



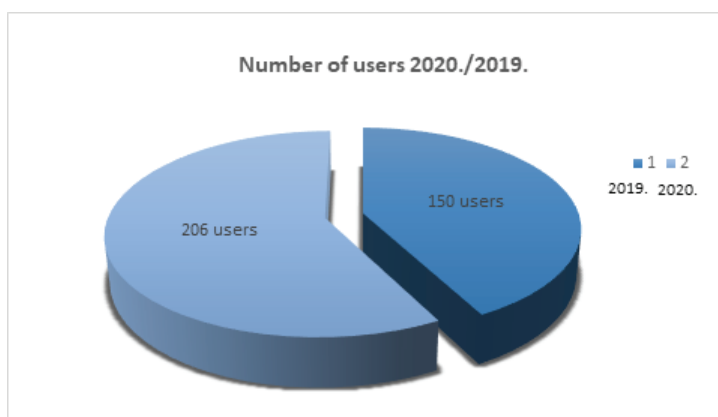
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## NEWSLETTER for July 2020.

### Statistics

In the first half of 2020, we recorded a total of 205 users, of which 94 requested psychosocial support and 111 a service of free legal counseling. Compared to the same period in 2019, this is an increase of 37%, or 56 users more. A larger number of offered services, a larger capacity of experts engaged in our counseling and better recognition of our work through two European projects, have certainly contributed to a larger number of our users.



### Project „CROSS OUT VIOLENCE“

On April 1st 2020, White Circle Croatia has started the project "Cross out Violence" funded by European Social Fund. The project is implemented in partnership with the Victims and Witnesses Support Association from Vukovar. In the next 24 months we will develop and offer to our clients numerous services that will contribute to greater social inclusion of victims of domestic violence, from free legal aid and psychosocial support to legal representation services, mobile team availability, SOS free line 0800 63 29, etc. The project will finally offer another completely new and innovative service - an interactive web map of social services that would serve as an online guide to victims and witnesses and provide them with information on providers of assistance and support throughout the Republic of Croatia.

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### Project "SCHOOL FOR LIFE"

For a year now, the White Circle Croatia has been implementing another European project "School for Life" in partnership with the Center for Social Welfare Split, the Center for Social Welfare Omiš and Victim and Witness Support Association from Vukovar. The basic idea of the project is to offer possibility of retraining for easier employment. Our targeting groups are long-term unemployed persons and beneficiaries of the guaranteed minimum benefit. We also provide formal foreign language training (English) and IT skills training. Our participants successfully passed the first two phases of the education. They retrained in the profession of assistant for children with disabilities, assistant chef and caregiver. We can proudly say that some of our clients, despite the COVID-19 crisis, managed the labor market and got a job. In September, we will complete the third phase of training for computer operators.



### Project "CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE TO MARGINALIZED GROUPS"

White Circle Croatia has recently signed an agreement with the Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy for the implementation of the three-year program "Center for Comprehensive Assistance for Marginalized Groups" in cooperation with the League for the Prevention of Addiction. In addition to our usual services, we also provide an innovative social mentoring service. This brand new service is intended to be used as support for disadvantaged and long-term unemployed in order to facilitate their inclusion in the labor market.



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## PITAJ NAŠEG SAVJETNIKA

*„I have been a victim of violence by my husband for many years. I had no support from my friends and family. We have two children. I wanted to provide them with a stable family so I suffered violence for a long time. When I finally decided to report the violence to the police they took in the consideration my request and gave me a piece of paper with my rights as a victim of violence on it. Having to go through all of this once again I was traumatized and I didn't understand what was really on this paper, even though the policeman was trying to explain it. He also said that I have some support associations available to me, but I had no strength to take any action at all. I just wanted this to be over as soon as possible. A month has passed since then. Now, my head is full of questions. I contacted you since your association was on the paper police officer gave to me. Some friends told me about you and that I could contact you freely and without any hesitation. I ask you for help and information because I don't know what are my next moves”.*

**N.K. iz Splita**

Since you have filed a criminal complaint, the police will submit it to the State Attorney's Office for action. The State Attorney's Office will, depending on whether there are elements of a criminal offense, reject the criminal report or order an investigation. If the criminal complaint is rejected, they will inform you of your right to take over the prosecution as the injured party and file a private lawsuit. The state prosecutor's office is conducting the investigation with the help of the police. During the investigation, the police take the prescribed actions to collect evidence, witness statements and other facts and evidence relevant to establishing the true situation. Upon completion of the investigation, depending on the established facts and evidence, the State Attorney's Office will file an indictment against your husband, of which he will inform you in a timely manner. The court may amend, reject, or confirm the indictment. If the court confirms it, it will inform you and schedule a preparatory hearing. After that, the following is main hearing where your presence and testimony is mandatory after which court reaches a verdict and decides about your husband's guilt. If you have a fear of confronting the perpetrator again or testifying in his presence, at all stages of the proceedings in which your presence is mandatory, you have the right to be accompanied by a person of trust. A trusted person can be a member of your family, a friend, or some other close person with whom you feel safer, and even a person from our association.

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