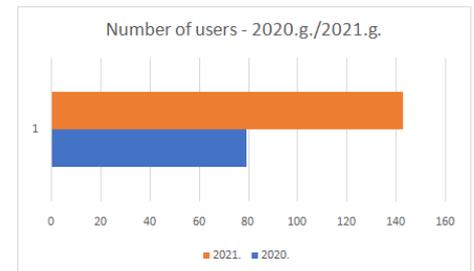




## STATISTICS

The number of users of our services is still growing. In the first two months of 2021, we recorded 143 users, of which 82 users requested psychosocial support, and 61 free legal counseling services. Compared to the same period in 2020, these data represent an increase of 55%, or 64 users more.



## 22.2. EUROPEAN DAY OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

We are pleased to inform you that our association "White Circle of Croatia" is participating in the information campaign "You won't Believe, but...exists" organized by the Victim Support Europe (VSE), of which we are full members since 2012. On the occasion of the European Day of Victims of Violence, 22 February, the VSE announced the launch of the campaign.

In addition to our association, 13 other partners are participating in the campaign, and we will work together to inform the general public about the existence of victim support services and encourage them to access these services.



See more at:

<https://victim-support.eu/news/launch-of-it-exists-and-reclaim-your-safety-information-campaigns/>

## THE "WHITE CIRCLE" CONTINUES WITH THE MOBILE TEAM

We are pleased to inform you that our expert team consisting of a lawyer, a counselor in working with victims and a project manager was available to users in need from the area of Muć, not far from Split. Through the mobile team service, we provided free legal counseling and psychosocial support services to those in need in the area.

So far, we have been available to citizens from the Makarska area several times. We also provided our services to users from the area of the island of Brač and the area of Muć, and we worked on a total of 9 mobile teams. We are proud that users in rural and island areas, turning to us for help, have recognized this type of service, which we still plan to do.



## "WHITE CIRCLE" ON RADIO SLAVONIA

We are pleased to inform you that president of our association Livija Plančić was a guest on the show on gender equality - LUNA on Radio Slavonia.

We are thankful for the opportunity to hear about the work of the White Circle Croatia in Slavonia, all our social services available to victims and witnesses, as well as treatment work with perpetrators of domestic violence.

It was another opportunity to raise awareness of the problem of violence against women and to send a message to the victims to report and seek help at any time.

Listen to the guest appearance at the following link:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-92252227/luna-udruga-bijeli-krug>

## ASK THE ADVISOR

"I AM 70 YEARS OLD. I AM RETIRED AND I LIVE WITH MY SON AND 17-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON. PLEASE HELP ME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. MY SON SOMETIMES CONSUMES DRUGS AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES. HE IS OFTEN VIOLENT. I AM AFRAID FOR MY LIFE AND THE LIFE OF MY GRANDSON. HE SOLD EVERYTHING FROM THE HOUSE. HE IS IN DEBT AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHICH OFTEN COME TO OUR HOUSE AND THREATEN US. THE LAST TIME WHEN HE ATTACKED US THE POLICE TOOK HIM AWAY. HE WAS IMPOSED ON OBLIGATORY PSYCHO-SOCIAL TREATMENT, BUT HE NEVER WENT TO IT. WHAT IS THAT? WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT? WILL HE BE FORCED TO THAT TREATMENT? I BEG YOU FOR HELP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. "

Mandatory psychosocial treatment is a protective measure imposed in accordance with the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence against perpetrators of domestic violence. The purpose of conducting psychosocial treatment is to stop and prevent further violent behavior by achieving positive changes in the behavior of perpetrators of domestic violence. The goal is to encourage the perpetrator to recognize their violent behavior, accept responsibility, and adopt patterns of nonviolent behavior.

The perpetrator to whom the measure was imposed is obliged to report for execution within 8 days. He cannot be forced to execute, but if he does not report within the prescribed period, he will be sentenced to another punishment, which may be a fine, imprisonment or other protective measure.