



Civic Initiatives
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Policy Center



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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT
“HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN SERBIA – ISSUES AND CHALLENGES”**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Human Rights House Belgrade has, within *the House to House* support program of the Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF), together with the Human Rights House Zagreb and the Human Rights House Tbilisi, implemented the project ***Assessment to Action – Protection and Empowerment of Human Rights Defenders in Croatia, Georgia and Serbia.***

The overarching goal of this mutual cooperation was to provide recommendations for improving the position of human rights defenders in each of these countries. Exchanging experience, knowledge and skills during this year, these Houses founded and improved their cooperation in order to further develop their research skills both at the regional and international level on the topic of human rights defenders, as well as to promote work on how to preserve basic human rights and civil liberties of each individual.

Monitoring and collecting data on the situation and violations of human rights in the country, Human Rights Belgrade has created a report on human rights defenders, presenting basic problems and challenges that human rights activists in Serbia have been facing with nowadays. In addition, guided by international regulations and standards, the Report has provided recommendations and conclusions that can serve as a guideline for drafting further relevant strategies on human rights.

The presentation of the Report ***Human Rights Defenders in Serbia – issues and challenges*** is going to be held **on Thursday, November 19th, 2020, from 11 am to 13 pm (CET)**, via the Zoom platform.

Speakers, who will cover this and current topics that human rights activists are facing with in Serbia at this conference are:

- ◆ *HRHF representative (tbc.)*
- ◆ *Ivana Teofilović, Public Policy Programme Coordinator – author of the Report*
- ◆ *Bojana Selaković, Program Director of the organisation Civic Initiatives*
- ◆ *Jovana Spremo, Adviser on EU integration related policies in the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights*

Moderator of the conference: *Marija Maljan, Project Coordinator in the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights*

Working language will be Serbian, but simultaneous interpretation in English will also be provided. The Report has been created in a bilingual format – in Serbian and English.

Please confirm your participation no later than Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 by 4:00 p.m (CET). After registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with a registration link and all necessary instructions to access the Zoom platform link and to participate in the conference.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact bghrhouse@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,

Team of Human Rights House Belgrade