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During 2022, it is planned to continue and further work on the activities that the Victimology Society of Serbia-VDS has been engaged in until now, as well as the start and initiation of new activities. In this sense, the planned activities are:

I General

1. Further develop the organizational and personnel structure of the VDS.
2. Develop new and amend the existing legal acts and strategic documents of the organization
3. Continue to involve professionals and young people in the VDS membership and activities as well as develop stronger professional cooperation among VDS members.
4. Develop an institutional framework for consistent and sustainable education for working with victims and victimological research.
5. Continuation and further development of cooperation with faculties, state institutions, independent bodies and civil society organizations in the country and international cooperation.
6. Promotion, expansion and finding new options for volunteer work
7. To regularly notify the VDS members via mailing list VDS info.
8. To regularly update the VDS web site, Facebook, Instagram.
9. Searching for funds for projects and further developing a longer-term and more stable financing strategy.
10. Establish a fund for urgent victim support.

II Assistance and support to victims of crime

- 1) Work on further development of the victim support service VDS info and victim support through:
 - a. Providing information and other types of assistance and support to crime victims. A special focus will be on providing support to women victims of gender-based violence, within the framework of the projects: Capacity building and support for groups for coordination and cooperation in response to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence (UN Women, European Commission), Formation of a national telephone SOS lines for women with experience of gender-based violence that will work according to feminist principles (OAK foundation), SOS Vojvodina and Sexual violence at universities in Serbia: Raising awareness and developing innovative mechanisms to support victims (SVRI and World Bank).
 - b. Updating the database of state institutions and civil society organizations that provide assistance and support to victims and updating the interactive map of these services, which is available at <https://www.victimservices.eu>.
 - c. Promotion, updating and use of a special page on the VDS website called Forum for experts who work with victims, which should serve as a resource center and platform for the exchange of experiences, knowledge and examples of good practice in dealing with cases of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence of gender-based violence (within the project Strengthening capacities and support to groups for coordination and

cooperation in response to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence (UN Women, European Commission).

- d. Monitoring and analysis of the work of the Service.
- e. Strengthening the positioning of the Service at the local level.
- f. Strengthening the capacity of the Service through:
 - i. Cooperation with European support for victims;
 - ii. Cooperation with organizations and institutions that provide help and support to victims, especially victims of gender-based violence in Serbia (through the Women Against Violence Network project)
 - iii. Strengthening regional cooperation;
 - iv. Continuous education of persons involved in the work of the Service.

III Advocating for the implementation of existing legal solutions and further changes in law and practice, especially equating them with international and European standards

1. Advocating for improving the status of victims and establishing a national victim support system (through participation in the work of the National Convention on the European Union (NCEU) specifically, in working groups for monitoring negotiations related to Articles 23 Justice and Fundamental Rights and 24 Justice, Freedom and Security, etc.) (ongoing activities).
2. Continuation of efforts to improve the services and position of women who have survived male violence within the framework of the *Women Against Violence Network* and the project *Establishing a national telephone SOS line for women with experience of gender-based violence that will work according to feminist principles*
3. Continuation of cooperation with the Protector of Citizens in carrying out the work of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture.
4. Advocating for the establishment and improvement of support mechanisms for victims of sexual violence at colleges (within the project *Sexual violence at universities in Serbia: Raising awareness and developing innovative mechanisms for supporting victims*).
5. Advocating for the improvement of the work of groups for coordination and cooperation in dealing with cases of domestic violence and other forms of violence according to the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence (within the project *Strengthening capacities and support for groups for coordination and cooperation in response to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence*).
6. Advocating for the establishment of a national SOS telephone line for women victims of violence (through the Women Against Violence Network).

IV Advocating for raising public awareness about the status of victims and their rights

1. Marking the European Day of Victims, 22 February.
2. Marking the Day of Remembrance of the killed women victims of violence, May 18.
3. Marking 16 days of activism against violence against women.

4. Continuation of activities on the project *Power of Change-Power of Prevention of Gender-Based Violence in Serbia*, which should contribute to the reduction of harmful, gender-based stereotypes associated with discrimination and violence against women and girls through raising the level of knowledge and information of young people and influencing the change of negative attitudes and behavior.
5. Representation of the members of the VDS in the media in order to raise public awareness of the victims, their needs, rights and problems.

V Research

1. Continuation of work on the analysis of individual support and protection plans for victims of domestic violence and other data on the work of coordination and cooperation groups within the project *Capacity building and support for coordination and cooperation groups in response to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence*.
2. Continuation of the activities of the research group on femicide to collect data for the European observatory on femicide.
3. Competing for projects that will include a research component

VI Education

1. Implementation of accredited training programs (specialist course on gender-based violence, training on identification, assistance and protection of male victims of human trafficking, training for working with victims of violence). Realization of training for working with victims of gender-based violence within the project *Capacity building and support to groups for coordination and cooperation in response to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence*.
2. Development and implementation of training for assessing the risks and needs of victims in order to create individual support and protection plans, for representatives of coordination and cooperation groups from 22 cities/towns in Serbia (within the project *Capacity building and support for coordination and cooperation groups cooperation in responding to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence*).
3. Development and implementation of training for "first response" to sexual violence at the faculties of students and employees of six faculties of the University of Belgrade on sexual violence (within the project *Sexual violence at universities in Serbia: Raising awareness and developing innovative mechanisms to support victims*).
4. Implementation of training *Prevention of abuse at the workplace - forms, support for victims, legal regulations and basics of mediation*.
5. More active work on the promotion of existing training programs.

VII Conferences, round tables and meetings

1. Organizing the annual VDS conference.
2. Organizing an online presentation of research findings on sexual violence against students studying at universities in Serbia (within the project *Sexual violence at*

- universities in Serbia: Raising awareness and developing innovative mechanisms to support victims).
3. Organizing other gatherings as necessary and possible.

VIII Publishing activity

1. Journal *Temida*
 - a) Improving the quality of the journal, especially in terms of progress through categorization from RS Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development.
 - b) Continue being evaluated by Thomas Reuters on order to include *Temida* in appropriate collections of the Web of Science (Social Sciences Citation Index).
 - c) Inclusion in other relevant databases of scientific journals in order to increase visibility and citations.
 - d) Funding is expected from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the RS and from subscriptions.
2. Publication of a book with the findings of research on sexual violence against students at faculties in Serbia (within the project *Sexual violence at universities in Serbia: Raising awareness and developing innovative mechanisms to support victims*).
3. Publication of the manual *Mapping the needs of victims and developing individual plans for support and protection of victims* (within the project *Strengthening capacities and support to groups for coordination and cooperation in responding to domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence*).
4. Publication of other publications according to possibilities and needs.