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History

The Balkan Peace Team started in 1993 as a joint project by a number of organizations including the Bund für soziale Verteidigung (Germany), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), Peace Brigades International (PBI) and War Resisters International (WRI) after receiving requests from Croatia and Kosovo for an international presence; from 1994 to 2001 the team worked for the peaceful resolution of conflict in former Yugoslavia by involving international volunteers in work with local peace and human rights groups; the project aimed at nonviolent conflict resolution, civil society development, co-operating with and encouraging development of NGOs and human rights advocacy, supporting local activists and providing an international presence where needed; the member organizations closed down the team in April 2001.

Content

Minutes of the General Assembly of the Balkan Peace Team 1994-2000; minutes of the coordinating committee 1993-1999; documents concerning the coordinating committee 1993-2001; correspondence of the coordinating committee with persons and organisations; documents concerning the member organisations, the Alert Network and other organisations; personal files concerning volunteers; documents concerning fundraising, public relations and internal communication; documents and files concerning the activities of Otvorene Oči (Open Eyes), the croatian branch of BPT, including reports, files concerning housing and evictions and other subjects 1994-1999; documents concerning activities of BPT in Kosovo and former Yugoslavia.

Administrative information

Processing information

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INTRODUCTION

Historical overview

In 1993 a number of organizations, including the Bund für soziale Verteidigung (Federation for Social Defence) (Germany), the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), Peace Brigades International (PBI) and War Resisters' International (WRI), received requests from Croatia and Kosovo for an international presence. A joint project was formed, the Balkan Peace Team, which in the end had eleven member organizations.

The first team arrived in Croatia in February 1994, using the local name Otvorene Oči (Open Eyes) with volunteers both in northern Croatia (Zagreb and later Karlovac) and in Split. The presence in Croatia ended when the team closed in December 1999. In its work the team tried to apply methods of nonviolent conflict resolution, stimulated human rights and made contacts with international organizations and made liaisons between local and international organizations. When parts of Croatia came back under government control after military action in the summer of 1995, Otvorene Oči monitored the situation in those regions.

From its beginning in 1994, the Balkan Peace Team in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (BPT-FRY) focused on supporting dialogue between Serbs and Albanians trying to strengthen civil society within Kosovo. From 1994 to 1999, BPT centered its efforts in the region on networking - visiting regularly with local NGOs, learning about their needs, offering information on international resources, and always listening carefully for opportunities to build links across ethnic lines. The BPT had bases in both Belgrade and Pristina, but in March 1999, the impending war situation

made it impossible for the team members in the field to carry out their work, so they temporarily left the region. When the war eventually ended and Kosovo came under UN authority, the team returned to Pristina and later set up a programme in the southern province of Dragash.

General policy decisions concerning the Balkan Peace Team were taken in the General Assembly in which the member organizations participated. The daily guidance was conducted by the Coordinating Committee. Its International Office was located in Minden, Germany.

In the course of 2001 the BPT had more difficulty maintaining the resources and organizational structure to meet the demands of the field situation. The member organizations decided to close down the Balkan Peace Team in April 2001.

INVENTORY

General

- 1-3 Minutes of the General Assembly. 1994-2000. 3 folders
 - 1 1994-1999.
 - 2-3 2000.
- 4-5 Minutes of the Coordinating Committee. 1993- 1999. 2 folders
 - 4 1993-1995.
 - 5 1996-1999.
- 6-14 Documents concerning the General Assembly and the Coordinating Committee. 1993-2001. 8 boxes and 2 folders
 - 6 June 1993-October 1994.
 - 7 October 1994-January 1995.
 - 8 January-May 1995.
 - 9 May-October 1995.
 - 10 October 1995-April 1996.
 - 11 April-December 1996.
 - 12 1997-September 2000.
 - 13 September-December 2000. (folder)
 - 14 2001. (folder)
- 15-19 General correspondence with persons. 1993- 2000. 4 folders and 1 box
 - 15 A-B.
 - 16 C-E.
 - 17 F-G.
 - 18 H-V. (box).
 - 19 W-Z.
- 20-23 General correspondence with organizations. 1993- 2000. 4 folders
 - 20 A-B.
 - 21 C-H.
 - 22 I-O.
 - 23 P-Z.
- 24 Lists with addresses. 1993-2000. 1 box

