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Programme Office in Bishkek

Supporting Kyrgyz Republic in Enhancing Human Security



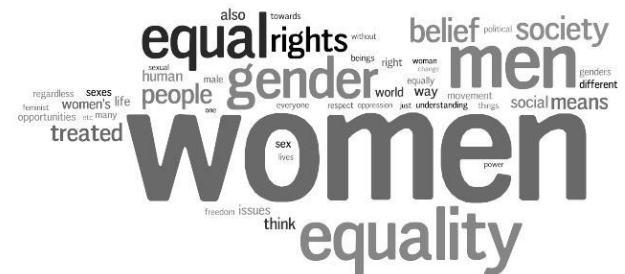
Key Project Objective



EQUALI♀Y



- In line with the National Strategy on Achieving Gender Equality (2012-2020), supporting Kyrgyzstan in enhancing human security through inclusive, cross-sectoral, sustainable and protection-oriented initiatives aimed at promoting gender equality, addressing gender-based violence and early/forced/child marriage
- Upholding civil, political and economic rights of women



Key Project Components

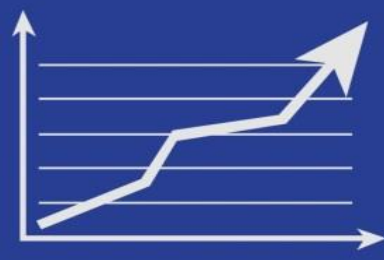
Empowering women to be an active part of decision-making in communities

Enhancing co-operation and coordination between women civil society networks and host authorities to tackle GBV, early marriages, and bride kidnapping

Empowering teenage girls and their families by helping them acquire knowledge on human rights, early marriages and its consequences, local referral mechanisms, as well as valuable skills leading to self-advancement and self-realization.



Supported by OSCE since 2011, WIGs are grassroots women's groups, consisting of well-respected and influential women who act as mediators in their communities. Together with community leaders and local authorities, WIGs empower their peers to build resilient and prosperous communities.



Priorities

- GENDER EQUALITY**
- GENDER VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
- LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT**
- CAPACITY BUILDING AND EMPOWERMENT**
- COOPERATION and NETWORKING**

2011 - **21** communities engaged
 2014 - **26** communities engaged
 2016 - **3** WIGs were created in Issyk-Kul
 2017 - **29** WIGs operate in Kyrgyzstan



WIG member portrait



Women by age



by education



by occupation



by ethnicity



Community-based approach ✓

WIGs member: "We think that it is important to avoid cookie-cut solutions. Conducting comprehensive needs assessments is a prerequisite for success. Geographical factor, religious affiliation, ethnicity, socio-economic development, - all determine the WIGs strategy in a given community."

Mutual support ✓

"Mutual support is another important principle for us. Family support, local community's willingness to cooperate, the government's protection are the bedrock, to which we contribute every day. WIGs members' authority and achievements feed off a rich social capital of all Kyrgyzstanis."

Case 1. Suzak

WIG in Suzak, Jalal-Abad oblast, took into consideration the level of religiosity and the level of education in the community. That is why they joined local authorities to provide vocational trainings for women as well as promote formal education for girls. To counter the effects of nikkah, the WIG advocates for registration of marriages across the district.



Case 2. Turan & Amir Temur

Unregistered and forced marriages, divorces and inequitable distribution of property represent some of the pressing issues in Turan and Amir Temir, Osh oblast. Local people have an opportunity to seek support and advice, protection and advocacy from the WIGs. As a follow-up, WIGs refer the cases to local authorities.



Case 3. Aksay

Aksay, Batken oblast, is situated in the border region of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The local WIG is always ready to provide mediation in case of disagreements (conflicts) in the community. At the same time, women's participation in local councils is highly prioritized on the WIG's agenda. Kyrgyzstani women activists and their Tajik counterparts cooperate and maintain good -neighbourly relations with one another.





Results

of processed cases

2015 (12 months)	2016 (12 months)	2017 (6 months)
1218	719	303

focus on sustainability

Partnership Memorandum with local authorities (2012)	Cooperation Agreement with NGO "Ensan Diamond" (2015)
Cooperation Agreement with NGO Osh city Kaziyat (Shariah Court, 2015)	Partnership with the OSCE (2011)

50+
outreach events



WIGs Outlook

Enhancing co-operation with local and national authorities is the overarching goal of WIGs

Promoting and protecting economic, social, and cultural rights

Focus on Economic Empowerment of Women



Financial Literacy



Domestic budgeting

Microfinance



Small and Medium-sized Business



Small and Medium-sized Business

“Successful Girl - 2017”

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PF «Child's Rights
Defenders League»

“Successful Girl - 2017”

60 girls (12-15) and their
parents

3 provinces

12 trainers:
psychologists, social
workers, lawyers,
entrepreneurs,
physicians

Successful
businesswomen and
public figures

Surveying

7-day intensive trainings
on leadership, social
entrepreneurship,
human rights and
mechanisms for their
protection

Leadership forum
together with the girls'
classmates

“Successful Girl - 2017”



Youth Magazine “Strive”



Outreach

Video available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6QAWdy0K0o>

“When you educate a girl, you educate a nation!”

