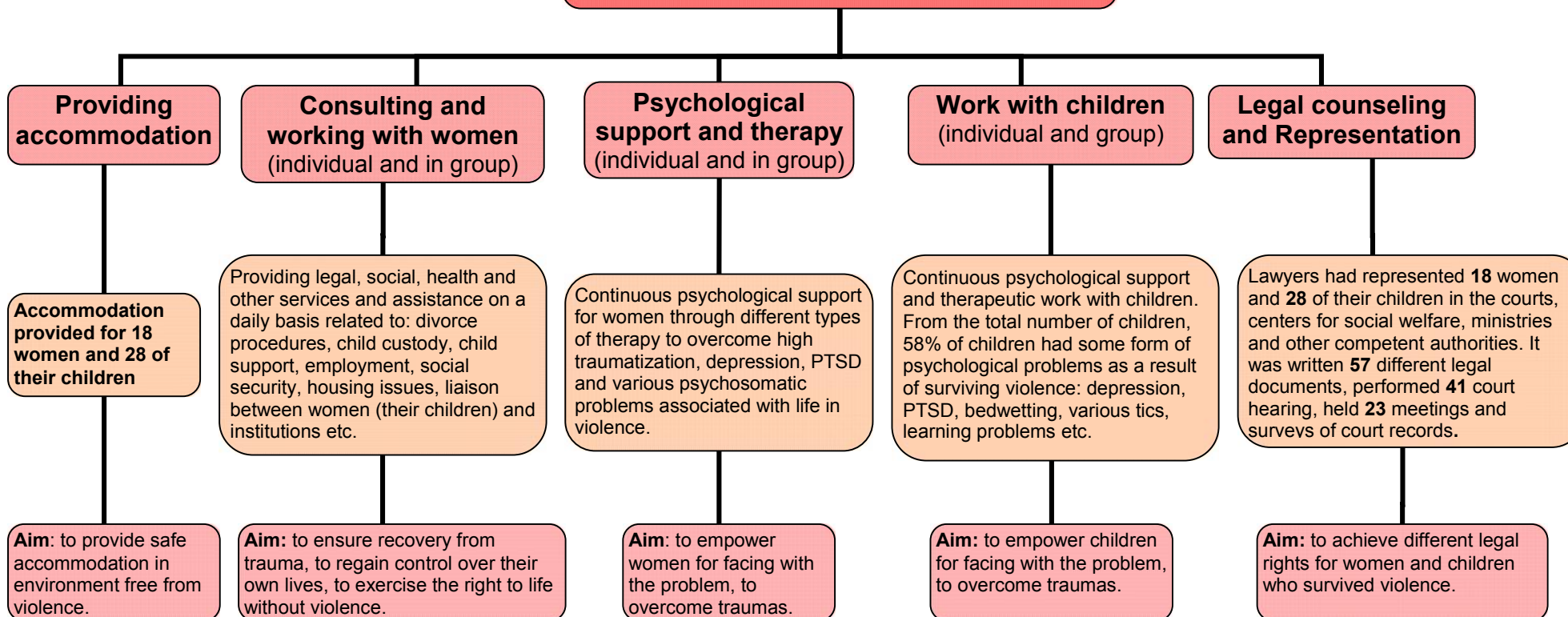
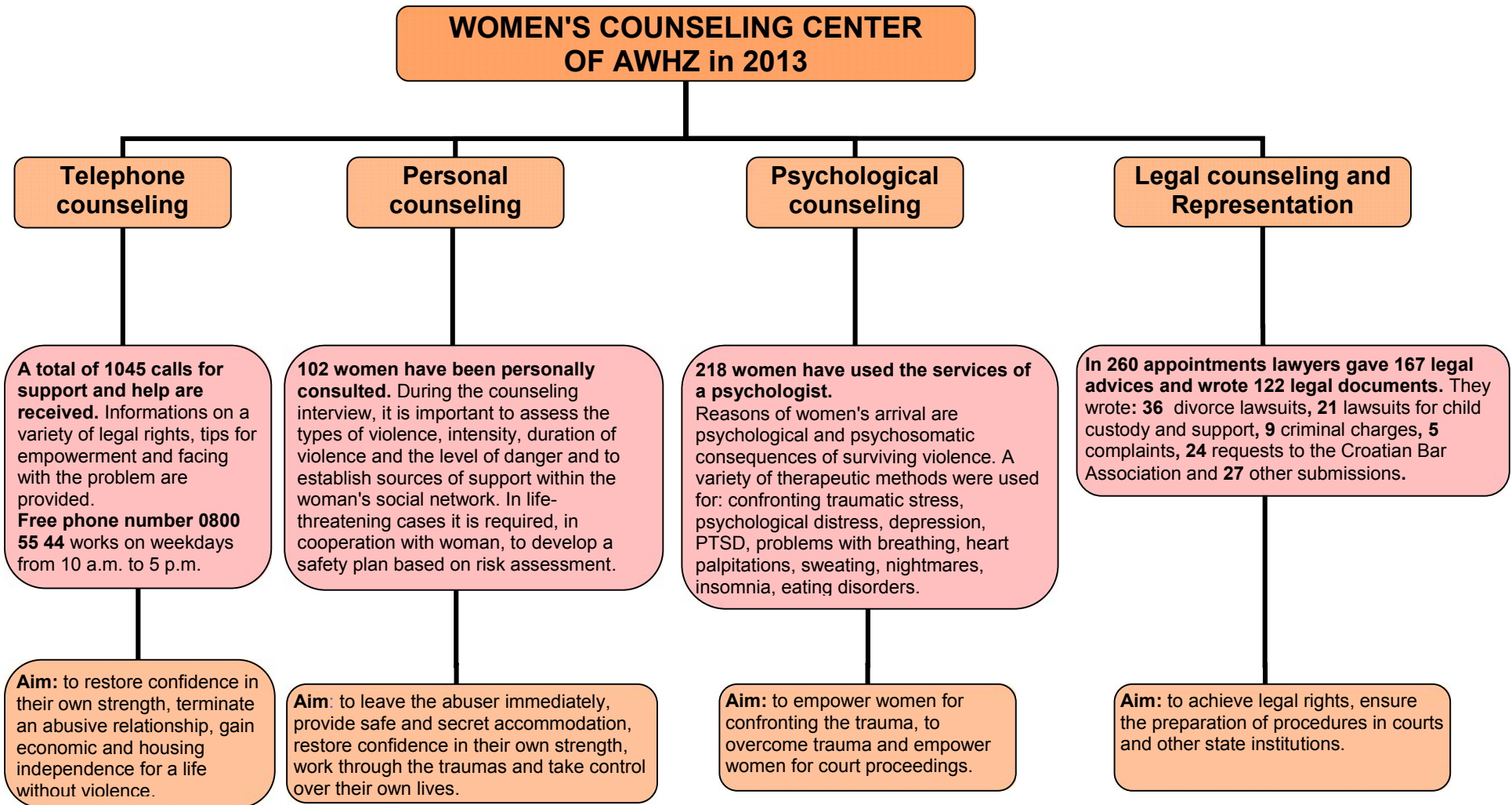