Particular

Organization

Member organizations

- 25 Correspondence with member organizations. 1999. 1 folder
- 26 Documents concerning the Austrian Peace Service (Österreichische Friedensdienst). 1994- 2001. 1 folder
- 27 Documents concerning the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS). 1995-2000. 1 folder
- 28-29 Documents concerning the Bund für soziale Verteidigung. 1993-2001. 2 folders
- 30 Documents concerning Eirene. 1996- 2000. 1 folder
- 31 Documents concerning the Fellowship of Reconciliation, England/Sweden. 1999. 1 folder
- 32 Documents concerning the Helsinki Citizens Assembly. 1993-1999. 1 folder
- 33 Documents concerning the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR). 1994-2001
- 34 Documents concerning the Mouvement pour une Alternative Non- violente and the Mennonites from The Netherlands and Germany. 1995-2000. 1 folder
- 35-41 Documents concerning the Peace Brigades International. 1993-2000. 7 folders
 - 35 Correspondence. 1993- 1999.
 - 36-39 General documents. 1993- 2001.
 - 40-41 Country groups. 1993- 1999.
- 42 Documents concerning the Quaker Peace and Service. 1996-2000. 1 folder
- 43 Documents concerning the Stichting Nederland Steunt BPT and the War Resisters' International. 1993-2000. 1 folder

Contacts with other organizations

- 44-46 Documents concerning the Alert Network. 1994-1996. 3 folders
 - 44 General documents.
 - 45 Organizations belonging to the Alert Network A-G.
 - 46 Organizations H-Z.
- 47 Documents concerning country-based support groups. 1996- 2000. 1 folder
- 48 Documents concerning friendly non-member organizations. 1994- 2000. 1 folder
- 49-51 Documents concerning Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst. 1996-2000. 3 folders
 - 49 General documents. 1996- 2000.
 - 50 Correspondence. November 1996.
 - 51 Correspondence. December 1996.
- 52-54 Documents concerning political relations. 1995- 2000. 3 folders

Volunteers

- 55-58 Documents concerning the training of volunteers. 1993- 2000. 2 folders and 2 boxes
 - 55 1993-August 1994. (folder)

- 56 September 1994-January 1995. (folder)
- 57 April 1995-March 1996.
- 58 March 1996-2000.
- 59 General documents concerning volunteers. 1996- 2001. 1 folder
- 60 Documents concerning the assessments and the background of volunteers. 1998-2000. 1 folder
- 61-66 Files concerning the volunteers. 1994-2000. 4 folders and 2 boxes
 - 61 A-Be.
 - 62 Bj-Bu.
 - 63 C.
 - 64 D-M. (box)
 - 65 P-Va. (box)
 - 66 Ve-Z.
- 67 Files concerning pooled volunteers. 1999- 2000. 1 folder
- 68-69 Files concerning the volunteers of the Team Kosovo/a. 1999-2000. 2 folders
 - 68 A.
 - 69 B-N.

Finance

- 70-72 Documents concerning fundraising. 1996- 2000. 1 folder, 2 boxes
 - 70 1996. (folder)
 - 71 1996-1998.
 - 72 1998-2000.
- 73 Correspondence with donors. 1994-1997. 1 box
- 74-77 Documents concerning funding organizations. 1993- 1999. 2 boxes and 2 folders
 - 74 A-G.
 - 75 G-S.
 - 76 S. (folder)
 - 77 T-W. (folder)
- 78-80 Documents concerning car insurance issues. 1995- 1999. 3 folders
- 81 Documents concerning the Heinrich Böll Stiftung. 1994-2000. 1 box

Public Relations and internal communication

- 82 Documents concerning the public relations. 1995- 1998. 1 folder
- 83-84 Documents concerning the public relations in various countries. 1995- 1996. 2 folders
 - 83 Great Britain, France, The Netherlands.
 - 84 Italy, Germany.
- 85 Documents concerning lectures given by BPT speakers. 1995- 1996. 1 folder
- 86 Leaflets and circulars. 1993-1999. 1 box
- 87 Documents concerning the *BPT Newsletter*. 1995- 1996. 1 folder

- 88-89 Field reports concerning the situation in Croatia and the former republic of Yugoslavia. 1994-1998. 2 folders
 - 88 1994-1995.
 - 89 1996-1998.
- 90 Field reports concerning the situation in Kosovo. 1995- 1998. 1 folder
- 91 Letters containing information requests. 1999- 2001. 1 folder
- 92 Letters containing invitations to conferences, workgroups, trainings etc. 1999-2001. 1 folder
- 93-95 Printed e-mails of the BPT internal mailing list. 1999- 2001. 3 folders
 - 93 August 1999-February 2000.
 - 94 March-July 2000.
 - 95 August 2000-April 2001.
- 96 Printed e-mails of the IO-news. 1995-1997. 1 folder
- 97-98 Printed e-mails of the mailinglist of the IO-subgroup. 1999- 2000. 2 folders
 - 97 August 1999-July 2000.
 - 98 August-November 2000.
- 99 Printed e-mails of the mailinglist of the discussion concerning Serbia exploration. 2000. 1 folder
- 100 Printed e-mails of the PR subgroup and the Training subgroup. 2000. 1 folder
- 101 Printed e-mails concerning the BTP newsletter mailing list. 1999- 2001. 1 folder