Thank you for your attention!



OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE



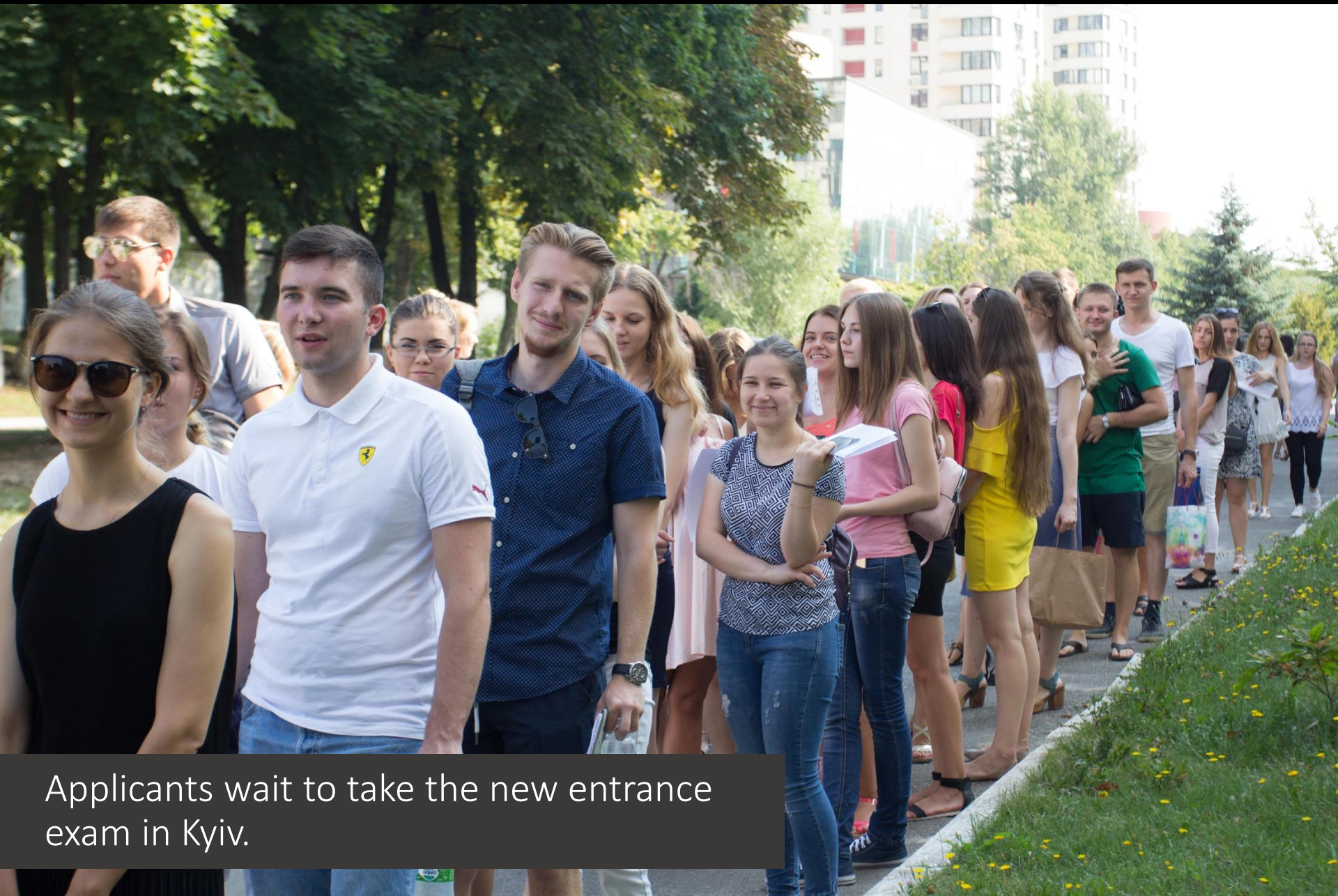
The OSCE PCU collaborated with the Education Ministry to develop the test.



