

Episode 14: 'Respect Life, Return Weapons' Campaign and Civilian misuse of Firearms

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The 'Respect Life, Return Weapons' campaign and civilian misuse of firearms was the theme of discussion in the one-hour live talk show aired on 7th December 2015 on the First Channel of Radio Television Montenegro (RTCG). This was the fourteenth in the series of twenty shows named "Reaching the Trust Together", which is supported by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Moderated by Andrijana Kadija, participants in the debate included Zoran Radojević from the Department for the Fight Against Organized Crime and Corruption, Ministry of Interior; Dragan Koprivica, Executive Director of non-governmental organization Center for Democratic Transition – CDT; H.E. Gudrun Steinacker, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Montenegro and Svetlana Đurđević Lukić, Executive Director of Public Policy Research Centre.

Panellists discussed key issues related to civilian misuse of firearms and security issues related to the illegal weapons' possession. They presented the ongoing campaign titled 'Respect Life, Return Weapons', the objective of which is to raise the awareness of citizens regarding the new Law on Arms and introduce them with their rights and obligations, as well as decrease the number of weapons in citizens' possession. All participants agreed that continuous education is of crucial importance, as well as awareness raising activities. In addition, they concluded that good co-operation and co-ordination between the police, courts and prosecution is indispensable for this process.

Jasmin Porobić from UNDP gave his contribution to the discussion by explaining the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the campaign conducted in that country aimed at illegal weapons returning.

The main aim of the talk shows is to serve as a platform for dialogue and to engage various segments of society in Montenegro which will serve to enhance confidence, trust, and co-operation between the public, institutions, media, and civil society.

The next episode of the series will be aired on 14th December 2015.

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