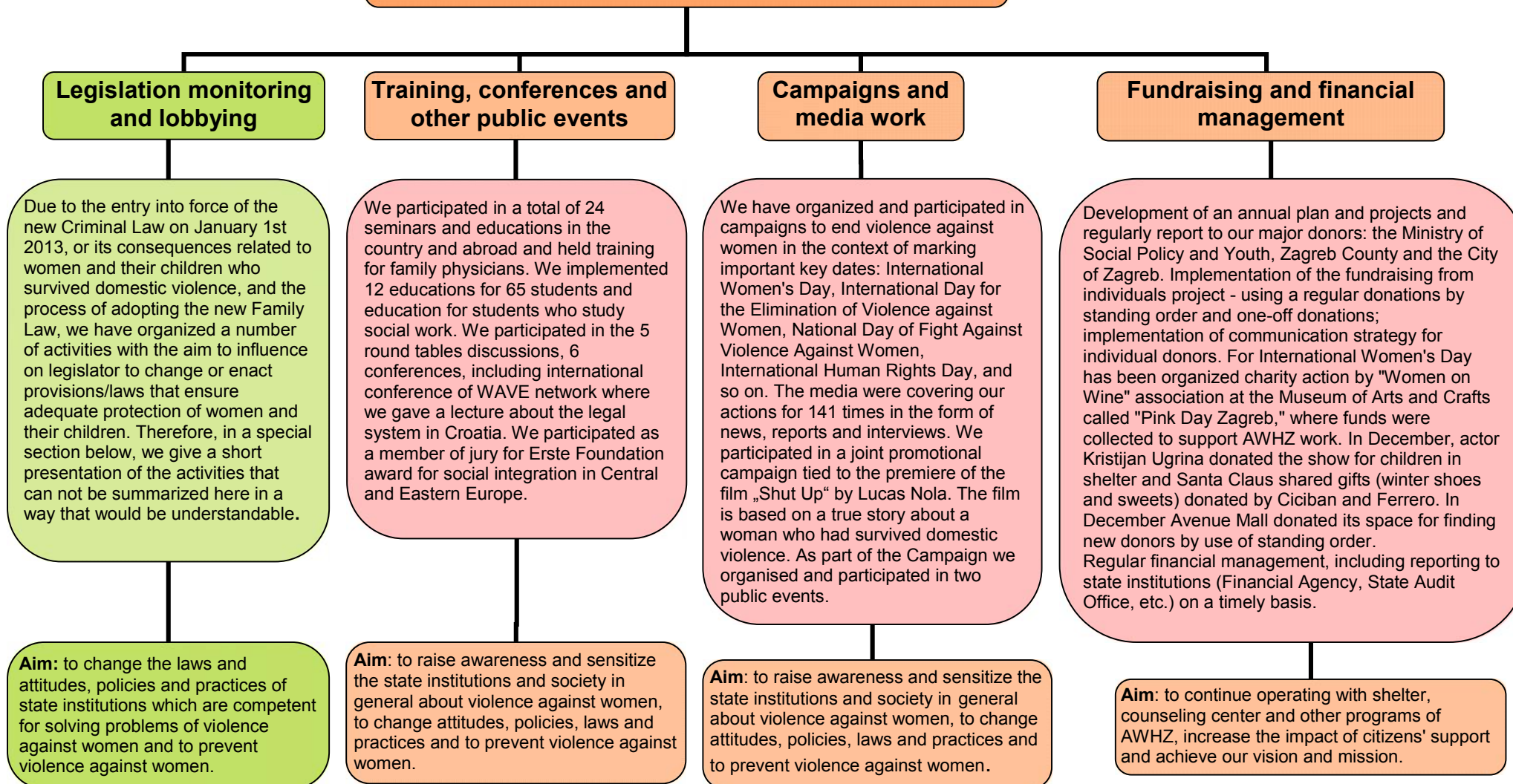
2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