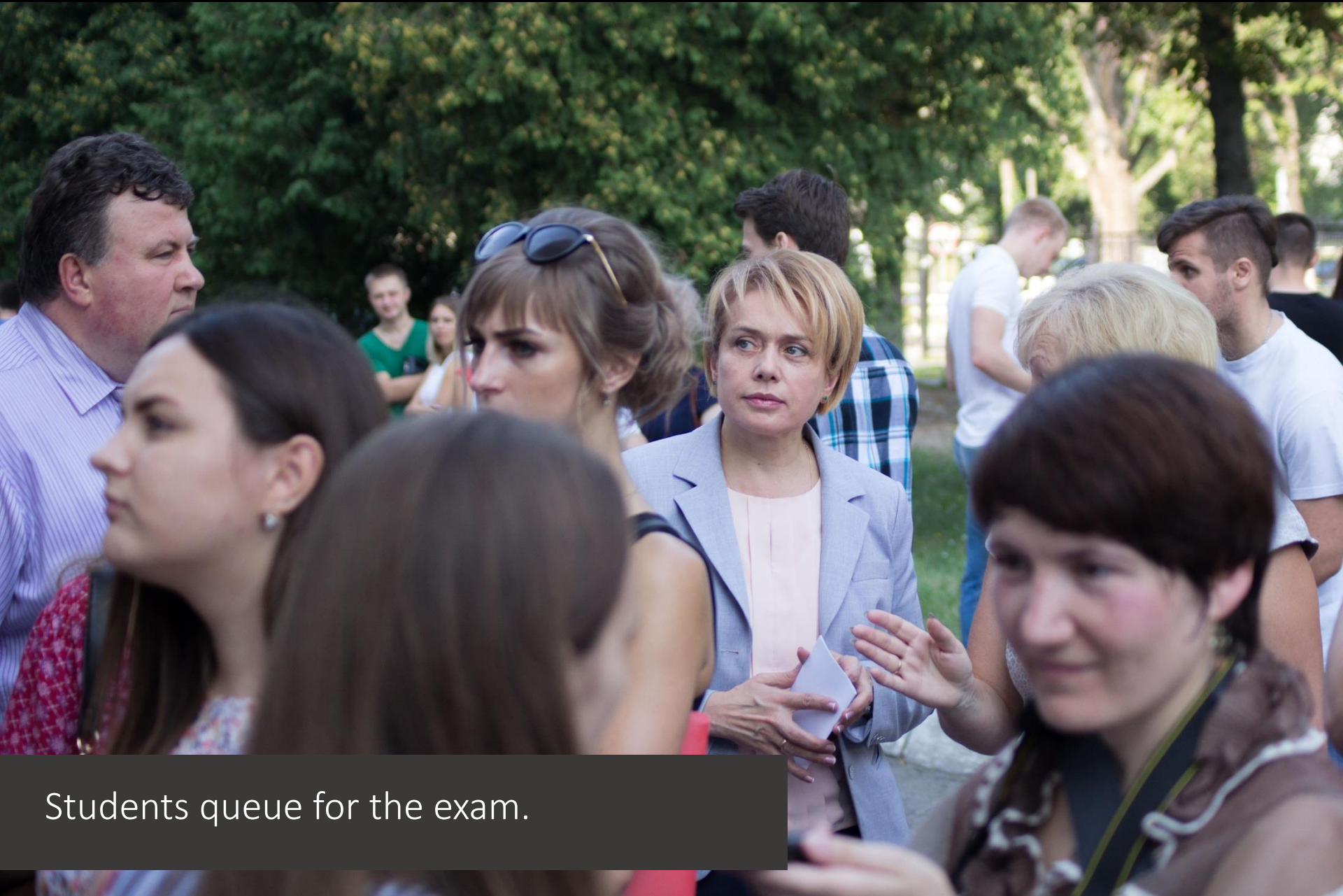
OSCE Project Officer Iryna Ivankiv and David Vaughn, USAID, coordinate at the working group.



Natalia Stupnytska, OSCE National Programme Manager, at the working group.



