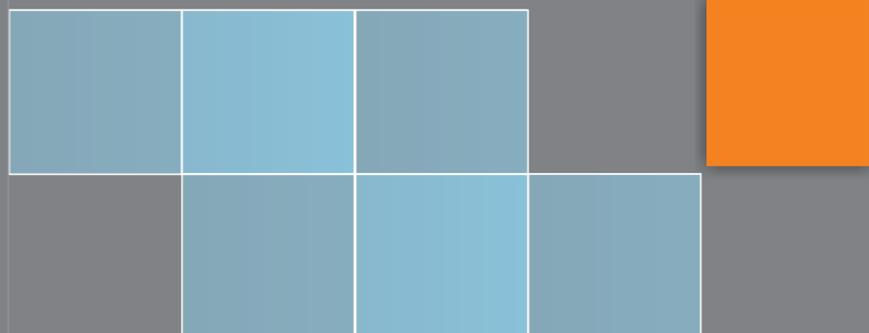


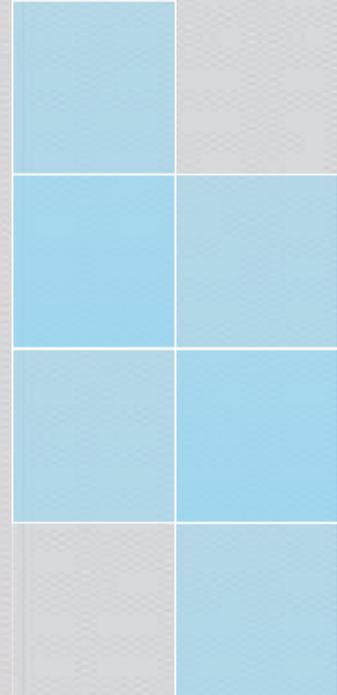
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BHRN was initiated by group of human rights organizations representing most Balkan States in 1998. This group fostered the idea of closer cooperation between the human rights organizations in the Balkans to ensure the exchange and development of knowledge in the region. The main areas of strategic intervention of the working groups within the BHRN are: Knowledge, information and dialogue about human rights, Rights of disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable groups, Access to rights and network development. Today, the members of the network are 44 NGOs working with various aspects of human rights in the Balkans. The vision of the BHRN is to see stable and democratic societies developed in the region, and to have knowledge of and respect for human rights widespread in all spheres of society. The results obtained so far have confirmed the importance of involving human rights organizations in the process of developing democracies through raising public and government awareness of human rights issues. BHRN member organizations, also, significantly contribute to the development of a dialogue between civil society and governmental structures. The member organizations of the BHRN share a set of common values. The values are based on the perception of human rights as adopted and specified in a number of international conventions related to human rights. The main purpose of the network is to promote human rights standards in South Eastern Europe in legislation as well as in administrative practice; then to contribute to the peace-making and reconciliation process in the Balkans after a long period of violent conflicts, and to develop stable and democratic societies in the Balkan region.