AUTONOMOUS WOMEN'S HOUSE ZAGREB (AWHZ) SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN IN 2013





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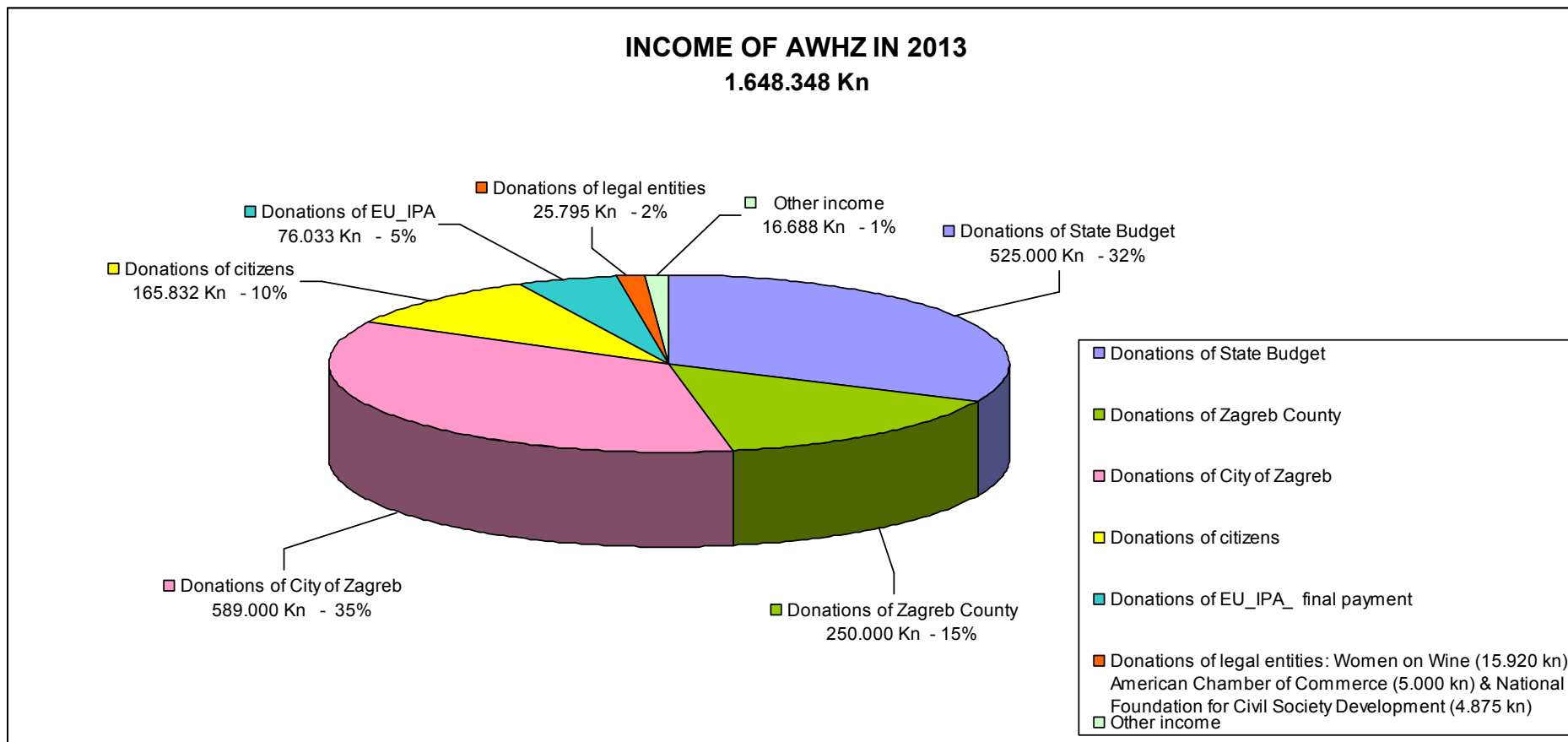
Continuation of the project **Monitoring implementation of Croatia's Domestic Violence Legislation** in collaboration with **The Advocates for Human Rights (USA) and the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation**. In May, in collaboration with local women's organizations in Sisak and Pula, the *Report on the Implementation of Croatia's Domestic Violence Legislation* was presented to an audience of police, social workers etc.