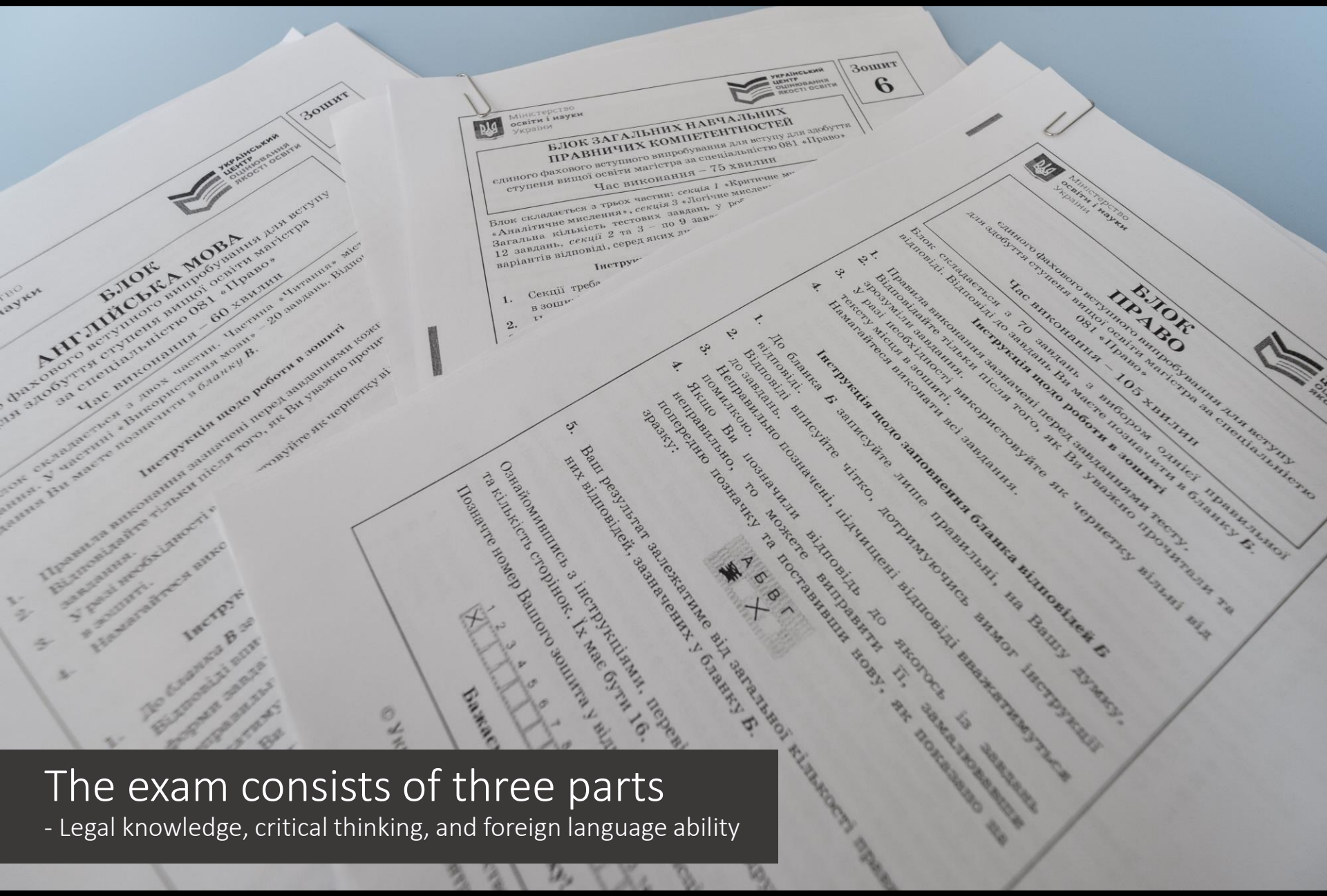
Applicants wait to take the new entrance exam in Kyiv.



Students queue for the exam.

