



CENTER FOR SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS (CENSOR)

About us

Center for Support Organizations (CENSOR) is association registered in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H) in 2014. During long-year cooperation with the CENSOR founders, the Association of Tenants in Swedish region of Aros-Gävle, initiated CENSOR foundation, in order to contribute to housing and living quality in B&H.

Our mission

CENSOR is non-governmental, non-party and non-profit organization which promotes improvement of housing and living quality in B&H, directing its actions specifically to young people, initiating participatory approach of all relevant actors in direction of achieving acceptable solutions for all.

Our values

-Transparency in work and responsible relation towards beneficiaries and partners.
-Gender sensitive approach in work and full respect of diversities and rights for equal opportunities for all.
-Featured care for the environmental aspect in all relevant segments of the organizational operations.
-By bottom up approach, we nourish principles of freedom, equality and solidarity.
-Secure quality services to our members as response to direct and regularly explored needs, participation of members and interested parties in common actions.
-We continuously make efforts to secure recognition in local and international frameworks, as quality project implementer and services provider.

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Housing and Living Conditions in Bosnia & Herzegovina (HOLICOB)

HOLICOB project addresses housing and living conditions in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a focus on the housing and living conditions in collective housing units in two urban cities, Tuzla and Sarajevo, involving different population groups: students, unemployed persons, tenants, tenant's boards. Our Swedish partner, Association of Tenants of Aros-Gävle region contributes to the HOLICOB project in the following areas:

- gathering deeper understanding of cultural, social and financial knowledge from housing in Bosnia;
- expert parallel work;
- exchanging knowledge between young people;
- creating Advisory board on Internet and
- producing housing long-term strategies.

HOLICOB objectives

- ✓ to contribute to long term strategic work for housing and living conditions for people in Tuzla and Sarajevo;
- ✓ to provide new perspectives on the subjects by using the competence of CSOs;
- ✓ to give strong input to the debate on housing and living and
- ✓ to involve young people to be active in the process of providing better housing and living conditions.

HOLICOB goals

- ✓ Promotion of housing culture in collective housing buildings through educational-informative contents and common actions
- ✓ Following processes and initiatives which contribute to strengthening of legislation framework and initiating design and adoption of long term strategy of housing and living conditions at local level
- ✓ Providing new perspectives in housing sector using competencies of the civil society organizations and civic participation in solving specific issues of individual and collective interest for the tenants
- ✓ Continuous use of social media for overall informative support in particular to youth, who solve their housing situation
- ✓ Cooperation with local and international actors with the aim of transfer of good practices in the sector of housing and living culture, in accordance with the UN Agenda 2030 and sustainable goal 11

HOLICOB achievements 2014-2018

- ✓ 4 local and regional social researches – over 1.500 interviewed (students, unemployed and tenants);
- ✓ monitoring housing and living sector related institutional, legislative, economical and fiscal framework in B&H at different administrative levels – updated members, using social media;
- ✓ developing advocacy documents and recommendations for changes in B&H legislation, policies and practices – 2 public hearings and law changes suggestions;
- ✓ 2 advocacy campaigns, including international one “Home for All”, demanding legislative and policy implementation in B&H – 16 TV and radio shows, produced 1 documentary reportage;
- ✓ developing members’ capacities – 20 workshops, 10 seminars and 3 round tables for nearly 600 participants (advocacy, conflict awareness, gender equality, finances, PR, etc.);
- ✓ raising awareness – 7 publications in two languages (rights, duties and obligations in tenancy; youth solving housing situation; safety and housing);
- ✓ networking and cooperation at local, regional and international level – functional informal network of relevant stakeholders in 3 sectors in Tuzla and Sarajevo; developed HOLICOB project methodology; regional fund raising with CSO partners in Western Balkan countries; 27 HOLICOB members participated to 6 study visits (Sweden, EP Brussels)

Web site:
<http://holicob.ba/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1608635899409329/>

Rooms | Housing - HOLICOB
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WHAT WE CAN OFFER

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND COUNSELING

-Information on housing and living at one place and free legal counseling is provided

ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

-Shaping up members' opinions to civic actions

LIVING IN BUILDING

-From legal perspective to the practice

SAFETY COMES FIRST

-Safety as a social issue put as the highest priority

ENVIRONMENT

-We have only one planet. It's up to us to look after it. - WWF

YOUTH AND HOUSING

-HOLICOB (Housing and Living Conditions in Bosnia and Herzegovina)

YOUTH AND LIVING

-DIGITAL NOMAD - In Sweden there is a lack of IT skilled professionals and residential housing, two resources there are plenty of in the university city of Tuzla, B&H. One of the local biggest challenges is to maintain its well-educated citizens. Freja Foundation is conducting an initiative in order to create better conditions for newly graduated students. Through a sponsorship, Swedish companies have access to academic skills in IT, analysis and statistics at a lower cost, and a Bosnian graduate is given the opportunity to build his skills and CV. A classic win-win concept!

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