

The „Krunoslav Sukić“ 2024 Acknowledgment for the Promotion of Peacebuilding, Nonviolence and Human Rights

Is awarded with gratitude to

PAX for Peace from the Netherlands, Peace Action from North Macedonia, Integra and New Social Initiative from Kosovo, Civic Initiatives from Serbia and the International Center for Transitional Justice for bringing together organizations of war victims for successful cooperation that resulted in harmonization of the principles of transitional justice of the Western Balkans that they advocate.

Pax for Peace, the Dutch Peace Organization, has decades of rich experience working in various crisis areas around the world. It was also present here in Croatia, more precisely in our eastern part of Croatia when, after peaceful reintegration, it contributed to the post-war peacebuilding by supporting the newly formed local self-governments. In the last years of its continuous presence in the post-war and transitional post-Yugoslav countries of the Western Balkans, Pax has been exploring the possibilities of how to support the processes of prevention of intergenerational transmission of war traumas, and strengthen the positive processes of dealing with the violent past – because it is an unavoidable part of building sustainable peace.

Pax for Peace invited organizations with which it has previously collaborated in a consortium that jointly designed and implemented a 2.5-year program called "Strengthening Inclusive Voices of Victims – Transforming Narratives" **STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE VICTIMS' VOICES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**. Through an inclusive process, they developed and agreed on **REGIONAL PRINCIPLES OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE** that are relevant to the daily lives of victims at the national and regional level of the Western Balkans. They have issued a document in four languages and advocated for these principles through a series of creative



public events and exhibitions... And to return to the key point, in this process, members of victims' organizations from Macedonia, Kosovo and Serbia met in politically tense situations and despite the lack of wider social support, or even despite the unfavorable social environment.

With this Acknowledgment, we would like to thank you for the work that has connected victims' organizations and laid the foundations for their further bold steps, their cohesive and meaningful action towards justice beyond the war and sustainable peace in the Western Balkans. We want to support them!

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