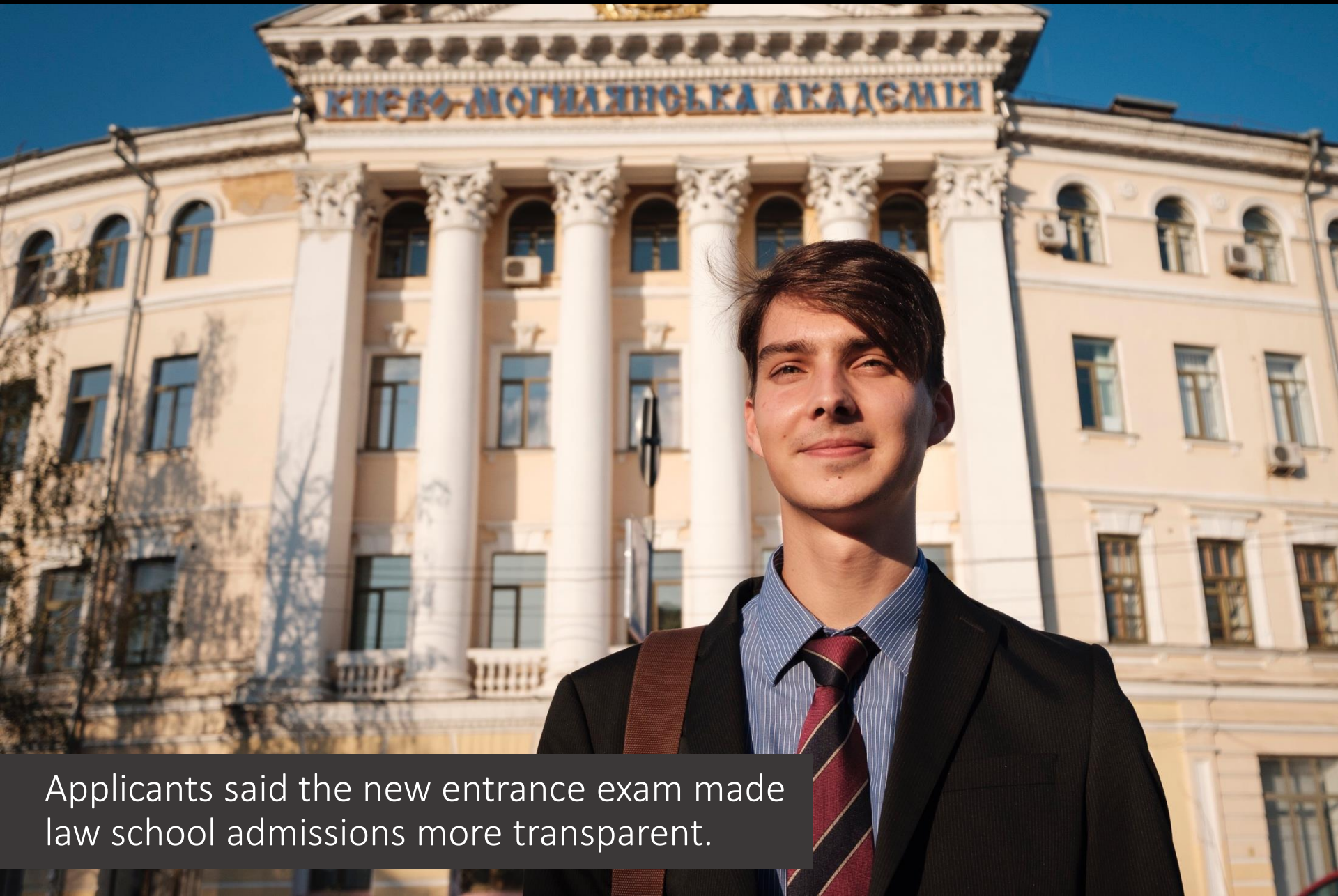


Lilia Hrynevych, Ukrainian Minister of Education and Science



The exam consists of three parts

- Legal knowledge, critical thinking, and foreign language ability



Applicants said the new entrance exam made law school admissions more transparent.



The Association of Legal Clinics reviews its mission during a strategic planning session.



Polish Constitutional Judge Marek Zubik leads a training course for law professors.



Student teams participate in a mock legal consulting competition supported by the OSCE.

OMBİH RESPONSE TO HATE CRIMES



Organization for Security and
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Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

BIAS-MOTIVATED CRIMES DETRIMENTAL TO SOCIAL FABRIC

THREAT TO STABILITY AND COHESION OF COMMUNITIES



FRAMEWORK

- **MANDATE:**

- Dayton Peace Agreement 1995
- OSCE MC Decision 3/11: conflict prevention and early warning

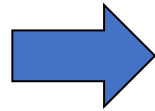
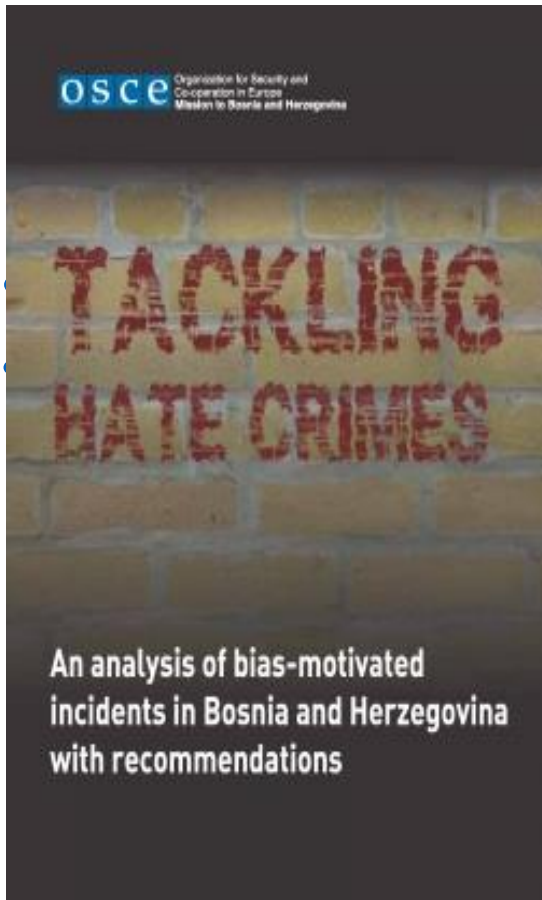
- **WHAT WE DO:**

- (A) Monitor – Analyse – advocate – capacity building
ODIHR Methodology
- (B) Public awareness
- (C) Civil society / Coalitions against Hate

(A.1) MONITOR

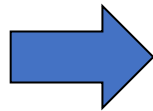
- 9 Field Offices
- Regular contacts (before and after the incidents)
 - police, authorities, returnees, religious leaders, positive agents (war veterans, school directors, teachers)

