

"WHY SO RADICAL?  
- SEMINAR ON PREVENTING YOUTH  
RADICALIZATION AND EXTREMISM"  
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At the end of the day, we are all

**HUMANS**

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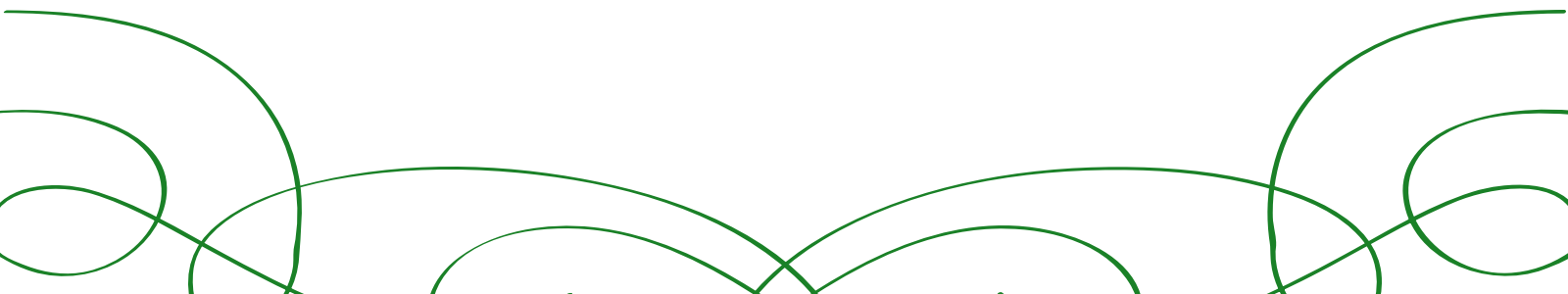
# INTRO

THE ARTICLE "MOTHERS OF ISIS" BY JULIA IOFFE PUBLISHED BY HUFFINGTON POST WAS A MAIN INSPIRATION TO CREATE THIS PROJECT. (AVAILABLE HERE: [HTTP://HIGHLINE.HUFFINGTONPOST.COM/ARTICLES/EN/MOTHERS-OF-ISIS/](http://highline.huffingtonpost.com/articles/en/mothers-of-isis/)) . AUTHOR DESCRIBES SEVERAL STORIES OF WOMEN, WHOSE CHILDREN WERE RECRUITED TO JOIN MOST HATED ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD. ARTICLE DESCRIBES REGULAR FAMILIES, VERY OFTEN FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES, LACK OF AWARENESS ON THE RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES AND VERY OFTEN THE WORD "RADICALIZATION" APPEARS. "I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE WORD 'RADICALIZATION' WAS BEFORE I FOUND OUT MY SON WAS DEAD," SAID KAROLINA DAM, A DANISH MEMBER OF MOTHERS FOR LIFE. – FOLLOWING THE GUARDIAN ARTICLE ([HTTP://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/WORLD/2015/JUN/18/ISIS-ISLAMIC-STATE-MOTHERS-FOR-LIFE](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/18/isis-islamic-state-mothers-for-life)).

CONCLUSION OF THE STORIES IS BEING PRETTY SCARY, AS IT FINDS VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AS ONE OF THE STRONGEST FACTORS OF TERRORISM AND AT THE SAME TIME IT INDICATES RADICALIZATION PROCESS VERY UNKNOWN FOR THE REGULAR PEOPLE (PARENTS, TEACHERS, ENVIRONMENT). RADICALIZATION PROCESS IS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS DUE TO THE FACT THAT VERY OFTEN IT TACKLES THE WEAKEST ONES, SO CALLED YOUTH WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES, COMING FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS, SUFFERING MINOR MENTAL ILLNESSES OR SIMPLY BEING CONFUSED WITH STARTING ADULT LIFE AND HAVING NOBODY AROUND WHO COULD BE A SUPPORT. FOLLOWING THE ARTICLE, THERE ARE SOME PREVENTION TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS DELIVERED TO YOUTH BY THE SCHOOLS, AUTHORITIES, GOVERNMENT ON THE TOPICS OF SEXUAL EDUCATION, DRUG ADDICTION, EVEN NOWADAYS HATE SPEECH, BUT THERE IS NO, OR IT IS VERY RARE ON VIOLENT RADICAL BEHAVIOURS. BUT ARE THE SCHOOLS OR GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING AND DELIVERING SUCH TRAININGS? AND IF NOT, THAN WHO IS? HAVING ON MIND CURRENT SITUATION IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD, WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS ALMOST IN EVERYDAY BASIS, TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AMOUNT GROWING IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED OF RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AMONG YOUTH.

