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# **Program Report**

with overview of cumulative outcomes of *Documenta's* work since establishment January 1 2019 – December 31 2019

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## I. SUMMARY

Documenta has strengthened team of Research and Documenting program with 4 new researchers. We focused on finalizing human losses field work in area of Dalmatia and have conducted **240 new interviews with witnesses and families** and continued performing analysis of Eastern Slavonia region. Besides questionnaires taken on the basis of the interviews, additional **650 pieces of documents** were acquired from the families of the victims and other witnesses. Documenta also further developed Information System to meet more advanced needs, including publishing results of human losses research and supporting personal memories collections. Two new video interviews were recorded and three transcribed and prepared for publishing. In new development linked with need to further document practices of nonviolent resistance and affirm education for nonviolence, process of registering new institution has been started with *Documenta* as founder, to be concluded during 2020.

In Public Dialogue and public policies program further activities aimed at promoting the development of memorialization on the islands of Rab, Goli Otok and Pag were organized. Two exhibitions "Conflict Textiles" addressing women responses to humanitarian laws violations and "The Last Witnesses" on fate of inmates of Fascist concentration camps opened in Rijeka in September 2019. Additional events: exhibition "After the Great War" and context of Rijeka European Capital of Culture 2020 and interventions related to Goli otok will be held by end of the year. Also, in cooperation with Jasenovac memorial we started preparation of exhibition on Slana ustasha concentration camp. In continuation of activities organized cooperation with Association Goli otok "Ante Zemljar" publication and dedicated web page on Goli otok was prepared to be publicly promoted in occasion of the arrival of the first group of inmates 71 years ago, in July 2020. The first *Erasmus* supported project aimed at strengthening youth work in dealing with the past Documenta with title "Strengthening the role of youth-work in contesting dynamics of shrinking cities", addressing the challenges related to shrinking cities across the European Union, aiming at identifying and analysing drivers was followed by new project under title "Combating radicalisation through developing counter narratives, cross-sector and institutional trust" which will bring youngsters to summer camp to be held in Zagreb in September 2020. Documenta continued dealing with the past advocacy and resisting democratic regression in numerous actions, together with other human rights organizations and cultural actors, especially regarding ongoing and forthcoming Croatian and German Presidency of European Union Council (January 1 - December 31 2020). On regional level, advocacy of Regional Commission for establishing facts on war crimes and other gross violations of human rights (REKOM) has been continued. In December 2019 was held **Assembly of Coalition for RECOM** taking important decisions, followed by Forum. More than ever, Documenta has focused on motivating individual citizens to contribute to dealing with the past in their unique specific way.

In *Improvement of court practices and victim's support* program systematic monitoring of war crime trials and follow up to selected war crimes cases were continued, although with diminished capacity. In December we were able to engage one lawyer on part time basis.

We have intensified our work within the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, vast network comprised of CSO's from EU and Russia, engaged in intensifying the people to people contact, development of cooperation, and advocacy for upholding the human rights and the rule of law. The crucial strategic question which we continue to struggle with is which activities to put on hold to liberate time and scarce resources for completing most important tasks. While slowing in-country and regional research, monitoring of war crimes trials and advocacy activities we created additional space for youth and dealing with the past work. Concerning international engagement we put on hold activities related to *The Alliance for promotion of Justice, Truth* 

and Culture of Remembrance (the Alliance) as an emerging network of civil society organizations, memorialization institutions and individuals that support processes of dealing with the past. In 2020, we plan to revive that activities.

Cumulative Results of the last 15 years include: creation of around 19.375 individual victims records with personal data and circumstances of death, finished analysis and presented data on Banija region and Western Slavonia, conducted around 7.500 thousands interviews, acquired and partially analyzed around 28.626 items of documents. Although we are still far from being finished, we have succeeded to reconstruct the team and boost the analysis hoping that we might conclude both the field work and desk research within three years. We have also launched the Map of War Victims in former SFRJ 1991 - 2001, which will, when finished, contain data about all the war victims on the territory of former Yugoslavia, whose whereabouts have been credibly documented. Our intention is to build this repository to the most reliable and authoritative source about fate of killed and missing persons used both by researches, the victims' relatives and public institutions as an impulse for further investigations. This task is ongoing effort, conveyed in cooperation with Humanitarian Law Center and Humanitarian Law Center Priština. During the period we have also maintained strong public presence through the public presentations, debates, statements covering both research-documentary and the advocacy work. More than 500 audio and video interviews were recorded, elaborated, published on Croatian Memories platform mostly with witnesses of history from Croatia, from which more than 200 were translated to English offering unique collection of personal memories, accessible to wider global audience. In Faces of Resistance platform interviews from Argentina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia were published. 33 publications covering wide range of dealing with the past topics were published. Exhibitions prepared include "Targeting Monuments - Targeting History and Memory", in cooperation with SENSE and other partners, shown in Zagreb, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Hague and "Faces of Resistance" shown in Zagreb, Belgrade, Vukovar. Documenta prepared the first iteration of exhibition on Western Slavonia presenting war events and peace building efforts in different regions and different choices protagonists had made in the 1990's (becoming soldiers or peace activists or helpers etc.), focused on fate of victims and survivors, using results of human losses research and Documenta's personal memories collection, opened in Pakrac in July 2019. With the exhibition, we aimed to deepen public dialogue and contribute to trust building process through visualizing research findings and facilitating local contributions to community history. With the local community and stakeholders we had talks about further development of the exhibition concept, and to turn into a permanent exhibition. The next regional exhibitions to be developed with help of local partners will be related to Sisak-Moslavačka (planned for 2021), Eastern Slavonia (planned for 2021) and Ličko-Senjska county (planned for 2022). Numerous public events organized since establishment were attended by more than 15.000 participants. Video spots prepared during public campaigns are still being used in public education programs not just by human rights organizations but also governmental institutions (e.g. Police). Since the beginning of its work Documenta had welcomed youth contribution to all programs aimed at enriching its work and empowerment of volunteers and professionals. New formats for in country and international youth-work on dealing with the past topics were developed, utilizing and developing *Documenta's* rich documentation related to 20th century history and ongoing xenophobia. Most of documentation collected during monitoring war crimes trials in cooperation with Center for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights Osijek and Civic Committee for Human Rights were published on web, in only publicly accessible collection on more than 500 war crimes trials held in Croatia.

Currently team is at 12 employees, supported by honorary cooperators as well as internes and volunteers from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy. Programs are supported through grants of *National Endowment for Democracy* (NED), *Embassy of USA in Zagreb, EVZ,* 

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), EU Erasmus+ program and EACEA Europe for Citizens, European Remembrance.

# **II. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

# A. RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM:

## 1.1 Documentation of Human Losses

#### **Research Description**

#### Field research/ Collection

During reporting period researcher have conducted **240** new interviews with witnesses and families of the victims in area of Dalmatia (counties of Knin and Drniš, with the territory of Šibenik). Besides questionnaires taken on the basis of the interviews, additional **655** pieces of documents were acquired from the families of the victims and other witnesses. Area of Dalmatia is extremely challenging due to various reasons. On one side, the area is low populated and therefore establishing contact with relatives of victims requires lot of effort and preparation. Also, it is area of abundant with crimes, but with no systematic approach from institutions for reparations and dealing with the trauma of society employed. Many years after war people are disappointed how society and state approached them in the terms of acknowledging their rights. In that sense our cooperation with local organizations and individuals in conducting interviews and connecting with families of victims is very important. One must bear in mind that our researchers' conversations with these people often turn out to be first opportunity for them to talk openly about their troubles and fate.

#### Analysis, review, and entry of data into database

During reporting period **3620** documents were analyzed in *Documenta's* database. In the analysis, we have focused on the region of Eastern Slavonia, constantly reviewing the cases, acquiring new sources and filling out the voids. Eastern Slavonia saw some of most grave war crimes that happened in Croatia, scope of which is connected with the lack of any reliable data, and where the fate of many persons is still unknown.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Continued field work in Dalmatia in covering remaining war torn areas and document factual data on victims as much as possible with aim of completing field research;
- Continued the analysis of Eastern Slavonia through the database: link entities from documentary sources of different provenance; planning revisions of already finished areas as new sources become available;
- Continued collecting relevant archival records related to war events of specific areas where the work is being conducted as well as covering entire Croatia;
- Continued collaboration with scientific institutions, media and government agencies with regard to analysis and results from the documentation, as well as with partners in data-exchange
- Continued building online collection of selected data sets through the interactive map;
- Prepared the exhibition (version 1.0) for the Western Slavonia, which would develop to turn into a permanent exhibition to be permanently available in Pakrac and thus developing a model that we could use for other planned areas.