(A.2) ANALYSIS



CAPACITY BUILDING

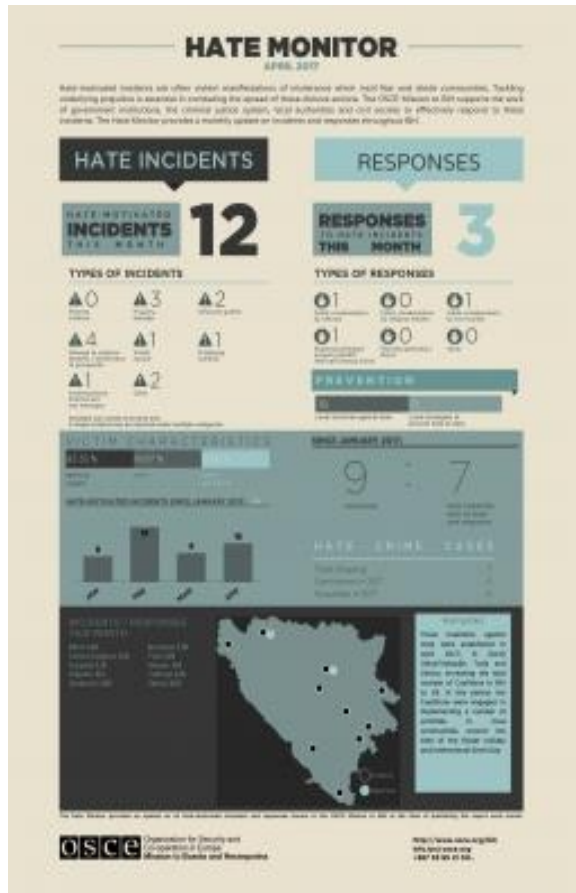
Police, judges, prosecutors
Young Roma



ADVOCACY

Amendments to criminal procedure codes

(B) PUBLIC AWARENESS



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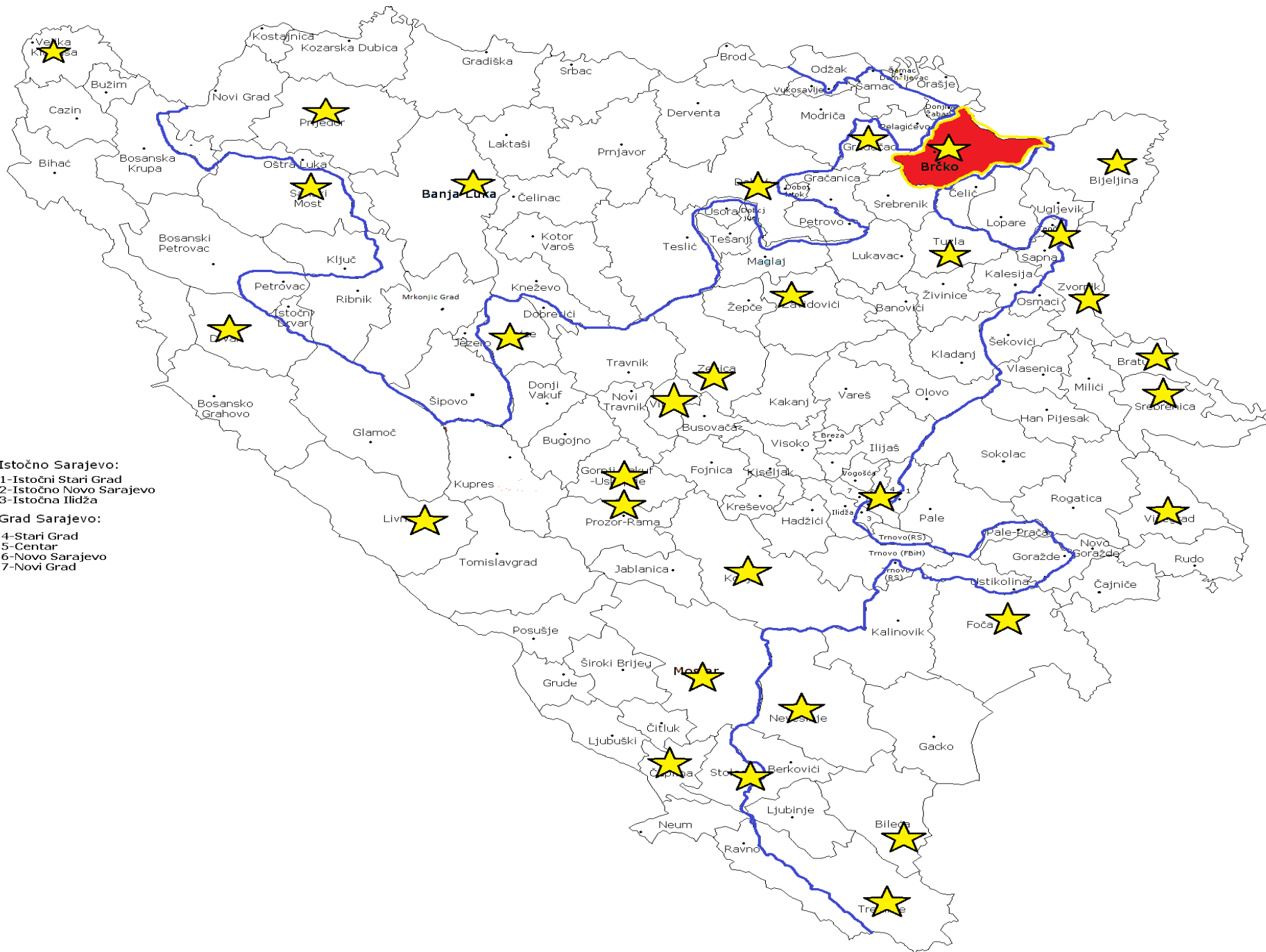
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www.supergradjani.ba

