.

Major strength of the Project is addressing the lack of interdisciplinary approach to human rights. Multidisciplinary approach to human rights is being offered only by few programs and MEDAC School is perfect example of innovative approach which is at the same time participant oriented and general and it roots human rights issues in daily lives and global trends. Also, the Project is addressing young people with previous human rights knowledge who wish to focus on a certain area, broaden their knowledge, and are dedicated to continue working on human rights issues. This is ensured by the selection criteria and with the interviewing process.

Period of project implementation: 01/05/2013 – 31/10/2013.

The project was funded by the Swiss Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Strengthening Judicial Protection of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina through UN Universal Period Review Process (JSDP 2) – Year 4

In the fourth year of existence of Justice Network, ADI in cooperation with Human Rights Center (HRC) in Sarajevo continued to focus on strengthening those activities JN, which have proven to be very successful and unique to Justice Network.

These activities relate to the activities of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and advocacy activities related to the implementation of specific recommendations arising from the EU Structured Dialogue on the reform of the justice sector and the implementation of specific reform activities USAID JSDP II, relating to the independence and accountability of the judiciary.

Period of project implementation: 01/10/2012 – 31/03/2014

The project was supported by USAID/ Justice Sector Development Project 2.



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"Triple A for Citizens – Access to information, advice and active help, year 1"

The project „Triple A for Citizens – access to information, advice and active help“ – is a project implemented in the framework of the European Commission’s Partnership programme for Civil Society organizations. Partners in the project are: the European Citizen Action Service (ECAS), a leading organization, Belgium; National Foundation for Civil Society Development (NFCSD), Croatia; Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), Bosnia and Herzegovina; Civil Rights Programme (CRP / K), Kosovo; Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM), Serbia; Center for Civil Society Development (STGM), Turkey; Law Centres Network (LCN), United Kingdom; National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (NACAB), Romania; National Association of Citizens Information Services (NACIS), Ireland.

The Triple A project aims to encourage non-governmental organizations to provide information, advice and active help to citizens on their rights in the Western Balkans and Turkey. It also seeks to promote the role of civil society in giving citizens a voice and holding governments to account. By aggregating the complaints and evidence they receive, citizens’ information and legal advice services should be able to influence government policy on key reforms and their implementation. The immediate objective is to spread the citizens’ advice concept to Western Balkans and Turkey.

Period of project implementation: 01/12/2012 – 30/11/2014

The project was supported by European Commission.



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"Fighting against hate speech and hate crime (CRD) – year 1"

Association for Democratic Initiatives Sarajevo, supported by international organization for the protection of human rights Civil Rights Defenders, in 2013 began implementing the project "Fighting against hate speech and hate crime." The main objectives of the project were to increase the capacity of CSOs when it comes to monitoring and reporting on cases of hate crimes, strengthen public pressure on local authorities, and ultimately increase public awareness and understanding of the importance of proper sentencing for hate crimes.

Implemented activities included: educational activities (trainings, establishment of preliminary monitoring system of type and number of hate crimes with Coalition members), UPR advocacy activities (active support to Coalition of NGOs fighting against hate speech and hate crime, public debates, conference, advocacy activities for the amendment on existing law, preparation of promotional material).

Period of project implementation: 01/03/2013 – 31/12/2013.

The project was supported by Civil Rights Defenders



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- Members of the Balkan Human Rights Network (BHRN)
- Foundation Public Law Centre
- Human Rights Centre, University of Sarajevo
- Youth Initiatives for Human Rights
- Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in BiH
- Association "Vaša prava BiH"
- Human Rights Office Tuzla
- Centri civilnih inicijativa
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR)
- Civil Society Promotion Center (CSPC)
- Association for Democratic Initiatives Gostivar
- Municipality Bijeljina
- Municipality Vitez
- Youth Centre Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje
- Freedom house Serbia
- Twinning Platform
- Justice Network in BiH
- Network Sporazum plus
- Network for building peace
- Infohouse
- Cantonal Chamber of Commerce Tuzla
- Law Faculty in Bihać
- Law Faculty in Tuzla
- Judicial Commission of Brčko Distrikt
- Youth Council of Mostar



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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA)
- British Government
- USAID /JDSP
- Swiss Embassy Sarajevo
- UNDP BiH
- Catalan Ombudsman
- Canadian Embassy
- Civil Rights Defenders
- European Commission

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