- Laying the ground for the Human Losses program, through consultations with various stakeholders, while simultaneous building other key complementary program such as monitoring of war crime trials monitoring; devising methodology and assessing the environment;
- The commence of the of the systematic research in 2009; resulting in creation of around **19.375** as individual records of persons dead in missing in relation to war in Croatia 1991-1995, with around 7500 conducted interviews, with **28.626** items of documents acquired and analyzed; which would represent between 75-80% off field research;
- Around 8.500 records have met requirements of being completed; that is, information they contain comes from at least three independent sources, and basic data set (with elementary personal data and circumstances of death) is completed;
- The development of the Information system which stores this data and is a tool for analysis, the development of virtual map of all the victims as an public repository;
- Two geographical areas fully investigated and presented (Banija, Western Slavonia)
- Helped in defining the discourse and the subject of war crimes, mass atrocities, fate
  of killed or missing persons in the public space and making it a relevant and visible
  question for various agents in public space (public institutions, victim's families,
  researchers etc.)

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2020-2021

- Finishing the analysis of Eastern Slavonia region and its presentation;
- Continuation of analysis of Dalmatia region;
- Reestablishing the relations with relevant institutional stakeholders;
- Raised awareness in the population through campaigns aimed at both financial support and assistance in gathering the sources.

# 1.2 Oral History – Recording Personal Memories of War and Resistance

Two *Documenta's* personal memories platforms "Croatian Memories" and "Faces of Resistance" have been edited and enlarged with new interviews and transcripts. The major challenge was to record, transcribe and publish interviews with very modest available funds.

We hope to develop platform further with colleagues from organizations/institutions from Columbia and Russia who have already expressed their interest. We are also in dialogue with "Right Livelihood Award Foundation" which honors and supports courageous people and organizations that have found practical solutions to the root causes of global problems, on recording some of the recipients.

Interviews with Vera Winter, Sniježana Matejčić, Nikola Miljević, Stipe Božić, Zoran Šangut, Aleksandar Antić, Slobodan Jakovljević, Vesna Bosanac, Vena Jakumetović, Zrinka Šesto, Đorđe Vučinić, Marina Maglov, Zdravko Brlošić, Zdenka Golušić and Marko Sjekavica have been included in education materials to be used by teachers published by publishing house Profil – Klett, to be used in elementary and secondary schools.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

 Additional 3 interview have been recorded (1 with Burkhard Pranke for Western Slavonia exhibition, 2 with Anka Šegulja and Zora Kalafatić for Kampor Exhibition) and 4 transcripts prepared (with Đorđe Gunjević, Jovica Brkić, Anka Šegulja and Zora Kalafatić);

- Continued publishing of remaining interviews that received consent from the interviewees on the platform and web server for online publication on *Croatian Memories*;
- Continued to publish online through the *Documenta*'s website and Youtube channel short summaries of interviews;
- Collaborate with publisher Profil Klett on production of education materials;
- Collaborate with documentary production houses in order to compile short stories depicting a period and specific subject.

- More than 500 audio and video interviews were recorded, elaborated, published on Croatian Memories platform mostly with witnesses of history from Croatia, from which more than 200 were translated to English offering unique collection of personal memories, accessible to wider global audience.
- In Faces of Resistance platform interviews from Argentina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia were published.
- Welcoming youth Volunteers in recording and transcribing interviews, leading to enriching of documentation, research, advocacy work and empowerment of volunteers and professionals;

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2020-2021

- Elaboration and publishing of additional **6** interviews on *Faces of Resistance* global platform and *Croatian Memories* to be used in education for dealing with the past;
- Recording additional **6** interviews to be published on *Faces of Resistance* global platform and *Croatian Memories* to be used in education for dealing with the past;
- Continued publishing of remaining interviews that received consent from the interviewees on the platform and web server for online publication on *Croatian Memories*;
- Continued to publish online through the *Documenta*'s website and Youtube channel short summaries of interviews;
- Collaborate with documentary production houses in order to compile short stories depicting a period and specific subject;
- Collaborate with publishing houses on production of education materials;
- Present video interviews at exhibitions (Western Slavonia in War and Trust Building).

## 1.3 Human Rights Organizations Documentation

*Documenta* gives special attention to various records based on the belief that is important to keep traces of past and contemporary violations and other challenges to human rights and rule of law.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Continued gathering documentation related to civil society organizations' work with focus on human rights issues;
- Continued organizing the archival fond of *Citizen's Committee for Human Rights;*
- Continued the supervision and technical support for other organizations' collections.
- Continued collaboration with other civil society organizations working on preservation of archival records and training students of archival and library studies.
- Initiating new Adult Learning Institution

- Archival preservation of most important records of human rights organizations from the 90's;
- Raised awareness on the need to actively engage in preservation of records;
- Developed mechanisms for collaborative work and supervision in the questions of archival preservation and/or digitization;
- Various records have been digitized for the purpose of preservation or use in different contexts (exhibitions, monographies);
- Several case studies, MA's and PhD's written on the basis of our archival records, and a number of professional texts published regarding the archival organization of our records or activities in this domain.

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2020-2021

- Continued collaboration with other civil society organizations working on preservation of archival records and training students of archival and library studies;
- Further organizing the archival fond of Citizen's Committee for Human Rights;
- Launching new edition of new edition of publication "Knjigocid" by Ante Lešaja previously published in printed version, with corrections and additional texts related to destruction of books in Cyrillic scripture in Croatian public libraries on *Documenta's* web;
- Development of new models of storing and presenting data
- Launching New institution.

# 1.4 Information System

*Documenta's* Information System has been developed over the years and became fully functional with constant upgrading and enabling new possibilities of documentation and information handling and analysis.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Further development of Information System to meet more advanced needs, including publishing results of human losses research and supporting of new personal memories collection;
- New platform supported by information systems in Belgrade, Phristina and Zagreb developed in cooperation with Humanitarian Law Center and Humanitarian Law Center Priština which was launched in Zagreb in December 2018, finally making data collected and analyzed during more than decade of work publicly accessible, creating opportunity for continual publishing of segments of human losses research to be completed in the years to come.

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Data published on Platform Map of Victims in the former SFRJ 1991 – 2001

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

- Further development of Information System to meet more advanced needs, including systematizing documentation on war crimes trials;
- Replacing now outdated hardware parts of information system;

• Analyzing and publishing data on human losses in Eastern Slavonia, while utilizing documentation on war crimes trials in innovative way, allowing better public access.

# **B. PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF DEALING WITH THE PAST PROGRAM**

We continued to remind government and public on government institutions' unfulfilled responsibilities towards the victims and survivors, as well as towards all citizens of the Republic of Croatia, who carry the burden of the violent legacy of unfinished wars. In all possible occasion with action, open letters, statements we demanded:

#### Documenting the fates of the murdered and the disappeared

- We ask that information concerning the names and circumstances of the suffering of those murdered be made public. The *Ministry of Veterans' Affairs* has published four editions of the *Book of missing persons on the territory of the Republic of Croatia* (with last edition in 2015), containing the names of people whose families and relatives, on both sides of the war, have been trying to locate them. This provides a good foundation that, we believe, will need to be completed with the necessary research. The renamed Ministry (The *Ministry of Croatian Veterans*) has not yet published new edition of *Book of missing persons;*
- We called (The *Ministry of Croatian Veterans*) to publish names of missing persons immediately after completing identification process, thus allowing everyone access to the data in timely fashion;
- The Ministry of Veterans' Affairs under social-democrat government (2011 2015) has published the War Veterans' Register which was taken off-line by The Ministry of Croatian Veterans. We called them to republish Register and adapt the programme that was utilised, in order to publish the aggregate data on the killed and missing soldiers, thus allowing everyone access to the data.

## Shedding light on the fate of all who disappeared during the war

• It is necessary to speed up the process of shedding light on the fate of people who have disappeared during the war, by increasing the effectiveness of operation, capacities and funds of the *Administration for the Detained and the Missing*, as well as by improving regional cooperation.

#### Prosecuting war crimes

 As it is the right of all victims of war crimes to have the facts and circumstances of their suffering established, we expect the police and the state attorney's office to be more effective in investigating all war crimes, and the courts to be more effective in prosecuting them in an unbiased fashion. The number of unprosecuted crimes, where criminal investigations have not yet been initiated, is still (too) large. Further revisions to indictments brought in earlier periods are needed, as are further investigations, as well as cooperation with members of the families of the murdered.

#### Developing a system of support for victims and witnesses

• The support system that has taken root in several courthouses, greatly humanizing the work of the judiciary, should be improved by opening offices tasked with providing support for witnesses and victims of criminal acts in all county and municipal courts, as

wells as State Attorney's Office and the police, reflecting full implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU and Directive 2004/80/EC.