(C) COALITIONS AGAINST HATE

- Informal groups of CSOs, representatives of local communities and individuals, working together on prevention and information sharing on hate and bias related incidents and crimes.
- 200 CSOs and 80 individuals.
- In 2016, 150 activities implemented (street actions, concerts, sports activities, visits, workshops, summer camps, education, etc.) aimed at fighting stereotypes and prejudices.





Istočno Sarajevo:
 1-Istočni Stari Grad
 2-Istočno Novo Sarajevo
 3-Istočna Ilidža

Grad Sarajevo:
 4-Stari Grad
 5-Centar
 6-Novoo Sarajevo
 7-Novii Grad

LESSONS LEARNT

- *In-house related:*

- Holistic cross-sectional approach overcomes narrow conceptual and operational views.

- *Host country related:*

- Support to domestic needs.
- “Soft diplomacy” – shaping the environment.

THANK YOU!!



Human Dimension Department

September, 2017

Increase stability, social cohesion, and implementation of the OFA by promoting constructive inter-ethnic relations, democratic principles, and the rule of law

- Support the host country in fulfilling its OSCE commitments and assist in the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA).



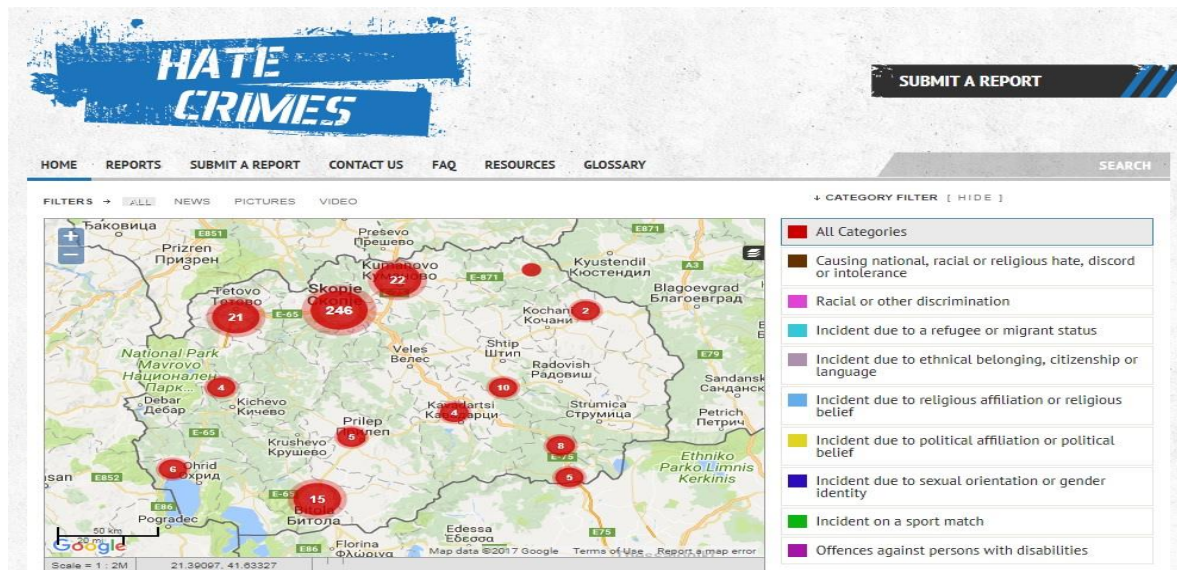
Human Dimension

- Tolerance and Non Discrimination
- Strengthening of Institutions
- Trial monitoring
- Youth Work



Tolerance and non-discrimination are advanced in line with OSCE commitments and international human rights standards

- Developing legislation and policies, working with, among others, the Judiciary, Ombudsman Institution and CSOs.
- Raising awareness through coordinated synergies and outreach
- Increasing the capacity of the civil society to monitor hate motivated incidents in the country, including reporting to ODIHR



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- Strengthening the capacity of the civil society effectively deal with equality concepts



