

Truth and Reconciliation

Within From the memories of the past toward a positive future – what kind of a model of truth and trust / reconciliation does Serbia needs, during the 2004th the following activities were implemented:

1. Organized 5 public debates (discussions) in local communities, and in the following cities: Belgrade-Barajevo, Vrnjačka Banja, Niš, Kuršumljija and Knjaževac. From the members of the VDS, opening remarks on this discussions were given by: Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović, Dr. Zoran Ilić, Dr. Branislav Knežić and mr. Nataša Hanak.
2. Distribution of informational brochures, and a public call for citizens to submit their ideas and suggestions about the way in which the past should be remembered.
3. An analysis of discussion forums and answers obtained from the public calls and questions from the brochure. The result is a book- Ristanović-Nikolić, V. Hanak, N. (2004) From the memories of the past toward a positive future – what kind of a model of truth and trust / reconciliation does Serbia needs. Belgrade: Victimology Society of Serbia, which has been published at the end of 2004th.
4. From 15th to 17th of October 2004th an international conference entitled "Truth and reconciliation in the former Yugoslavia: Where are we now and where next?" was held. It was attended by representatives of NGOs, scientists and other individuals who are actively involved in various activities related to truth and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa and Northern Ireland. From the members of the VDS, speakers were Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović and Nataša Hanak, who was also the moderator for one session, while moderators also were dr. Zoran Ilić and Ivana Vidaković.

Project Coordinator was Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović. In the period from January to June 2004th at the project was engaged and Ned Mirilović, and in the period from September to December 2004th mr Nataša Hanak. The implementation of the project have also assisted Jasmina Nikolić, Suzana Ivanović and Tijana Milošević.

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