## Responsibility of the state and compensation for damages

- The Government of the Republic of Croatia must urgently amend the Directive on the criteria, measures and procedure for delaying payment, repayment of debt in installments, write-off or partial write-off of claims, in order for the Republic of Croatia to forego charging the court costs of all claimants who are victims of war, but who have not been successful in their claims for damages.
- In order to secure compensation for civilian war victims, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity etc., the *Parliament of Croatia* needs to amend the following laws, removing discriminatory provisions: the *Act on Liability for Damage Resulting from Terrorist Acts and Public Demonstrations* (compensation for material damage), the *Damage Caused by Members of the Croatian Army and Police during the Homeland War Act* (claimants' burden of proof, calculating the statutes of limitation) and the *Act on Protection of Military and Civilian War-Disabled Persons.*
- It is necessary to adopt a national programme and legislation establishing a fund to compensate all civilian war victims, which would harmonize compensation for damages with the UN's Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law.

# Access to documentation relevant to dealing with the past

• The Government in cooperation with archive professionals should start dialogue on amendments to Archives and Archival Materials Act, the Data Secrecy Act, the Personal Data Protection Act, the Act on the Right of Access to Information, as well as the relevant directives, involving professionals from other relevant fields, as well as the broader public, because archives are an issue that is of concern to all citizens should be started. It might use opportunity of evaluation of implementation of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

# Developing an inclusive culture of remembering and creating the conditions necessary for an education geared towards dealing with the past

- The *Government* should act decisively in cases of public use of Ustasha salute, "For the homeland: ready" following practice of domestic and European Court.
- The good practice developed in the course of preparing the new collection of the *Lipa Remembers Memorial Centre*, which was organised with the support of the Primorsko-Goranska county and the European Union can serve as an inspiration to all. The competent government institutions have an obligation to develop modes of cooperation with schools, so that far more than the current number of several dozen schools per year start to visit the *Jasenovac Memorial Site* and similar sites of remembrance. In Ustasha Jasenovac Concentration Camp more than 83,000 people were killed during World War II solely because they were Serbs, Jews, Roma or Antifascists. In 2019, the *Jasenovac Memorial Site* was visited by 33 organised groups from Croatia and 88 from other countries, only 17 from Croatian Schools. The memorial site received organised visits from just 11 primary and 6 secondary schools.
- There cannot be similar visits to other sites of suffering, like Goli Otok, as they have not been adequately reconstructed and set up. In early June 2016, the *Conservation department in Rijeka, the Directorate for the protection of cultural heritage* and *the Ministry of Culture* have issued a decision and a ruling on the preventive protection of

Goli Otok. Despite this, the devastation of the remaining objects has continued. In meantime preventive protection has expired.

 It is essential that the *Ministry of Science and Education*, in cooperation with the *Ministry of Culture*, create the preconditions for learning about the legacy of World War II and the political violence during Yugoslavian Socialism through fostering innovative history teaching, as well as research dealing with sensitive topics in local history, but also through raising awareness on the legacy of violence.

## Support for regional cooperation and the establishment of RECOM

- All the relevant institutions must consistently strengthen and reinforce regional cooperation in all legal acts related to prosecuting war crimes and establishing facts on all victims of the war.
- The *Ministry of Culture*, which has so far supported the preparatory work on the new collection at the *Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum*, should earmark the budget funds necessary for the realisation of the exhibition, in cooperation with the culture ministries of other post-Yugoslavian countries.
- The *RH Government* should initiate the process of establishing a *Regional commission* for the establishment of facts about war crimes and other serious violations of human rights (*RECOM*), in cooperation with the governments of other post-Yugoslavian countries.
- That the Council of the EU supports the initiative for the establishment of a Regional Commission Tasked with Establishing the Facts of All Victims of War Crimes and Other Serious Human Rights Violations Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia 1991 – 2001 (REKOM) as well as all other initiatives aimed at building trust and justice for victims. The Council of the EU should also support the work of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO).

# Civil Society Priorities for Croatian and German Presidency of the Council of the European Union with Forum 2020

- During Croatia's Presidency of the Council of the EU, we expect the intensification of consultations on monitoring the rule of law, the launching of a consultative process with the Fundamental Rights Agency and Member States' Ombudspersons institutions, as well as beginning preparations for a review of good practices of monitoring the rule of law.
- During the Republic of Croatia's Presidency of the Council of the EU, we expect a clear political stance on the continuation of the Union's enlargement policy towards the Western Balkans. The European Union must make a binding political decision on its enlargement to the Western Balkans in order to establish a clear foundation and structures for new joining members. Delaying this decision and passivity towards the Western Balkan countries only risks their turning away from the European Union and turning towards other geopolitical actors whose values and political goals are directed at destabilizing the EU and expanding nationalist, isolationist and authoritarian tendencies.
- Council of the EU shall initiate political processes aimed at strengthening democratic institutions, empowering independent institutions and facilitating civilian oversight over State repressive institutions. Strengthening judicial systems is the foundation of the rule of law and a necessary prerequisite for the preservation of the democratic order. At the same time, we must strongly oppose political groups trying to abuse the mechanisms, institutions and resources of the European Union and using them to weaken or disintegrate the European Union and have it turn away from its core values.

# SPECIFIC SUB-PROGRAMS:

## 2.1 Culture of Remembrance

The aim of the culture of remembrance program is to systematically educate the wider public about the politics of remembrance, practices of marking sites of violence and commemorative culture in Croatia and the wider region. In addition, the program seeks to initiate public dialogue on the culture of remembrance, as well as to strengthen a team of experts interested in dealing with the past as well as to contribute to strengthening of remembrance institutions and initiate new remembrance practices, especially through art interventions and practices.

We continued to promote the development of memorialization on the islands of Rab, Goli Otok and Pag, in cooperation with government institutions, museums and interested civil society organizations, through the advocacy of protection and adequate regulation of places of suffering during the Fascist and Ustasha terror, as well as political violence at the time of socialist Yugoslavia.

Working group dealing with WWII (with members/representatives of Associazione 47/04 - Associazione Quarantasettezeroquattro (Gorizia), Institute APIS (Ljubljana), Serbian National Council (Zagreb), Jasenovac Memorial and Center for Cultural Decontamination (Belgrade, Serbia)) and working group dealing with political violence during socialism (with members/representatives of Association Goli otok "Ante Zemljar" (Zagreb) and Institute for Ethnology (Zagreb)) continues its activities. Both groups meet regularly and develop programs together. In September 2019 exhibitions "Conflict Textiles" and "The Last Witnesses" were held in Rijeka. In July 2020 new publication on Goli otok will be promoted.

In cooperation with European Network "Remembrance and Solidarity" we will organize exhibition "After the Great War. A New Europa 1918-1923" (to be held in April but postponed to November 2020) to be held in Rijeka in context of European Capital of Culture.

We continued to develop platforms "Croatian Memories" and "Faces of Resistance" with individual stories of people having resisted and survived different subsequent oppressive regimes.

On *4th* of *July 2019* we organized **workshop regarding exhibition Western Slavonia in War and Trust Buiding**, which is being prepared by *Documenta*. During the workshop, a discussion was opened on the concept of the exhibition and additional footage and documents that should be included. The workshop was attended by citizens of Pakrac, deputy mayor of Pakrac Nikola Ivanović, colleagues from the Center for Support and Development of Civil Society Delfin from Pakrac, the MIRamiDA Center and peace organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, England and Serbia, as well as by former Volunteers of the Volunteer Project Pakrac and Balkan Peace Team. The exhibition contains various documentation from 90s combined with presentation of human losses and war crime trials for Western Slavonia.

Linked **exhibitions** of works **from "Conflict Textiles"** Collection and **"The Last Witnesses"** devoted to fascist concentration camps remembrance have been opened in Rijeka on September 14 2019.

In **December 2019** we participated in the **commemoratio**n in memory of Mihajlo, Marija and Aleksandra who were killed in 1991 - Mihajlo in front of the house at Trešnjevka in Zagreb, and his wife and 12-year-old daughter in the Sljeme forest.

*Documenta* continued collaboration with SENSE – Center for Transitional Justice through preparation of common exhibitions, internet narratives and education programs using the materials collected. The contributions to remembering 25 years of genocide in Srebrenica (to be held in July 2020) and 25 years of Military operation Storm (to be held in August 2020) were developed together.

# Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Co-organized public events on **Jasenovac** concentration camp, fate of former detainees and situation of Jasenovac Memorial;
- Actively advocated protection of objects at former detention center in cooperation with Association Goli otok "Ante Zemljar", with **visit in August 2018** and **visit followed by commemoration in July 2019**;
- Prepared public workshop on **exhibition on War in Western Slavonia** in **July 2019** with establishing working group, selection of articles and photos, preparing time-line of events and opening negotiations with Mayor of Pakrac and Director of Museum in Pakrac, to be held in December 2019;
- Co-organized public events on Ustasha war crimes in Orthodox Church in **Glina** during WWII on **July 29 2019**;
- Prepared Exhibitions "Conflict Textiles" and "Guardians of the Spoon" to be held in Rijeka in September 2019
- Continued activities related to the Virtual Museum Dotrščina about a public park in Zagreb that serves as a memorial; <u>www.dotrscina.hr</u>; organized call to artist to create installations for Dotrščina Memorial-Park devoted to remembering victims killed at the biggest killing field in Zagreb on September 21 2019;
- Further developed cooperation with *Sarajevo Film Festival* and *Human Rights Films Festival* in Zagreb (through seminar in Sarajevo in August 2019 and public event in Zagreb in December 2019).