DISCUSSION ON THIS ARTICLE MADE A GROUP OF FRIENDS, YOUTH WORKERS AND LEADERS TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN ERASMUS + PROJECT , CLARIFYING THE DEFINITIONS, BRAINSTORMING ABOUT THE IDEAS AND LEARNING TOOLS ON HOW TO PREVENT VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AMONG YOUTH.

THE BROCHURE PRESENTED IS A RESULT OF 7 DAYS MEETING IN POLAND, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER 2016 AND INVITED YOUTH WORKERS AND LEADERS FROM POLAND, ALBANIA, MACEDONIA, GEORGIA, UKRAINE, SPAIN AND MONTENEGRO.



# TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

IN THE LINKS BELOW, RESEARCHED BY OUR  
PARTICIPANTS YOU CAN FIND TERMS, DEFINITIONS  
AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CONCEPTS OF  
TERRORISM, RADICALISM, EXTREMISM AND OTHERS:

[TERRORISM, RADICALISM, EXTREMISM - CONNECTION](#)

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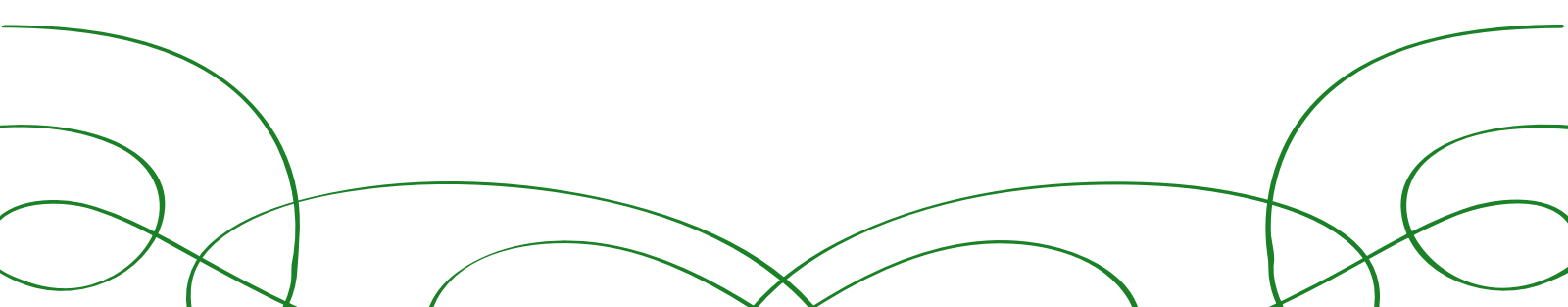
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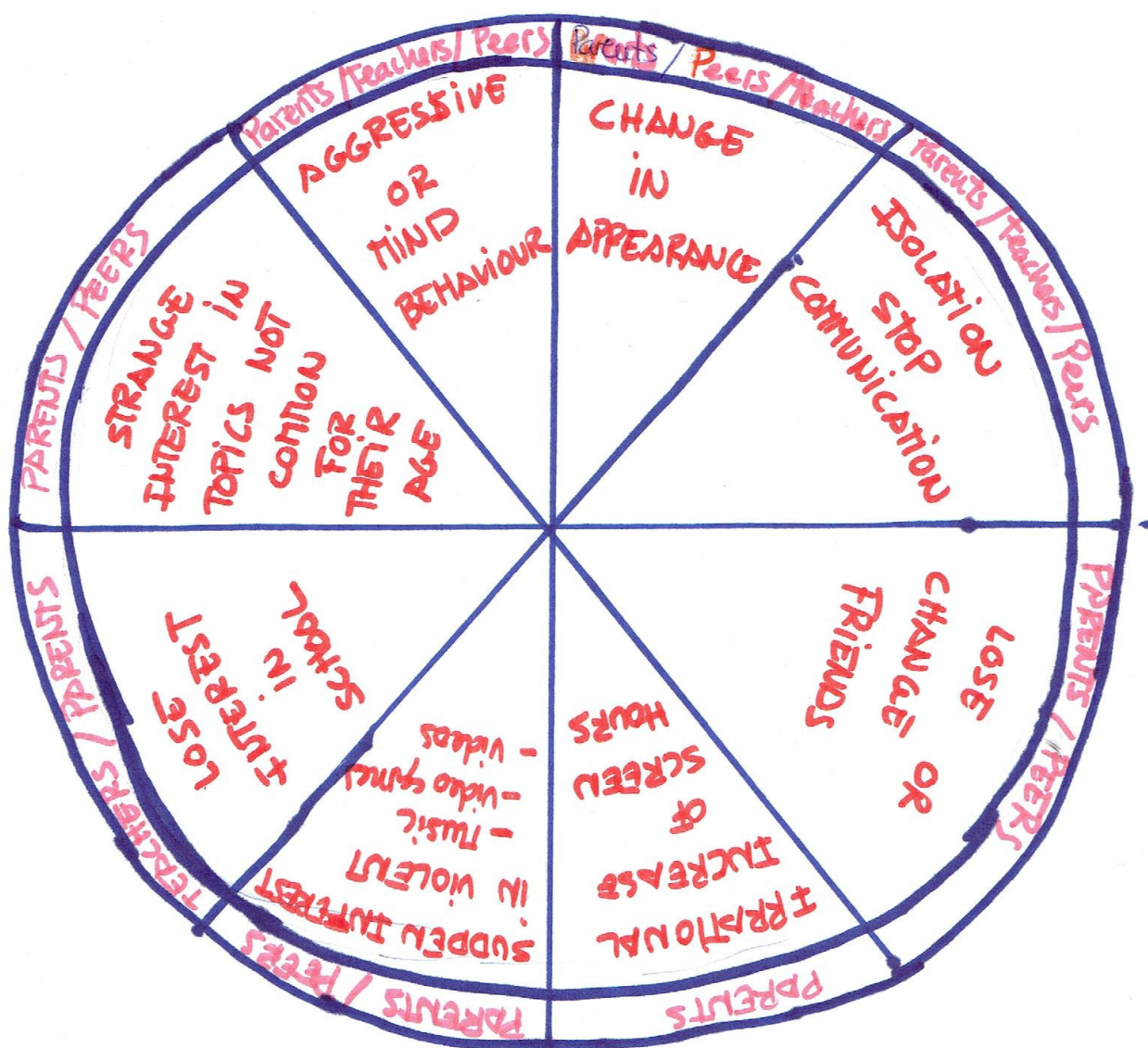
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# INDICATORS - WHAT TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT

