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MEĐURELIGIJSKO VIJEĆE U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI
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Interreligious Council in Bosnia-Herzegovina



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on dealing with the violence burdened past of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014

A contribution to dialogue and a culture of listening and solidarity

(Visiting Sarajevo, Mostar, Prijedor, Banja Luka, Gradina Donja, Uzdol and Prebilovci)

The deep divisions in former Yugoslavia and especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina are an open wound to the body of Europe. The country's current problems are closely related to the European history of violence of the 20th century. From the shots in Sarajevo in 1914 to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, to World War II with its manifold armed conflicts that lead to the establishment of communist rule, which was transformed into nationalist rule and found its end in the bloody wars of the 1990s, many injuries and crimes left their marks in the societies affected that are decisively marked by these experiences. A history people are still trying to come to terms with and the lack of reconciliation are a severe challenge to the present and the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The importance of these

challenges goes beyond Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region of former Yugoslavia. Even if the future of the different societies most of all depends on the responsibility of the people living there, the close and far neighbours are included in this responsibility in many ways.

A first step is to develop an understanding for the different perspectives and the underlying experiences. Truth and justice are indispensable components of every reconciliation process. The respect for all victims and their sufferings are as essential as addressing and understanding the fundamental experiences of the Bosnian, the Serbian and the Croatian population in an adequate way. We need to develop a culture of dialogue based on an attitude of listening and solidarity.

In order to contribute to building this culture of dialogue the Inter-religious Council in Sarajevo, Renovabis and the Maximilian-Kolbe-Foundation are inviting 35 young leaders from various European countries including Bosnia and Herzegovina to join an European Workshop on Dealing with the violence burdened past of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The workshop is going to provide the opportunity to learn from the experiences of the region, to make own experiences with the burdened history and its concrete effects on the present and get talking to one another about these experiences. Connected to this is the hope to deepen the own understanding for the present strain and to be able to make a modest contribution to the healing of the wounds. By visiting (symbolic) relevant places of suffering as Prijedor, Gradina Donja, Uzdol i Prebilovci and meeting representatives of different national, religious and civil society contexts the workshop will give a sign of solidarity with all those in Bosnia and Herzegovina who suffered from violence and who work today for healing and reconciliation.

Preliminary PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 17th The Group

Accommodation:

- Catholic Seminary house; Josipa Stadlera 5, Sarajevo
- ETN Hotel; Safet bega Bašagića 12, Sarajevo

arrival until 14:00

15:00 Leaving to Gazi Husrev Bay Library – Small hall; *Gazi Husrev-begova 45*

15:30 **Introduction into the aims and the programme of the Workshop**

- Dr Jörg Lüer, Maximilian-Kolbe-Foundation
- Emir Kovačević, Secretary General, Interreligious Council in BiH

Detailed introduction of the participants

Mind mapping

18:00 **Walk through Sarajevo**

- 1st group - Emir Kovačević
- 2nd group - Igor Kožemjakin
- 3rd group - Božana Ivelić-Katava

19:00 Dinner in Jewish community; *H. Kreševljakovića 59*

Thursday, September 18th History

Accommodation:

- Hotel Prijedor; *Srpskih velikana 14, Prijedor*

08:00 Breakfast

08:45 Leaving to Gazi Husrev Bay Library – Large hall; *Gazi Husrev-begova 45*

09:00 **Introduction to the places of suffering (Part 1)**

- Mr Amor Mašović, Islamic Community
- Mr Milenko Jahura, Serbian Orthodox Church

11:00 Break

11:30 **Introduction to the places of suffering (Part 2)**

- Dr Mario Bernadić, Catholic Church
- Dr Eli Tauber, Jewish Community

13:30 Lunch in Aeroplan restaurant

15:00 Departure to Prijedor (by bus)

21:00 Dinner in Hotel Prijedor

Friday, September 19th**Visits to Tomašica and Gradina Donja**

	Accommodation: <i>- Hotel Vidović; Ivana Franje Jukića 11, Banja Luka</i>
07:30	Breakfast
08:30	Visit to Tomašica, Prijedor – suffering of Bosniaks in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>- Meeting with survivors</i>
12:30	Break for Lunch and Jumma in Prijedor
14:00	Departure to Gradina Donja
15:00	Visit to Gradina Donja – suffering of Jewish people in WW II <i>- Movie Screening – Testimony of Jewish witness from WW II</i>
19:00	Dinner in Hotel Vidović

