



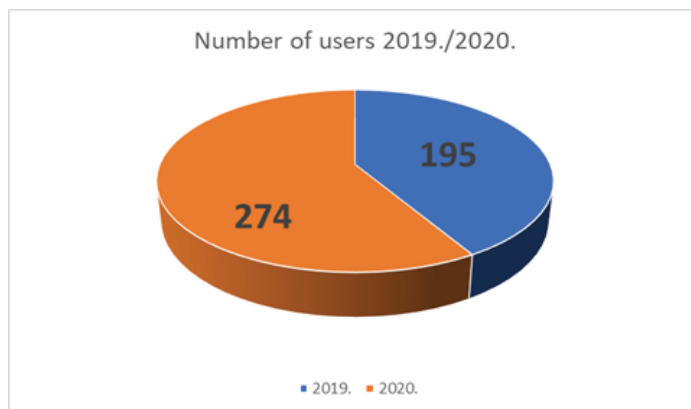
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Statistics

In the first seven months of 2020, we recorded 274 users, of which 125 requested psychosocial support and 149 a free legal counseling service. Compared to the same period in 2019, this is an increase of 41%, or 79 users more. This trend was expected given that the escalation of aggression, especially domestic violence, a logical sequence after a period of isolation due to the coronavirus epidemic and forced coexistence in families with already disturbed violent relationships. Unfortunately, the consequences of the COVID epidemic will be felt in the next period as well.



Psychosocial treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence

The White circle of Croatia Association is the only authorized provider of protective measure of psychosocial treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence in the area of the city of Split and the wider Dalmatian area. We conduct individual treatment of perpetrators. Since 2017, when we just started this activity, we have recorded 149 cases of domestic violence. Psychosocial treatment helps to raise awareness of violent behavior patterns, acceptance of responsibility for violent behavior, and new behavioral choices. The perpetrator is taught to adopt social skills, understand anger, and control their own behavior and constructively express their thoughts and emotions. Experience to date shows that people who undergo treatment have a significantly lower recurrence, ie significantly less recurrence of violent behavior than people who do not undergo this treatment. This actively helps the victim to break the cycle of violence.



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Project „PROVICTIMS“

We are pleased to announce that the successful completion of the European project "PROVICTIMS" funded by the European Commission is coming soon. The implementation of the project began in 2018. The project holder is APAV - Portugal (Associação Portuguesa de Apoio a vitima), and the project partners are our Association for Victims Assistance White Circle of Croatia, IRSE-EBI - Spain (Asociación Instituto de Reintegración Social de Euskadi), PGR - Portugal (Procuradoria - Geral da Republica), ICCL - Ireland (Irish Council for Civil Liberties Limited) and FDUL (Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa). The aim of the project is the cooperation of state attorneys and civil society organizations in order to protect and promote the rights of victims. In the past period, we have successfully produced a brochure that through 10 questions and answers explains in a simple way the rights of victims as well as the role of the State Attorney's Office.



Project „LIFELONG THEATER“

We present a project with the symbolic name "Lifelong Theater" funded by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia, which is implemented in partnership with the Legal Clinic of the Faculty of Law in Split. In addition to women victims of domestic violence as the most represented users of our services, there has been a recent trend of an increasing number of elderly users. Our senior citizens are often faced with the problem of economic violence, and especially with the abuse of contracts for lifetime / lifelong alimony, as well as various types of fraud and abuse. The project includes an innovative way of informing the elderly that will help them dispose of their property in their own best interest, ie prevent the consequences of concluding harmful or unfavorable legal transactions. The way in which society treats vulnerable groups is a reflection of civilizational progress, so it is important in this regard not to leave out the elderly, who certainly deserve our attention and protection of their rights.

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PITAJ NAŠEG SAVJETNIKA

"My son was with his company in the night club. There was a fight where several persons participated. There was a crowd in which my son was injured by an unknown person. Unchallenged, an intoxicated unknown young man injured him with a knife in the eye area. He almost lost his eye, and he has only 10% of his sight left. The event was reported to the state attorney's office, which filed the indictment for criminal offenses of participating in a fight, damage to another's property and causing serious body injury. In addition to the severe eye trauma, my son has also experienced psychological disorders and is now visiting a psychiatrist. He suffers numerous consequences, and he is not guilty. I somewhere heard that victims of criminal offenses have a right to compensation from the state. Can you explain to me what exactly it is about and how to initiate the procedure. "

The right to financial compensation may be exercised by a victim of a criminal offense of intentional violence, which resulted in serious bodily injury or serious damage to health or death. The condition is also that the crime has been reported. According to the description of your situation, you meet the legally prescribed conditions. The procedure is initiated by submitting a request for exercising the right to financial compensation to the Ministry of Justice within 6 months from the commission of the criminal offense (the request form is available in every police station, state attorney's office, municipal and county courts, but also on the official website of the Ministry of Justice). Along with the request, you are obliged to enclose all the documentation listed in the prescribed form. You can contact an official at the police station, the State attorney's office, municipal and county courts, and even our association for help in fulfilling the request. We will be happy to provide you with all the practical information and assistance in exercising your rights. The Ministry of Justice or the Compensation Committee must decide on the merits of your request within 60 days of receipt.

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