We started the campaign and lobbying to modify *Criminal Law*, urgently requesting reintroduction of a criminal offense of domestic violence (formerly Art. 215a). From the entry into force of a new Criminal Law 01/01/2013, by which the same offense was abolished and its various aspects have been introduced as a qualificatory form of general criminal offenses (such as serious physical injuries), the consequences are very heavy and serious for women and children survivors of domestic violence. On 21st of May 2013 we had organized a press conference at which had spoken representatives of AWHZ as well as actors Vili Matula and Urša Raukar. We sent a proposal to modify the Criminal Law to all members of Parliament and relevant institutions. On 16th of April 2013 we met with the Minister of Justice Orsat Miljenić to whom we presented our proposal and the reasons for requesting modification of the Criminal Law. Our suggestions were well accepted and taken into consideration with the aim to rapidly adopt any necessary changes. On the occasion of the National day of fight against violence against women 17/09/2013 we organized a round table discussions along with the Office of the President and the UNDP. The theme of the round table was the implementation of the new Criminal Law and the proposal of a new Family Law.

On 19th of March 2014 we participated in the thematic session of Parliamentary committee for gender equality about new Family Law proposal. At the end of May, right before discussion of final Family Law proposal in the Croatian Parliament, we lobbied and held a series of meetings with the clubs in the Croatian Parliament and handed them our amendments on new Family Law. From May we are working on public advocacy and further lobbying related to new Family Law addressing it to competent state bodies and institutions. We participated in the preparatory meeting in cooperation with the Croatian Law Centre (CLC), and we held a presentation at the panel "Achievement of the principle of equal rights and protection of human rights in family relations - discussion within process regulatory impact assessment (RIA)", organized by the CLC 05/28/2013 in Zagreb. We joined through a new mechanism (RIA) to influence the legislative process or consultation with the interested public (deadline was 8.6. 2013). We sent our comments on the thesis of the Family Law as well as our request to all members of Parliament and Government, and in August we sent even more detailed comments on the draft proposal.

On 11/06/2014 we held a working meeting with President of Republic of Croatia Ivo Josipović regarding the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, adopting new Family Law and our proposals about restoring art. 215a of domestic violence in the Criminal Law.

We participated in a regional IPA project in collaboration with several regional organizations „With Combined Efforts - to the New European Standards in the Protection of Women Against Gender-based Violence" through public campaigns and lobbying for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence is an international treaty and comprehensive legal framework that will apply to all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence.



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