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

- Initiating and deepening public debate on violent past through developing periodic remembrance activities and content (91 public events, 15 study trips, publications, education workshops, youth research activities, 4 short films) at venues in Croatia related to genocides and antifascist resistance in WWII (Dotrščina, Glina, Jadovno, Jasenovac, Kampor, Slana); political violence in SFRY (Goli otok, Stara Gradiška) and war in Croatia1991-95 (Dubrovnik, Knin, Osijek, Vukovar, Zagreb), including significant post-Yugoslav and international venues (Bosnia-Hercegovina: Ahmići, Mostar, Srebrenica, Trusina; Montenegro: Mamula, Morinj; Serbia: Beograd, Sremska Mitrovica, Stajićevo, Topovske šupe; Slovenia: Tezno; Italy: Gonars, Visco, Germany: Berlin, Buchenwald, Dachau, Weimar).
- Visualizing historical memory legacy and organising exhibitions "Targeting Monuments – Targeting History and Memory", in cooperation with SENSE and other partners, shown in Zagreb, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Hague and "Faces of Resistance" shown in Zagreb, Belgrade, Vukovar.

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2020-2021

- Co-organizing public events on **Jasenovac** concentration camp, fate of former detainees and situation of Jasenovac Memorial;
- Co-organizing public events on Ustasha war crimes in Orthodox Church in **Glina** during WWII;
- Continuing activities related to the Virtual Museum Dotrščina about a public park in Zagreb that serves as a memorial; <u>www.dotrscina.hr</u>;

- Actively advocating protection of objects at former detention center in cooperation with Association **Goli otok** "Ante Zemljar", with organizing fundraising campaign to develop conservation base for protection of site;
- Organize Exhibitions **"Targeting Memory, Targeting History"** at locations in post-Yugoslav countries (potentially Podgorica (Montenegro), Prijedor (Bosnia-Hervegovina);
- Organizing Commemorative Visit to Memorials in Bosnia-Hercegovina Mostar (Old bridge and memorial) Ahmići (massacre site and memorial), Trusina (massacre site and memorial) in April 2019;
- Organize Summer School "Biographies of resistance: meeting with the history of marginalized groups, between oppression and fight for human rights" in Zagreb in September 2020 and another version of International Youth Summer Camp with title "Venues of victims // Venues of perpetrators" for young participants from European Union member countries which will take place in Zagreb, Vukovar, Rijeka and Pula, with study visits to Jasenovac, Brijuni Islands, Goli otok and Lipa to be held in summer 2021;
- Continue fund-raising for annual Volunteer Camps + Summer Seminars on Culture of Remembrance in contemporary Europe on islands Rab and Goli Otok and extend it to island Pag (site of former Ustasha concentration camp in 1941);
- Organize final version of **exhibition on War in Western Slavonia** in cooperation with Museum in Pakrac and civil society organizations, to be held in 2021;
- Develop Audio Guides for **Kampor** and **Goli otok** Memorial Sites, with participation of experts and students of Rijeka and Zagreb University.

# 2.2 History and Citizenship education

The aim of education for dealing with the past is contributing to bringing historic dialogue and commemorative culture into history and civics teaching in formal education process as well as to strengthen capacities of youth workers to inspire youth civic engagement. Despite the fact that in reporting period we had very limited funds for education activities we used all possible occasions to prepare events and seminars organized for interested teachers, youth workers, pupils and students. Some activities we organized on ourselves and some in cooperation with *Croatian Association of History Teachers* (HUNP), youth centers, museums from European Union and post-Yugoslav countries.

*Documenta* co-organized **International Youth Summer Camp** inside project "Venues of victims // Venues of perpetrators" for young participants from Belgium, Estonia, France, Croatia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Czech Republic and Germany which will take place in Zagreb, Vukovar, Rijeka and Pula, with study visits to Jasenovac, Brijuni Islands, Goli otok and Lipa; camp which was held in English in **August 2018**, to be followed by similar in 2021.

Through presentation in **October 2018** we have continued to participate in regional seminars for history teachers from Bosnia-Hercegovina, Croatia and Serbia organized by *Memorial de la Shoah*.

In follow up to seminar organized in June 2017 of training about the methodology of teaching on destruction of cultural and religious heritage for 20 teachers of history, geography, sociology, democratization and human rights from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia in Sarajevo, **special session on the use of judicial documentation in education** was held during conference "Justice after Hague" held in **October 2018**. *Documenta* co-organized the **International spring school dealing with propaganda and media construction of the "Other" and "Different" in Europe**, from 1918 until today. The Spring School was held in English, from 06 to 13 **March 2019** in Mühlhausen, Germany.The Spring School was organized as a part of the project "Staring at Goats – Propaganda, Scapegoating and 'the Other' 1918-2018", implemented by *Documenta* and partner organizations within the "Europe for Citizens" program. The project is coordinated by "Culture Goes Europe" from Erfurt, while *Documenta* is one of five partner organizations within the project consortium.

In preparation of "Conflict Textiles" Exhibition in Rijeka, Roberta Bacic held **three workshops** for curators and general public, for students of Cultural Studies and History at University of Rijeka in **April 2019**.

Methodology developed by Roberta Bacic, curator of "Conflict Textiles" collection, was successfully adapted by *Documenta's* volunteers Tena Banjeglav and Alice Straniero for use with pupils and teachers during **workshops** held in **June and July 2019 in Karlovac, Rijeka Zagreb, December 2019 in Osijek and January 2021 in Vukovar**.

In follow up to preparation of common web platform which was prepared in the project "Teaching history which is not yet History" project led by EUROCLIO we continued to look for tools with which history educators can also address current wars across the world through the lens of the experiences in the wars of the 1990s. "Conflict Textiles" collection helped teachers to address not just past wars in Croatia and other post-Yugoslav countries but to share stories of nonviolent resistance across the world with pupils and students. In forthcoming exhibition in Rijeka to be held in September 2014 will be presented works from Argentina, Chile, Germany, Northern Ireland, Palestine/Israel.

In 2018 and 2019 teachers continued to use didactical tools for history education based on oral history interviews from "Personal Memories" and "Faces of Resistance" collections developed in 2016. Further didactical tools based on "Personal Memories" are developed by Publishing house Profil-Klett, to be prepared for use in school year 2019/20.

Building on legacy of program "My place through time", initiated in 2013, for which we hoped to obtain support of *Ministry of Science and Education* for formalization of the program, we moved on in searching for less costly and demanding options. Ministry has forwarded request to *Croatian Teacher Training Agency*. We have not received any response from them. We do not expect official feedback any more as government has practically stopped communication with human rights organizations. Although program is not officially certified, we will continue to search for possibilities of funding to continue it in reduced form, as many schools would like to be involved.

We continued to fundraise for Annual Dealing with the Past seminars to be organised by Documenta in cooperation with Croatian Association of History Teachers (HUNP), Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb and Cultural Studies, University of Rijeka, at local (Primorsko-goranska županija, EPK 2020) and international level (EU) with no success so far.

Besides, we continued to fund-rise for youth volunteer camps on Rab, Goli otok in 2020 and 2021 and former Ustasha Concentration Camp Jasenovac, with no success.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Successful continuation of seminars for teachers, pupils and students;
- Continued adaptation and development of didactic tools;

• Strengthened cooperation with education initiatives, youth centers, museums and developed new programs.

#### Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Initiated and strengthened cooperation with education initiatives, youth centers, museums and developed new programs *My Place through time*.

#### Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

- Develop new education activities in cooperation with international partners; if possible continue program *My Place through Time*
- Develop annual seminars for high school teachers of history and civic education followed by summer school for high school pupils and history students.

#### 2.3. Strengthening capacities of civil society and development cooperation

In follow up to round table which was organized in Kiev in 2015, dedicated to the problem of missing persons and study visits to Croatia for colleagues from Ukraine, we hoped to organize another seminar in Kiev which has to be canceled due to decision of *Ministry of Foreign Affairs* to stop supporting our work. We have not been able to organize activities during 2017 but continued to look for opportunities. In 2018 we have been invited by *Memorial* from Moscow. In June 2018 Nikola Mokrović and Vesna Teršelič had presentations in Perm and Moscow accompanied with several meetings on possible cooperation. In follow up *Documenta* strengthened cooperation with *EU-Russia Civil Society Forum*. Join application in forced migrations was developed.

Our Handbook Work on dealing with the past. A Handbook for civil society organizations has been very useful in exchanges of experience for colleagues from Kosovo, Russia and Ukraine. We continue to work on invitation and would specially like to engage with *International Standards for Casualty Recording* and advocate their further development in post-Yugoslav countries as well as other war torn countries.