In line with OFA and adhering to democratic principles, central and local institutions display enhanced capacities

- Strengthening the capacities of central and local institutions to increase effectiveness adhering to OSCE commitments and democratic governance principles.
- For example, working with SEC through a long-term engagement to address cross sectoral challenges including fulfilling OSCE/ODIHR recommendations.
- Work with MISA in the series of interventions the Ministry developed to provide for a more coherent and efficient Public Administration
- Planned support to Parliament re-engaging in the area of ethics/code of conduct in close cooperation with OSCE/ODIHR and advocate for increased synergies between Sobranie and Municipal Councils

Independence and impartiality of the judiciary
are advanced and trust in the judicial system is restored

- Promoting adherence to international fair trial standards and support civil society in strengthening capacities to carry out trial monitoring activities nationwide.
- In 2016, over 130 trial sessions monitored directly by the Mission related
- 450 trial sessions of
- monitored by Impl



Social Cohesion is advanced through improved community rights realization and increased integration in education and youth work



- Increasing youth resilience to prevent radicalization
- Prevention/Awareness Raising on CTHB aimed at school-aged population
- Building Bridges – bridging the gap in the different languages of instruction.

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- Working with Ministry of Education and Science to facilitate dialogue on integrated education
- South Eastern European University project initiated by OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, to improve opportunities for higher education in minority languages



OSCE Mission to Skopje



THANK

YOU

Implementing commitments

Cooperation OMIS – ODIHR (*regional)

- Code of Conduct for Parliamentarians
- Women Parliamentary Network*
- CSO networking/political participation*
- Combatting Hate Crimes*
- Combatting anti-Semitism
- Youth political participation*
- Gender sensitive migration policies*
- and...and...and...

Sometimes we don't know when...

- 2012 OMiS and ODIHR supported draft
- 2013 UB “OMIS will support the finalization of the Code of Conduct and following adoption work with the Parliament on implementation.”
- 2014 UB “OMIS will support the finalization...”
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- 2016 UB “OMIS will support the finalization...”
- 2017 UB “OMIS will support the finalization...”
- **2017 New WG on CoC, adoption end 2017!...(?)**

Sometimes we don't know what...

- Joint ODIHR/OMIS support to CSO gathering influential women from the region
- Goal to promote political participation of women, security in the region, inclusive and structural regional dialogue
- Feasibility phase
- **Outcome: Unknown!**



What we need from YOU (pS)!

Commitments + Resources!





Thank You!

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Human Dimension Officer



Kazakhstan's National Preventive Mechanism on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading forms of treatment and punishment

22 September 2017

History of the National Preventive Mechanism

Since 2008, when Kazakhstan ratified the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT)**, the OSCE Programme Office in Astana (POiA) has been assisting host country authorities and civil society in promoting anti-torture policies and initiatives with a **particular focus being placed on the establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)**.

The OSCE has supported both legislative initiatives and the NPM's capacity-building programmes organized by the **government, the Committee on Legislation and Judicial Reform of the *Mazhilis*, Ombudsman Office and NGOs**.

POiA co-operates closely with international partners including **Penal Reform International Office in Central Asia (PRI), UNICEF, Council of Europe and OHCHR Regional Office**.



NPM in Kazakhstan

The NPM was established with a law passed in 2013. It allows members to conduct torture prevention visits, both announced and not announced respectively. Those monitoring visits enable the NPMs to **formulate recommendations to the attention of authorized government agencies and wide public.**

In 2014, a total of **112 participants, representing 15 different groups** were established in every *oblast* (region) of the country.

“The Ombudsman+” model was used as a basis for the Kazakhstan’s NPM based on the fact the Human Rights Commissioner is an independent institution.



Ambassador György Szabó



Askar Shakirov, Ombudsman

NPM Statistics

During the first six months, after the establishment of monitoring visits in March 2014, NPM members visited **168 of the 597 facilities** which fall under the mandate.

In 2015, **528 preventive visits were held. In 2016, 680 preventive visits** took place at various facilities .

Since the NPM started its work in 2014, **three consolidated reports** on its activities were developed, published and presented to the public.

In the near future, it is expected that **another 216 institutions** will fall under the mandate of the NPM, including **children's homes, medical and social institutions for children with disabilities, correcting boarding schools, orphanages and others.**



OSCE Programme Office in Astana

Next steps and plans for 2018



Askar Shakirov, Ombudsman



POiA will continue supporting the translation, publication and dissemination of annual and thematic reports from **human rights institutions** along with public debates on their findings and recommendations from non-governmental organizations.

Continued **support will be provided to the NPM** to reinforce the preventive nature of monitoring visits at detention facilities, improve the reporting format and enhance the **co-ordination and harmonization of approaches at the central and regional levels.**

With a special focus on further institutional development of the NPM, upon request, assistance will be given to the development of the separate draft law on NPM.

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Thank you

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