Don't close your !!

Indicators for Parents, Teachers and Peers



Watch out!! Small changes can sometimes mean big problems!!!

Remember you can help your children, your pupils and peers.

# HOW TO ACT?

. THE FIRST STEP FOR FIGHTING VIOLENT RADICALIZATION BEGINS WITH INCORPORATING MEASURES OF ITS PREVENTION. SOME OF THOSE MEASURES ARE TEACHING THE YOUNG POPULATION OF GOOD VALUES EVEN FROM THE EARLIEST STAGES OF THEIR LIFE AND CONSTANTLY REMINDING THEM OF THE VALUES THAT PROMOTE COMMON WEALTH. VALUES, SUCH AS CREATION OF THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY, HELPING OTHERS, PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION, LEARNING HOW TO RESPECT AND ACCEPT EACH OTHER NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT ALL OF US ARE, ARE THE KEY TO BETTER LIFE. THE NEED OF INCLUDING THESE VALUES IN THIS PHASE ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE YOUTH IN THIS PERIOD IS SO VULNERABLE AND EASILY INFLUENCED.

THE ATTITUDE, CHARACTER, THE WAY OF THINKING AND IDEOLOGY OF THE YOUNG POPULATION CAN BE EASILY MANIPULATED BY FAMILY, SOCIETY, MEDIA, ETC... BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE STILL IN THE PHASE OF CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONALITY.

TO CREATE A SPACE FOR YOUNG POPULATION WHERE THE VALUES CAN BE DISCUSSED.

THE YOUNG POPULATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR PREVENTION OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION BECAUSE THEY ARE THE DRIVING FORCE OF THE HUMANITY AND CHANGE IN THE WORLD.