In view of forthcoming Croatian and German Presidency of European Union Council (January 1 – December 31 2020) *Documenta* has become more active in CROSOL platform, Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity is a non-governmental and non-profit organization of civil society, which is active in the area of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid. In January 2019 *Documenta's* Director Vesna Teršelič *Documenta's* Director was elected in the Board of the project "Towards open, fair and sustainable Europe in the world – EU Presidency Project 2019-2021" (First phase: Romania, Finland and Croatia January 2019 – October 2020).

Documenta also has increased its participation in the **EU** – **Russia Civil Society Forum**, a German based CSO devoted to networking of the organizations from the EU and Russia, and upholding and advocating for the protection and enhancement of human rights protection mechanisms. As of General Assembly held in Bratislava in May 2019, Nikola Mokrović, *Documenta's* Archivist and member was elected in the the Board of the Forum and in June became one of Co-Chairs.

Through the 2019 we have supported the development and establishing of the **Kosovo Coalition for Reconciliation**. It's an EU project driven effort to both expand and localize the efforts undertaken by Initiative for RECOM, shaped by local needs. It is led by several prominent organizations from Kosovo (AKTIV, Humanitarian Law Fund Kosovo, Artpolis), where *Documenta* appears as senior partner with mission to facilitate the development based

on its own knowledge and experience of dealing with the past. In March 2019, *Documenta* held a three-day training for the organizations of the Coalition in Prizren, and in May organized a study trip in Croatia. The Coalition was officially launched on 11<sup>th</sup> **July 2019 in Prishtina**.

Through the 2020 we will support establishing **Documentation center on war crimes** in Montenegro, initiated by Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Montenegro as a partner institution. Contract will be signed in the Fall 2019.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Kosovo Coalition was supported through seminar and study trip and launched in July 2019;
- Handbook on Dealing with the past outlaying Methodology of Documenta continued to be used in Russia, Ukraine and Kosovo;
- Proposal on exchange was developed and sent to EEA Norway Grants call for applications where it passed administrative check.

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Strengthened development cooperation with international partners.

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

• Successful program of exchange and development support with organizations from Ukraine, Russia and other countries and if possible global exchange between grass root victims' centered organisations.

# 2.4. Engagement in committees, working groups and councils within public institutions and direct communication with governmental institutions

All *Documenta's* representatives have been removed from governmental committees and working groups, by administrative decisions or have not been re-appointed. Although direct participation in working groups does not look likely under present conservative government *Documenta* co-operates very closely with other civil society representatives in relevant working groups, preparing draft legislation and contributes to proposing respective amendments, as well as participating in joint effort to advocate civil society priorities prior to forthcoming Croatian Presidency of European Union Council.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

 Initiating dialogue with government related to preparing common civil society priorities prior to forthcoming Croatian Presidency of European Union Council (January 1 – June 30 2020).

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Keeping communication with at least some governmental institutions.

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

• Keeping at least basic communication with governmental institutions and taking part in public debates on new legislation.

# 2.5 Platform 112, CROSOL and FORUM 2020

With other 60+ organizations engaged in the network Platform 112 Documenta has for years continues to oppose democratic regression, although many organizations found it difficult to participate in joint actions due to shrinking human and financial resources. In the last few years, national minorities in Croatia have been under attack of nationalistically oriented public actors that still use every opportunity to disown acquired rights and the level of protection of national minorities. Freedom of media and freedom of expression were increasingly under attack. Therefore CSOs searched for new forms of engagement and used momentum created by forthcoming Croatian Presidency of European Union Council. CROSOL as Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity is a non-governmental and non-profit organization of civil society, which is active in the area of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid, applied and secured support of EU for advocacy activities. Extended new platform under name Forum 2020 was created. Forum 2020, an informal platform for non-governmental organizations gathered on the occasion of the presidency of the Republic of Croatia to the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2020, has defined the priorities of the civil society perspective. Forum 2020 brings together more than 20 organizations. Priorities are available at: https://crosol.hr/en/press-release-civil-society-priorities-for-the-eu-presidencypublished/

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

• Increased public visibility of civil society demands regarding human rights, minority rights, transparency, media freedom, freedom of expression and dealing with the past

#### Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Timely responding to evolving needs of society and civil society organizations.

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

• Continue advocacy of human rights, transparency, media freedom, freedom of expression together.

## 2.6. Initiative for RECOM

The most important events were linked with **9th Session of Assembly Coalition for RECOM**, **held on 15 December 2019** and follow up **conference**, **held on 16 December 2019** in **Zagreb**, organized by *Documenta* and partners.

At its 9th Session, the Assembly of the Coalition for RECOM passed a decision on restructuring the Initiative for RECOM, by which the Statute of RECOM, which was harmonised in 2014 through the joint efforts of the representatives of the presidents of Croatia, Serbia, two members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the presidents of Montenegro, Kosovo and Macedonia, and experts from the Coalition for RECOM, ceased to apply or symbolise the political will of the leaders of the post-Yugoslav countries to establish jointly the Regional Commission Tasked with Establishing the Facts about All Victims, War Crimes and Other Serious Human Rights Violations Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 2001 (RECOM). Bearing in mind that in the existing political constellation in Croatia there is no support for founding RECOM, that reconciliation and the founding of RECOM are no longer the priorities of the Bosniak and Croatian members of the Presidency of BH, that the Republic of Srpska does not accept the rulings of the Hague Tribunal as grounds for establishing the facts about victims, and that Slovenia believes that

there are no war victims on Slovenian soil and that therefore there are no grounds for its taking part in the creation of the list of war victims, the Coalition for RECOM is prepared to take charge of creating the nominal list of the victims of the wars of the 1990s on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

The Coalition for RECOM has achieved significant results in documenting war victims and detention sites: Documenta has established the identities and circumstances of death of at least 7,000 victims of the war in the territory of Croatia; the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) has additionally established the identities and circumstances of death of another 1,100 war victims in the territory of Croatia (citizens of Serbia and Montenegro); the HLC and the Humanitarian Law Center Kosovo (HLCK) have registered more than 13,500 victims related to the war in Kosovo - to date, investigators from the latter two organisations have verified the identities and circumstances of death of at least 8,000 victims, and the additional investigation and verification of data pertaining to the circumstances of death/disappearance of around 5,500 victims during the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000 is at present underway; the Research and Documentation Center (RDC) has gathered data on 96,000 victims in the war on the territory of BH, publishing four volumes in 2012 with support from the HLC; by the end of 2019, the Association for Transitional Justice, Accountability and Remembrance (TJAR) and the Center for Democracy and Transitional Justice (CDTJ) had documented more than 1,000 detention sites in the territory of BH where more than 100,000 civilians were detained and subjected to inhumane treatment during the war.

We bear in mind that the Hague Tribunal trial chambers have established beyond a doubt the identities and formations responsible for the deaths of a least 14,000 war crimes victims, and that the domestic trial chambers have established the identities of around 2,000 war crimes victims.

The Coalition for RECOM believes that by refusing to create a joint interstate commission (RECOM), the leaders and governments of the post-Yugoslav countries have made another political mistake. The response of the Coalition for RECOM is that the nominal list of victims cannot be abandoned. It is taking charge of and assuming the responsibility for seeing this task through to the end. The Assembly of the Coalition for RECOM has committed to:

- i) stepping up the process of documenting war crimes by increasing the number of investigators and analysts teams, involving academic institutions in the investigation work, expanding the existing databases, and drawing more public attention to the victims' perspective;
- ii) strengthening the network for reconciliation and transitional justice in the 2020-2023 period, by including in its activities at least 100 organisations in local communities, and
- iii) providing expert support to youth organisations in their opposition to untrue depictions of facts established by the courts, false historiography and the production of "national truths".

Speakers at the conferece were Nataša Kandić, founder of the Humanitarian Law Centre Belgrade, Žarko Puhovski, political analyst from Zagreb and others.

In period from May 2019 to December *Documenta* representatives (Eugen Jakovčić as media coordinator, Tena Banjeglav and Alice Straniero as *Documenta's* volunteers/interns) have supported small projects which contributed to intensifying public dialogue on RECOM, developed by Coalition for RECOM members in Croatia and supported by EU

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Encouraging increase of interest of European Union representatives, as well as representatives of some EU member countries, although not Croatia and Slovenia
- Increasing of Visibility of initiative for RECOM through media follow-up of conference held in Zagreb

• Successful initiating and shaping Coalition for RECOM, advocating the best peace building mechanisms complementary to judicial processes.

#### Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

 Continue advocacy meetings regarding RECOM with decision-makers in Croatia and Germany especially during forthcoming Croatian and German Presidency of European Union Council, as well at regional level.

#### 2.7. Antifascists League of Republic of Croatia

*Documenta* continued with co-organizing events in occasion of November 9th, International Day Against Racism and Anti-Semitism the Antifascist League of Republic of Croatia, linking efforts of human rights organizations with Jewish, Roma and Serbian minority organizations. **On November 8 2019** well attended **Remembrance ceremony** was held on Square of Victims of Fascism in Zagreb. *Documenta* keeps contributing to ongoing debate regarding establishing monument to victims of WWII genocides in Zagreb, demanding to be named by its true name and dedicated to Victims of Ustasha Regime.

#### Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

• Finding new ways to contribute to promoting Antifascist League and antifascist initiatives on events like *Trnjanski krijesovi* and *International Day Against Racism and Anti-Semitism* 

#### Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Keeping advocating Anti-fascist values visible.

#### Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

• Supporting Antifascist League in responding to xenophobia and relativization of gross human rights violations.

#### 2.8. Welcome – Refugee Support Initiative

*Documenta* modestly contributed to the *Coalition Welcome* with occasional volunteer work and participation in public events.

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

• Promoting Welcome coalition.

#### Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Making needs and rights of refugees visible.

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

• Finding opportunity to cooperate with *Welcome coalition* in addressing rights of asylum seekers who are torture survivors.

# 2.9. Support to Civilian Victims

Documenta continued advocating rights of all civilian war victims, including establishing the truth and justice through a set of concrete measures regarding gross human rights violations, with special focus on conflict-related sexual violence. In follow up to the landmark decision of Constitutional court (U-IIIBi-4222/2018, November 5 2019) in case of Bogdan Mudrinić from Virovitica, who was taken from his house by members of Croatian Military Police and killed between December 11 and 13 1991 related to inefficiency of prosecution of war crimes against him from November 2019 *Documenta* started preparing program of professional development for lawyers and civil society organizations in co-operation with Judicial Academy.

## **Outcomes and Results 2018-2019**

- Continual posing questions addressing fate of individual civilian victims and rights of all civilian victims in media and towards governmental institutions;
- Increased public support for acknowledging of suffering of all civilian victims

# Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Keeping needs and rights of Victims and Survivors visible.

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

- Continual posing questions addressing fate of individual civilian victims and rights of all civilian victims in media and towards governmental institutions
- Increased public support for acknowledging of suffering of all civilian victims
- Intensified communication on reparations for civilian victims with governmental institutions

# 2.10 SOLIDARNA Foundation

*Documenta* is one of the founders of Solidarna which was set up in 2015 as a strategic initiative of 55 Croatian human rights activists and civil society organisations, as it became clear that sustainability of human rights protection, the rule of law and democratic standards in Croatia are not safeguarded by the country's membership in the EU on its own merit.

Marina Škrabalo left membership of *Documenta* to prevent possible conflict of interest.

Vesna Teršelič continued her work in council od Sub-Fund "Desa and Jerko Baković" for support to disadvantaged children.

In 2019 Solidarna as partner of *Zaklada Slagalica* became implementing agency for *EEA Active Citizenship Grants.* 

## Outcomes and Results 2015-2019

• Supporting Solidarna in diversifying its activities, especially in establishing Sub-Fund "Desa and Jerko Baković" for support to disadvantaged children

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Keeping spirit of philanthropy alive.

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

• Supporting SOLIDARNA on the way to become significant grant giving institution.

# 2.11 The Alliance for promotion of Justice, Truth and Culture of Remembrance (the Alliance)

The Alliance for promotion of Justice, Truth and Culture of Remembrance (the Alliance) is an emerging network of civil society organizations, memorialization institutions and individuals that support processes of dealing with the past. In 2018 and 2019 activities had to be put on hold due to lack of human and financial resources. After ending of Croatian Presidency forthcoming German Presidency of European Union Council will be used for restart of common advocacy.

## Outcomes and Results 2015-2019

• Refreshing of partnership for advocating *Alliance for Promotion of Justice, Truth and Remembrance* through information exchange.

## Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Opening space for better international networking.

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

- Advocating Right to Truth, Justice, Remembrance and learning History through common activities (conference, meeting etc.) towards political institutions and public;
- Using forthcoming Croatian Presidency of European Union Council for restart of activities.

# 2.12 Youth work and Dealing with the Past

Documenta created platform and successfully raised funds for project under title "Strengthening the role of youth-work in contesting dynamics of shrinking cities", first project in which we were supported by *Erasmus* as lead partner. Project is approaching phase of presentation of final research results, showcasing processes of different shrinking cities through a comparative perspective by mapping out and addressing various drivers and impacts. From start of the project in September 2018 mapping of good practices have been completed. It is expected that tool-kit on good practices of youth work in Croatia, Germany, Portugal and Spain will be presented in October 2020, as contribution to building new strategies of social inclusion and civic engagement for youth residing in Europe's "shrinking cities". The project activities had an important methodological feature as they had both national and international dimension; they have fostered mutual learning among project partners and ensured complementarity of expertise to maximise the impact of the work which ultimately enabled re-application and transferability of project outputs.

In follow up to Workshops given by Roberta Bacic, curator of *Conflict Textiles* Collection in April 2019 new format of work with youth workers, teachers and youth was developed by *Documenta* volunteers Tena Banjeglav and Alice Straniero, through using creative expression in local history seminars, so far held in Karlovac, Osijek, Rijeka, Vukovar and Zagreb held in period from May 2019. Due to their excellent work from the Fall both were professionally engaged in *Documenta*.

Strengthening of capacities of *Documenta* and partners was also visible in 3 successful applications for which we received *Erasmus* support in 2019. First planned activity Summer School which was postpone due to COVID-19 pandemic with title "**Biographies of resistance:** meeting with the history of marginalized groups, between oppression and fight for human rights" will be held in September 2020.

# Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Developed partnership for "Youth-work in/for the shrinking cities" and completed mapping of good practices and preparation for tool-kit;
- Developed new format of work *Rethinking the City's Past: My Place through Time* with youth workers, teachers and youth through using creative expression in local history seminars, so far held in Karlovac, Osijek, Rijeka, Vukovar and Zagreb;
- Developed new team working on implementation and fund raising for new *Erasmus* youth exchange applications.

# Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

- Welcoming youth contribution to all *Documenta's* programs leading to enriching of documentation, research, advocacy work and empowerment of volunteers and professionals;
- Developing new formats for in country youth-work and education programs titled *My Place Through Time* (held in Dubrovnik, Koprivnica, Opatija, Osijek, Pula, Rijeka in period 2014-2016) and *Rethinking the City's Past: My Place through Time* (held in Karlovac, Osijek, Rijeka and Vukovar in period 2019-2020);
- Developing new formats of international youth work through international summer schools (2012, 2014, 2016, 2018) and research programs (2018-2020);
- New partnerships for youth exchange on dealing with the past topics, utilizing and developing *Documenta*'s rich documentation related to 20<sup>th</sup> century history and ongoing xenophobia.

## Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2020-2021

- Further steps in new partnerships in youth exchange;
- Development of new partnerships through successful *Erasmus* applications.

# C. IMPROVEMENT OF COURT PRACTICES AND STANDARDS

Activities of *Documenta's* shrinking legal team have been focused on the rights, support, protection and compensation of victims of crime, while monitoring of prosecution of war crimes, compensation and repa0ration procedure had been reduced to selected cases, due to limited capacities, especially after November 2018. In December 2019 we managed to engage again lawyer Jelena Đokić Jović on part time basis.

#### 3.1 Monitoring War Crime Trials

Jelena Đokić Jović continued to monitor war crimes trials. In report its was recommended again that that the Justice Ministry starts the process of evaluation of the last legislative set from 2011, when fours courts and public prosecutor's offices at county level were entrusted with war crimes prosecution, because the slowdown is worrying. In follow up to criminal complaint regarding crime in Bogdanovci, further research was prepared.

#### 3.2 Monitoring Compensation and Reparation Procedures and Victims support

Documenta continues to monitoring of the Act on Rights to Victims of Sexual Violence during Homeland War, passed in May 2015. The Law provides survivors of wartime sexual violence with Croatian or EU citizenship, a lump-sum compensation ( $\in$ 13,000), monthly allowance ( $\in$ 328), health care, medical rehabilitation and psychological and legal support. Since its appointment in November 2015 to the end of April 2019, from the submitted 249 requests from victims of sexual violence Commission solved 241 requests (156 positive, 82 negative, 8 still in procedure). Two thirds of requests have been submitted by women.

Croatia had not yet adopted a comprehensive legislative framework that would regulate the status and access to reparation for all civilian war victims. *Documenta* continued to advocate rights of all civilian victims, publicly presenting specific cases e.g.

In 2019 Croatia has adopted *Law on missing persons*, defining technical details of searching but not securing access to reparations for families of victims.

In addition, *Documenta* has continued a comprehensive analysis of the legal framework and needs of the civilian war victims. Ministry of Justice has not responded to the advocacy efforts to request write-off of legal expenses of those civilian war victims who brought lawsuits against Croatia.

## 3.3 Advocating Victims' Rights

In follow up to **Rule 9.2 Communication** was submitted regarding Skendžić group of cases v. Croatia to Council Of Europe, Department For The Execution of Judgments of The European Court Of Human Rights in Strasbourg in May 2019, together with Human Rights House, *Documenta* started preparing report to Council of Ministers.

