

Gender equality and the fight against gender-based violence and femicide in the West Balkans

The Victimology Society of Serbia-VDS, in cooperation with the organization FemPlatz, followed the court cases proceedings in cases concerning femicide, attempted femicide and other forms of gender-based violence against women.

The monitoring of the trial was carried out within the project of the AIRE Center Gender Equality and Fight against gender-based violence and femicide in the Western Balkans supported by the Government of the United Kingdom. The aim of the project is to improve the understanding of gender-related issues within the judiciary in the countries of the Western Balkans and thereby increase access to justice for victims and those who survived gender-based violence.

Monitoring of court proceedings was carried out according to the methodology developed within the project in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of North Macedonia and Montenegro. Victimology the Society of Serbia followed a total of six court cases, of which convictions were brought in four verdicts, while two court proceedings are still ongoing. Court proceedings were conducted before the First Basic Court in Belgrade (3), Basic Court in Mladenovac (1), High Court in Belgrade (1) and the High Court in Pirot (1). VDS representatives attended a total of 23 hearings. In the final report, the VDS analyzed the monitored cases and made recommendations related to court cases