

Centre for Peace Studies

*The Center for Peace Studies, with its project "Providing Support to Victims of Violent Pushbacks", seeks immediate action on a new escalation of violence against migrants perpetuated by Croatian police and the denial of access to the asylum system. The new escalation of violence by the Croatian police during the coronavirus pandemic proves the brutality and systematic violence to which migrants are exposed, and the necessity of a quick reaction to such inhumane and illegal actions.*

*The aim of this project is to increase support for human rights by providing support to victims of human rights violations. By providing legal and advocacy support to migrants who are victims of police brutality and violence and who have been denied access to the asylum system, we strive to empower victims and enable them to initiate accessible legal proceedings. Project activities include trips to Bosnia and Herzegovina and interviews with victims and documenting their human rights violations. In situations where victims will be willing, we will initiate and lead further legal processes. Direct contact with victims allows us to build a database of testimonies of victims of illegal and violent expulsions that will serve us for further advocacy towards the institutions of the European Union and the United Nations in order to take additional measures to stop these illegal practices and further promote international standards of human rights.*

*This project is aimed at a vulnerable and marginalized group of migrants, who due to their marginalized position do not have the opportunity to protect themselves from the violation of their human rights.*

*The Center for Peace Studies, as the applicant and implementer, will have the responsibility of contacting victims and providing legal assistance and support in the processes that victims agree to initiate.*