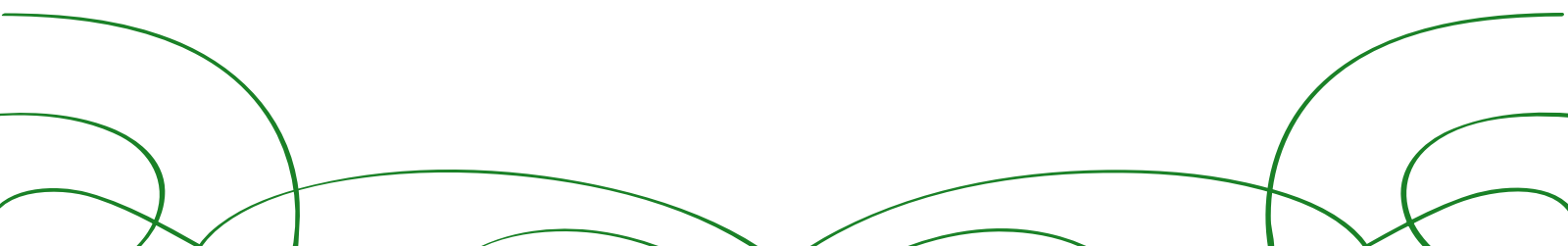
AMONG SEVERAL METHODS FOR PREVENTION VIOLENT RADICALIZATION IN THE SOCIETY ARE:

## 1. BIBLIODRAMA

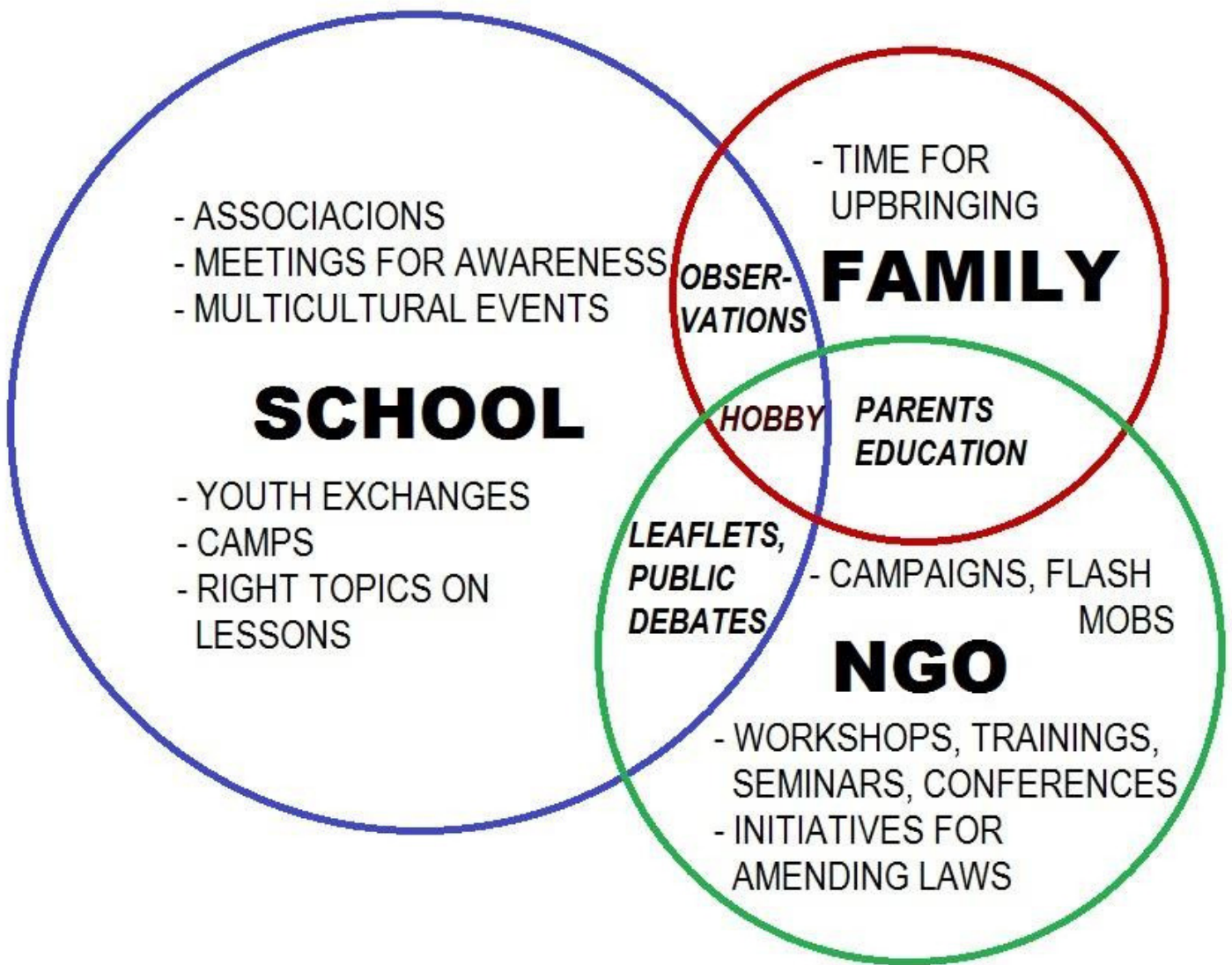
- VERY USEFUL METHOD BY WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPRESS THEIR EMOTIONS THROUGH WORKING WITH THE BODY „REPROGRAMMING”, SENSITIZATION, „MUSCLE MEMORY”, CAPABILITY OF EXPRESSION AND FUN
- THE USE OF ESTHETIC MEDIUM AS AN INDIRECT WAY OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF
- „DOWNTURN” IN ORDER TO BREAK ROUTINE WAYS OF THINKING AND UNDERSTANDING
- BELIEF THAT THE BIBLE IS AN OPEN TEXT, WHICH CONSTANTLY GENERATES NEW WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING. THERE IS NO UNIFIED INTERPRETATION FOR EVERYONE, BUT ALSO THERE IS NO FREEDOM OF INTERPRETATIONS.

2. SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, SEMINARS, PRESENTATION ON THIS TOPIC WHERE THEY CAN BE INTERACTIVE AND MOTIVATED. THE YOUNG POPULATION HERE CAN BE ALSO INTRODUCED WITH THE TECHNIQUE OF BIBLIODRAMA. ALSO, WE CAN INTRODUCE MEETINGS WITH THE YOUTH AND THE PEOPLE (FAMILIES) WHO HAD ALREADY HAD SUFFERED SIMILAR SITUATIONS.

3. TO INCLUDE THE TOPICS OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION, EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM IN THE CONTENT OF THE SCHOOL SUBJECTS LIKE CIVIL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, BECAUSE THESE SUBJECTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE OBLIGATORY.



# ACTORS AND THEIR ROLES IN PREVENTING YOUTH RADICALIZATION



# SITUATION IN MONTENEGRO

THE SMALLEST SLAVIC COUNTRY (13.812 KM<sup>2</sup>) LOCATED ON BALKAN PENINSULA WITH 621.383 CITIZENS CAN BE COUNTED AS MULTIETHNICAL AND MULTICULTURAL (45% MONTENEGRINS, 28.7% SERBS, 8.6% BOSNIAKS, 4.9% ALBANIANS). MONTENEGRO BECAME INDEPENDENT IN 2006. SO MUCH WORK HAS BEEN PUT IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE THIS SMALL COUNTRY THAT FACES ADRIATIC SEA, AS A COMPETENT PARTICIPANT IN THE COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND ALSO AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN EUROPEAN UNION AND NATO. ALTHOUGH RADICALISM IN MONTENEGRO MAY HAVEN'T YET ESCALATED INTO CONCERNING EVENTS OF CRITICAL LEVEL, THE COUNTRY STILL FACES MANY ISSUES. HAVING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MULTICULTURALISM, THE PEOPLE OF MONTENEGRO OFTEN COLLIDE IN THE TERMS OF RELIGION AND NATIONALITY, AND ALSO LGBT RIGHTS. THE DISSOLUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE 90S MARKED WITH WAR AND INSTABILITY LEFT A SIGNIFICANT AND PAINFUL TRACE THAT NOWADAYS SERVES AS A MOTIVATION FOR FURTHER HATRED AMONG THE PEOPLE, EVEN TO YOUNGER GENERATIONS. INTOLERANCE AND HATE SPEECH ARE ROOTED DUE TO LACK OF UNDERSTANDING. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORK ON RAISING AWARENESS WHEN IT COMES TO THIS, THE PEOPLE DOESN'T SEEM TO ABANDON VERBAL AGGRESSION AND PREJUDICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALONGSIDE COMES HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DUE TO NEGLECTING VARIOUS POTENTIALS OF NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE TEND TO MIGRATE MOSTLY TO CAPITAL PODGORICA, SEARCHING FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND SALARIES. THE SOUTH OF MONTENEGRO IS APPRECIATED AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION EVERY YEAR, WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC SITUATION TO THE PROMISING LEVEL.



# **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS**

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