## **Future activities**

*Documenta* will continue to monitor war crimes trials, and when possible extend monitoring to hate crime/hate speech and discrimination proceedings also. *Documenta* will also continue to monitor remaining case and Simatović & Stanišić case at Mechanism for International Criminal

## Outcomes and Results 2018-2019

- Continued monitoring of War Crimes Trials despite significantly smaller legal team only working part-time and since Autumn 2018 on base of modest honoraria;
- Continued monitoring of implementation of *Act on Rights to Victims of Sexual Violence during Homeland War* and solved cases in which *Documenta* provided legal assistance for victims;

# Cumulative Outcomes 2005-2019

• Continual monitoring of war crimes trials and publishing documentation on web page;

# Anticipated Outcomes and Results 2019-2020

- Publish the annual reports on Monitoring of War Crime Trials Program;
- Improved conditions for permanent institutional and non-institutional support of victims, especially survivors and victims as well as severe discrimination based violence;
- Developed information package directory;
- Contribution to building sustainable and long-term mechanisms for justice and reparation for victims through implementation of UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
- Victims Right to Justice and Reparation through integrated Psychological and Legal Support to Victims
- Improved regional cooperation by establishing joint investigation teams in cases requiring coordinated work and/or investigation of war crimes in several countries;
- adopted the decision to write-off the costs of lost proceedings to all the plaintiffs/injured persons who were not allocated compensation for non-material damage caused by the death of a close relative, and facilitate the reimbursement of means for those who already paid for the litigation cost or whose property has been seized.

# C. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Management and leadership

*Documenta* is being governed by Managerial board consisting of Hrvoje Klasić, Mladen Majetić, Katarina Kruhonja, and Pero Jurišin, as a president of a board. Regular business process and activities are being managed by Vesna Teršelič, Director of *Documenta*.

# Office and logistics

In February 2010, together with five organizations, *Documenta* moved to Human Rights House in Selska Street. These premises are property of the City of Zagreb, and they have been renovated by the support of *Ministry of foreign affairs of Norway*. Due to lack of resources all the fine work on renovations has not been completed, so additional interventions occasionally take place. Since 2019 we search for possibility of adapting of Human Rights House for exhibitions. *Documenta* team currently uses one vehicle (Dacia Sandero).

## Planning, monitoring and evaluation

- within the organization: on regular meetings of programs, executive coordination, regular team meetings and operative and strategic planning, with multiannual plan most recently refreshed in December 2019.
- in cooperation with partner organizations on national level, especially i) as a coordinator of team for advocating victims' rights on bi-monthly basis; ii) as a member of *Platform 112* network on annual basis; iii) as a member of CROSOL network on annual basis; iv) as a member of Forum 2020 on monthly basis; v) as a member of Antifascist League on annual basis;
- on international level through: i) advocacy meetings for RECOM; ii) restarting group for Alliance; iii) emerging group of Archives and Dealing with the Past Network; iv) EUROCLIO; v) EU-Russia Civil Society Forum.

Connecting and coordinating of different planning processes, application and evaluation is becoming a challenging task, especially with team diminishing, due to pressure and financial constrains.

## Documenta's Team

During period from July 1 2019 and December 2019 31 the team continued to grow and to consolidate itself. At the end of the year, we had 12 employees (3 on full time). All the programs' teams are having regular meetings where all the activities and corresponding difficulties on projects are being discussed..

#### Archive and information system

The archive is being managed by Nikola Mokrović. Information system, developed with financial support of Ministry of foreign affairs of Switzerland and in cooperation with Humanitarian Law Center from Belgrade and Pristine. Information system is being managed by a small company *Abacus*.

We also engaged in the rebuilding our web site as the most important organization's virtual interface for all of the users. Since the old page is online since 2012, it became outdated over time. We plan to launch new page in July 2020.

#### Fund raising

After ending of support from Charles Stuart Mott Foundation *Documenta* has no institutional support. *National Foundation for development of civil society* has subsequently refused institutional applications for years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. In reporting period *Documenta* was supported by *Embassy of USA*, *European Union*, *European Fund for the Balkans*, *EVZ*, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung*, *International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance*, *National Endowment* for Democracy, Serbian National Council.

#### Cooperation with other organizations and institutions

Cooperation with organizations founders of *Documenta*, has been continued, especially through joint monitoring of war crime trials, and joint public statements, and on a regional level with Humanitarian Law Center and Humanitarian Law Center Priština.

Basis for more developed cooperation with scientific and museum institutions has been laid, such as Memorial park Jasenovac, Croatian Historical Museum, Faculty of Political Sciences, Law Faculty in Zagreb, Faculty of Humanities and Social sciences (especially sociology and history department).

Communication with judiciary has been enhanced (especially with State Attorney of RoC and judges of authorized courts). Regarding government institutions good communication and cooperative relationships were kept with Ministry of Justice while other previously established connections (especially with Ministry of Veterans) were put on hold by representatives of different ministries. We expect certain improvement of relationships due to forthcoming Croatian Presidency of European Union Council (January 1 – June 30 2020) and Croatian Presidency of European Union Council (July 1 – December 31 2020).

Gradually cooperation network with organisations and institutions, from EU member countries is being strengthened through numerous projects supported by EACEA and Erasmus programs.

In the reporting period, *Documenta* continued to attract students and interns to conduct their internships and other similar obligations as a host institution. Although we are honored and delighted to be recognized as an institution relevant for both data and knowledge production in the field of culture of remembrance, transitional justice and the like, the demand for internships often exceeds our capabilities, since a quality mentoring is time exhaustive. Therefore, we hope our scheduled organizational planning would also improve our capacities in this regard.

## IV. OVERVIEW OF SPECIFIC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

## Media and public relations

During the 2018 and 2019 web page <u>www.documenta.hr</u> has been constantly updates, a communication with general population commenced through social network Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and LinkedIN. 1.100 unique visits were registered in report period, *Documenta* published 97 articles on the webpage. Through press clipping we registered 110 articles/TV features where *Documenta* was mentioned

We organized press-conferences and issued public statements; and through participation of our team members in at least 17 public meetings or events upon invitation. *Documenta* is connected through links with Human Rights House and Platform 112.

#### Selected press clipping:

#### 1 July – 31 December 2019

## <u>July 2019</u>

#### Srebrenica

http://balkans.aljazeera.net/vijesti/negiranje-kao-posljednja-faza-genocida-koja-traje

Goli otok

http://hr.n1info.com/Vijesti/a417610/Komemoracija-za-logorase-s-Golog-otoka-70-godina-od-dolaskaprve-skupine.html

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/komemoracija-za-logorase-s-golog-otoka-ako-postoji-nesto-upovijesti-s-cime-se-goli-otok-moze-usporediti-to-je-samo-katolicka-inkvizicija/9099581/ http://www.glas-slavonije.hr/404583/1/Sjecanje-na-patnju-logorasa-s-Golog-otoka

https://www.slobodnaevropa.org/a/30046089.html

http://tris.com.hr/2019/07/goli-otok-centar-sjecanja-na-ljudsku-nehumanost-ili-naked-island-torture-funpark/?fbclid=lwAR3Pf5tauVzdp8JuI7xvibsRuT94alNIDnO\_VU6TLszg-tNN13M7RX5nyD0

#### Podstranska kronika

http://pilenaopako.picigin.net/author/pile/?fbclid=IwAR0gqUOvbJbZs7Eb0tL3vGhh0WiAWjIWBMyC0S 6fLXHC8WQInMSrU31pkBY

https://www.portalnovosti.com/casopis-koji-izdaje-matica-hrvatska-huska-na-aktivista-eugena-jakovcica?fbclid=IwAR1cNvIITNdhqFJkJ1VbpEQukXNjT2uDzy\_k8HIPt5moqn5PmmU5YwUSwH4

#### Antifa liga, Spomenik žrtvama ustaškog terora

https://www.portalnovosti.com/antifasisticka-liga-trazi-da-spomenik-bude-posvecen-zrtvama-ustaskogrezima-a-neholokausta?fbclid=lwAR3KgdUb95JsmB6ITr8g7aZ4Qey2LwlyFme6uiFB9Q6IHxd1xlosw7QLQXU

Borka Pavićević, komemoracija

http://novilist.hr/Vijesti/Hrvatska/ZENA-SLOBODE-Gromoglasni-pljesak-za-Borku-Pavicevic?fbclid=IwAR1EnQNcvrbApxUn4oUPVyGWxE8LZSSx03u6yPsXjEyy0efxAbnCEHmj77k

## <u>August 2019</u>

Oluja

https://www.danas.rs/drustvo/suocavanje/oluja-24-godine-posle/

https://www.danas.rs/drustvo/suocavanje/stradanja-civila-i-branitelja-na-podrucju-bivse-opstineotocac/

https://www.portalnovosti.com/sumnjive-smrti-u-rudopolju

https://www.dw.com/hr/vesna-teršelič-potreban-je-prostor-za-pamćenje-i-pobjede-i-žrtava/a-49881591