Saturday, September 20th**Visit to Uzdol**

	Accommodation: <i>- City Hotel; Vukovarska bb, Mostar</i>
08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Departure from Banja Luka
13:00	Lunch in Ethno Village Remić
14:30	Visit to Uzdol – suffering of Croats in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>- Meeting with survivors</i>
19:00	Dinner in City Hotel

Sunday, September 21st**Visit to Prebilovci**

	Accommodation: <i>- Catholic Seminary house; Josipa Stadlera 5, Sarajevo</i> <i>- ETN Hotel; Safet bega Bašagića 12, Sarajevo</i>
08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Time for religious obligations: Eucharistic Mass and Orthodox liturgy
11:00	Leaving to Čapljina
12:00	Lunch in Orthodox Church in Čapljina
13:30	Visit to Prebilovci, Čapljina – suffering of Serbs in WW II and in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>- Meeting with survivors</i>
16:00	Leaving to Sarajevo
18:00	Dinner in Maksumić restaurant, Jablanica

Monday, September 22nd**Reflection**

- Accommodation:
- *Catholic Seminary house; Josipa Stadlera 5, Sarajevo*
- *ETN Hotel; Safet bega Bašagića 12, Sarajevo*
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Leaving to Premises of Old Orthodox Church;
M. Mustafe Bašeskije 59
- 09:30 **“Memory, Truth and Justice. Dealing with violent burdened past as a challenge and a chance”**
- *Dr Jörg Lüer, Maximilian-Kolbe-Foundation*
- 12:30 Lunch in Aeroplan restaurant
- 13:30 **Open Space I**
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 **Open Space II**
- 17:00 Break
- 17:30 **Plenary session - report from the open space, discussion**
- 19:00 Dinner in Aeroplan restaurant

Tuesday, September 23rd**Final Ceremony**

- Accommodation:
- *Catholic Seminary house; Josipa Stadlera 5, Sarajevo*
- *ETN Hotel; Safet bega Bašagića 12, Sarajevo*
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:30 Leaving to Premises of Old Orthodox Church;
M. Mustafe Bašeskije 59
- 10:00 **Session on the role of the religious communities in the process of healing and reconciliation** – discussion with
- *H. E. Husejin ef. Smajić, Deputy of the grand Mufti*
- *H. E. Grigorije, Bishop of Zahumlje, Herzegovina and Littoral*
- *H. E. Vinko Cardinal Puljić, Archbishop of Sarajevo - Vrhbosna*
- *H. E. Jakob Finci, President of Jewish Community of BiH*
- 13:00 Lunch in Aeroplan restaurant
- 17:00 **Final Ceremony with participants at Jewish Community**
- 19:00 Dinner at Jewish Community; *H. Kreševljakovića 59*
- 20:00 Music evening at Jewish Community; *H. Kreševljakovića 59*

Wednesday, September 24th**Departure**

- 08:00 Breakfast
- Individual departure of the participants
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Venues:

Sarajevo:

- **Catholic Seminary house** Josipa Stadlera 5 + 387 33 232 382
- **Gazi Husrev Bay Library** Gazi Husrev-begova 45 + 387 33 238 152 www.ghb.ba
- **Old Orthodox Church** M. Mustafe Bašeskije 59 + 387 33 571 065
- **Jewish Community** H. Kreševljakovića 59 + 387 33 229 667 www.benevolencija.eu.org
- **ETN Hotel** Safet bega Bašagića 12 + 387 33 573 530 www.etnhotel.biz

Prijedor:

- **Hotel Prijedor** Srpskih velikana 14 + 387 52 234 220 www.hotel-prijedor.com

Banja Luka:

- **Hotel Vidović** Ivana Franje Jukića 11 + 387 51 217 217 www.hotelvidovic.com

Mostar:

- **City Hotel Mostar** Vukovarska bb + 387 36 349 090 www.city-hotel.ba
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