

**26th Seminar of the Working Group of Slavic Minorities in  
Zagreb, 19-22 October 2023**

*Organized by FUEN in cooperation with Serb National Council in Croatia (SNC)*

**THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2023**

**Until 16:00**                    **Arrival to Hotel Dubrovnik Zagreb (Gajeva ul. 1, 10000 Zagreb)**

*Car-Parking is possible at the Gallery of the Serb Cultural Association (SCA)  
„Prosvjeta“, Preradovićeva 23*

**17:00**                            **Opening of the seminar**

*location: Gallery of the SCA „Prosvjeta“, Preradovićeva 23*

*welcome speeches:*

Milorad Pupovac, Serb National Council

Olivia Schubert, Federal Union of European Nationalities

Slobodan Živković, Serb Cultural Association „Prosvjeta“

Jelena Nestorović, Serb Democratic Forum

Nikola Lunić, Serb Economical Society „Privrednik“

Dejan Drakulić, Joint Council of Municipalities

**18:00**                            **Cultural programme – ZborXop (minority choir).**

**18.30**                            **Dinner reception**

**19.30-21:00**                **Panel debate: Women in minority communities**

Women in minority contexts face a specific set of challenges. In the economically less developed areas, lacking basic infrastructure and social services, most of the care work, sustaining local communities, disproportionately burdens the everyday life of women. The destruction of industry (especially those employing mostly women (i.e. textile industry)), and the sparsely populated villages, can create a claustrophobic situation for women and marginalised groups. This discussion will examine the obstacles minority women face, from employment, work conditions, organisation of care work, across access to reproductive health services, to participation in local activities and institutions.

*speakers:*

Jelena Nestorović, Serb National Council, Serb Democratic Forum

Antonija Petričušić, The Faculty of Law, Zagreb

Zorana Rodić, law student, Topusko (Kordun)

Jovana Rašeta, teacher, Donji Lapac (Lika)

*moderator:* Nina Čolović, Serb National Council, Zagreb

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the translation to English

**FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2023**

- 7:30-8:30** Breakfast in Hotel Dubrovnik
- 8:45** Meeting in front of the hotel
- 09:00** **Short tour** around the city and introduction to the institutions of the Serb community: Hotel Milinov – Gajeva – Zrinjevac – Preradovićeveva 21 – Preradovićeveva 18 – Teslina – Cvjetni trg – Trg bana Jelačića – Gornji Grad
- 11:00-12:30** Meeting and discussion with the representatives of the local and national government, and minority representatives in the Parliament and Croatian government

*location:* Zagreb City Assembly, Ulica sv. Ćirila i Metoda 5

*welcoming remarks:*

Aleksandar Milošević, SNV General Secretary

Olivia Schubert, FUEN Vice-President

Tibor Varga, Council for National Minorities, President

Rada Borić, Member of City Assembly, Zagreb Mayor delegate

Marta Kiš, Member of City Assembly, President of City Assembly delegate

**Minority rights on the legal and practical level (panel discussion)**

The rights of ethnic minorities in Croatia are most importantly regulated by the Constitution, Constitutional Law on the Rights of National Minorities, the Law on the Use of Minority Languages and Scripts, and the Law on the Education in the Minority Languages and Scripts. Even though, on paper, the protection and development of minority communities seem supported and enhanced by the state policies, the implementation is often a challenge. The discussion will offer an overview of the minority protection system in Croatia, looking at its efficiency and ability to answer problems in minority communities.

*speakers:*

Armin Hodžić, Coordination of National Minorities in Zagreb

Tanja Novotni Golubić, Deputy Head of the Bjelovar-Bilogora County

Milan Vukelić, Ministry of Science and Education

*moderator:* Saša Milošević, Serb National Council

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the translation to English

**13:00-14:00**

Lunch in the restaurant Stari fijaker, *Mesnička ulica 6*

**14:30-16:00**

**AGSM seminar 1: reports of the member organisations**

*location:* Central Library of Serbs in Croatia, Preradovićeva 18

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the translation to English

**16:00**

Coffee break

**16:30-18:30**

**AGSM seminar 2: discussion on the work of AGSM**

*location:* Central Library of Serbs in Croatia, Preradovićeva 18

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the translation to English

**20:00**

Meeting in front of Hotel Dubrovnik

**20.30-22:00**

Dinner in the Macedonian restaurant sv. Nikola, *Zvonimirova 78*

## SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2023

**07:00-7:30**

Breakfast in Hotel Dubrovnik

**07:45**

Meeting in front of the hotel

**08:00**

Leaving from the Central Train Station to Glina

*location:* Glavni kolodvor, Trg kralja Tomislava

**10:00**

**Arrival in Glina, short tour** around the city

**10:30-12:00**

**Economical and social aspects of life in Banija** (panel discussion)

In 2020 Banija region, largely populated by the Serb minority in Croatia, was affected by the destructive 6.4 Mw earthquake. The houses and livelihoods of its inhabitants have been heavily damaged or destroyed. Three years later, the reconstruction has not progressed much, leaving most of

the work to the minority institutions and civil society. It is one of the most economically neglected and deprived parts of Croatia, struggling with access to electricity, water and internet signal. This conversation will be an opportunity to analyse the current situation in Banija and think about possible short-term and long-term support and development.

*speakers:*

Mila Tatović Ramljak, Serb National Council

Danijela Kukoleča, project Door to Door, Glina

Milan Tankosić, the Ministry of Agriculture, Zagreb

Ljuba Vrga, the Department for Social and Humanitarian Issues, Glina

*moderator:* Mirko Sužnjević, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Zagreb

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the translation to English

*location:* Restaurant „Brioni“, G. Viduševac bb, Glina

**12:30** **Arrival in Vrginmost** (one of the municipalities in which the Serb minority constitutes the majority) and the meeting with the representatives of minority and local institutions

**13:30** Lunch in the restaurant Muljava

*location:* Radonja 45, Vojnić (near Petrova Gora)

**14:30** **Sightseeing and a short lecture on Petrova gora**, monument to the People's Liberation Struggle, and Partisan Hospital (historian Milan Radanović)

**18:00** Dinner with a short address by the General Secretary of SNV

*location:* Gallery of the SCA „Prosvjeta“, Preradovićeva 23

**19:30** Cultural Program: Movie Night

*Srbenka*, dir. Nebojša Slijepčević

*The Last Serb in Croatia*, dir. Predrag Ličina

*languages:* Serbo-Croatian with the subtitles in English

**SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2023**

**9.00** Departure of participants