#### International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances

https://www.civilnodrustvo.hr/koalicija-za-rekom-poziva-na-rjesavanje-sudbina-10-tisuca-nestalihosoba/

Heroes of Peace

https://www.portalnovosti.com/heroji-mira-odgovorili-smo-nenasiljem

#### September 2019

#### Anniversary of WWII Beginning

https://www.vecernji.hr/vijesti/documenta-jednako-tretirajte-sve-zrtve-rata-1342390

Incident with Flag of Italian Monarchy in Rijeka

https://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/clanak/documenta-osudila-postavljanja-zastave-kraljevine-italije-u-rijeci-20190912

https://dnevnik.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/na-guvernerovoj-palaci-u-rijeci-osvanula-talijanska-zastava---574918.html

https://vijesti.hrt.hr/541615/mvep-osudio-postavljanje-spomenika-u-trstu

https://direktno.hr/domovina/documenta-osudila-postavljanje-talijanske-zastave-povodomstogodisnjice-zauzimanja-rijeke-166859/

#### Medak Pocket

https://www.portalnovosti.com/organizacije-za-ljudska-prava-osudile-odvodjenje-skolaraca-na-obiljezavanje-medackog-depa

#### Exhibitions in Rijeka

https://rijeka2020.eu/izlozbe-o-sjecanju-i-borbi-posljednji-svjedoci-i-tkanine-otpora-glasovi-zena/

http://novilist.hr:8090/Kultura/Izlozbe/Tkanine-otpora-i-Posljednji-svjedoci-Otvorenje-dviju-izlozbi-u-Principiju

https://hrti.hrt.hr/videostore ) username: eugenj2@gmail.com password: TheHague2018 / KULTURA / 2020 ZA RIJEKU)

#### International Day of Peace

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/centar-documenta-upozorio-na-potrebu-ozbiljnog-pristupaproslosti-kako-danasnji-zivot-ne-bi-bio-zaprljan-zadahom-opravdavanja-zlocinackih-praksi/9387302/

#### October 2019

*Documenta's* 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

https://net.hr/danas/hrvatska/svakodnevni-rat-politicari-zlorabe-traume-stvaraju-mitove-i-ignorirajuone-koji-su-se-borili-za-mir-rat-je-postao-opsesija-i-smisao/

https://www.portalnovosti.com/documentiranjem-do-mira

#### November 2019

#### Kristalnacht

https://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/clanak/sjecanje-na-kristalnu-noc-ne-smijemo-dozvoliti-izjednacavanjeustastva-i-antifasizma-foto-20191109

http://novilist.hr/Vijesti/Hrvatska/Skup-sjecanja-na-Kristalnu-noc-Ne-smijemo-dozvoliti-izjednacavanjeantifasizma-i-ustastva

#### https://www.portalnovosti.com/skup-sjecanja-na-kristalnu-noc

https://www.autograf.hr/9-11-2019-skup-sjecanja-na-kristalnu-noc/

https://www.portalnovosti.com/kraus-vlast-sudjeluje-u-sramotnom-mijenjanju-povijesti

#### Appeal to Ministry of Justice

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/documenta-uputila-apel-ministru-bosnjakovicu-traze-danovoizabrani-suci-visokog-suda-prvo-dovrse-predmete-ratnih-zlocina-u-kojima-trenutnosude/9615934/

Vukovar Anniversary

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/documenta-zatrazila-ucinkovitije-procesuiranje-ratnih-zlocina-uhrvatskoj-je-za-zlocine-u-vukovaru-osudeno-vise-od-80-osoba-vecinom-u-odsutnosti/9632746/

#### December 2019

Family Zec killing Anniversary

https://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/clanak/odrzana-komemoracija-za-aleksandru-mariju-i-mihajla-zeca-foto-20191207

https://vijesti.hrt.hr/564594/odrzana-komemoracija-za-aleksandru-mariju-i-mihajla-zeca

https://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/pilsel-na-komemoraciji-obitelji-zec-neke-od-ubojica-je-tudjmanodlikovao/2138551.aspx

#### XII RECOM Coalition Forum

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/aktivisti-prozvali-dokumentacijski-centar-domovinskog-rataobecali-su-objaviti-imena-zrtava-iz-njihove-baze-podataka-no-to-se-nije-dogodilo/9754267/

https://www.vecernji.hr/vijesti/aktivisti-prozvali-dokumentacijski-centar-da-ne-objavljuje-svoj-popiszrtava-rata-1366730

https://www.portalnovosti.com/da-je-vise-politicke-volje-otkrila-bi-se-istina-o-ratu

https://vijesti.hrt.hr/566695/forum-za-tranzicijsku-pravdu-u-postjugoslavenskim-zemljama

https://vijesti.hrt.hr/566450/uzivo-nedjeljom-u-2-natasa-kandic

https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/natasa-kandic-kod-stankovica-iznenadila-me-promjena-stavahrvatske-o-ratnim-zlocinima-kao-da-nakon-ulaska-u-eu-vise-nema-potrebe-zaprocesuiranjem/9749218/

https://narod.hr/hrvatska/foto-video-documenta-ponovno-napala-hrvatski-memorijalnodokumentacijski-centar-domovinskog-rata

https://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/clanak/natasa-kandic-kao-da-sada-hrvatska-vise-nije-na-mjestu-gdje-jebila-u-vrijeme-kada-su-pocinjeni-zlocini-20191215

https://www.dnevno.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/natasa-kandic-kod-stankovica-cudi-me-promjena-hrvatske-prema-procesuiranju-ratnih-zlocina-1407434/

#### Memberships:

- Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA <u>http://hrcolumbia.org/ahda/about);</u>
- Coalition for International Criminal Court (<u>http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org/</u>)
- International Council on Archives (ICA <u>http://www.ica.org/</u>);

- Coalition for RECOM (<u>http://www.recom.link/</u>)
- EU-Russia Civil Society Forum (http://eu-russia-csf.org/)
- Every Casualty (<u>http://www.everycasualty.org/</u>)
- Human Rights House (<u>http://www.kucaljudskihprava.hr/en/</u>)
- Platform 112 (<u>http://www.kucaljudskihprava.hr/platforma-112/</u>)
- CROSOL (<u>http://www.crosol.hr/</u>)
- Archives and Dealing with the Past Network
- Antifascist League of Republic of Croatia
- Initiative for Strong Civil Society

#### **V. OVERVIEW OF KEY SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Continuation of *Documenta* of major programs from documenting human losses, monitoring of war crimes trials and advocating war victims' rights to promoting inclusive culture of remembrance;
- Continuation of field research in area of Dalmatia (counties of Drniš and Knin), continued analysis of Eastern Slavonia region, and restructured Human Losses Team;
- Collected, edited and presented the material for the exhibition of Western Slavonia, gathered inputs from the local community for its development, started talks about similar projects for Eastern Slavonia and other regions;
- Continuation of and further development of culture of remembrance programs, especially for support to Jasenovac Memorial, Kampor Memorial Graveyard and protection of former place of detention Goli otok;
- Organising exhibitions from "Conflict Textiles" collection and "The Last Witnesses" (held in September 2019) program with education for dealing with the past events and workshops, as well as "After the Great War. A New Europa 1918-1923" (postponed from April to November 2020) to be held in Rijeka in context of *Rijeka European Capital* of *Culture 2020*;
- Significantly increasing of volunteer/interns team, involving volunteers from Austria, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy and other countries;
- Further developing partnership with European youth centers and remembrance institutions on international level, and *Croatian Youth Network* at home, visible in getting support for Erasmus EU programs;
- Continued visibility through public calls for rights of civilian victims of war, campaign for protection of former place of detention Goli otok and regular presence in media;
- Continued monitoring of War Crimes Trials despite significantly smaller legal team only working part-time and since Autumn 2018 on base of modest honoraria;
- Continued monitoring of implementation of Act on Rights to Victims of Sexual Violence during Homeland War and solved cases in which Documenta provided legal assistance for victims;
- Continued contributing to national networks (Antifascist League of Republic of Croatia, CROSOL, Forum 2020) regional networks (especially Coalition for RECOM) and international networks (EU-Russia Civil Society Forum) in full awareness of importance of solidarity and power of joint action; our employee Nikola Mokrović has become member of the Board of EU-Russia CSF;
- Planning systematic know-how exchange on documenting gross human rights

violations with civil society organizations from Norway, Russia, Ukraine and post-Yugoslav countries in hope of finding necessary resources;

 Planning restart of The Alliance for promotion of Justice, Truth and Culture of Remembrance (the Alliance) as an emerging network of civil society organizations, memorialization institutions and individuals that support processes of dealing with the past on hold due to lack of human and financial resources, while keeping in touch with main stakeholders (SWISSPEACE, Redress etc.).

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