Activities and projects in former Yugoslavia

Croatian Branch of BPT, Otvorene Oči

General

- 102 Minutes of team summits of Otvorene Oči (Open Eyes). 1994-1998. 1 folder
- 103-105 Correspondence. 1994-1999. 2 boxes and 1 folder
 - 103 February 1994-November 1995.
 - 104 November 1995-1998.
 - 105 1999. (folder)

Organization

- 106 Documents concerning the preparation of the project. 1993- 1994. 1 folder
- 107 Documents concerning the coordination of Otvorene Oči. 1995- 1996. 1 folder
- 108-109 Documents concerning the internal organization. 1994- 1998. 2 folders
- 110 Documents concerning the closing and evaluation of Otvorene Oči. November 1999. 1 folder
- 111 Financial overview. 1996-1997. 1 folder
- 112 Documents concerning NGO laws. 1994- 1996. 1 folder
- 113 Documents concerning the registration and the obtaining of work permits in Croatia. 1994-1998. 1 folder
- 114 Handbook and other information for the use of volunteers. 1997- 1998. 1 folder

- 115-116 Logbooks. 1995-1996. 2 folders
- 117-118 Documents concerning conferences and workshops. 1994- 1996. 2 folders

Reports

- 119-120 Public reports. 1994-1997. 2 folders
- 121-122 Reports. 1994-1999. 2 boxes
 - 121 1994-1996.
 - 121 1996-1999.
- 123 Six-month reports. 1994-1998. 1 folder
- 124 Field reports. 1995. 1 folder
- 125-128 Bi-weekly reports. 1994-1998. 3 folders and 1 box
 - 125 1994-1995.
 - 126-127 1996.
 - 128 1996-1998. (box)
- 129 Bi-weekly reports from Split. 1995. 1 folder
- 130-134 Reports from the regions in Croatia. 1995- 1999. 5 folders
- 135-136 Reports by the European Commission Monitoring Mission (ECMM). 1997. 2 folders

Contacts with other organizations

- 137-138 Documents concerning the international organizations within the network of Otvorene Oči. 1994. 2 folders
 - 137 Organizations A-L.
 - 138 Organizations M-Y.
- 139 Documents concerning the UNHCR. 1998. 1 folder
- 140-143 Documents concerning international organizations. 1994- 1999. 3 folders and 1 box
- 144-145 Directory of indigenous NGO's building civil society in former Yugoslavia. 1993. 2 folders
- 146 Documents concerning the organizations in Bosnia, Croatia and Yugoslavia within the network of Otvorene Oči. 1994. 1 folder
- 147-150 Documents concerning the contacts with local groups and organizations for peace, human rights, women's rights etc. in Croatia. 1994-1999. 2 folders and 2 boxes

Regional activities

- 151-152 Documents concerning activities in the Krajina Region. 1995- 1996. 2 folders
- 153 Documents concerning Kistanje. 1997. 1 folder
- 154 General public reports concerning Eastern Slavonia. 1997. 1 folder
- 155-156 Documents concerning Eastern Slavonia. 1997- 1998. 2 folders
- 157-158 Documents concerning Western Slavonia. 1998. 2 folders
- 159 Documents concerning the Banja Luka project. 1999. 1 folder

Various projects and subjects

- 160 Human rights reports. 1995-1997. 1 folder
- 161 Documents concerning human right issues. 1994- 1999. 1 box
- 162 Refugee reports. 1997. 1 folder
- 163-166 Documents concerning refugees. 1994-1998. 4 folders
- 167 Documents concerning returning refugees. 1997- 1999. 1 box
- 168-169 Documents concerning housing issues. 1996- 1997. 2 folders
- 170 Documents concerning housing and eviction issues. 1994- 1996. 1 folder
- 171-172 Documents concerning evictions. 1995-1997. 2 folders
- 173 Documents concerning house eviction cases. 1994- 1996. 1 folder
- 174-176 Documents concerning house eviction cases in Split. 1994- 1995. 3 folders
- 177-179 Documents concerning justice, trials and trial observations. 1995- 1997. 3 folders
- 180 Trial observation pack for volunteers. 1997. 1 folder
- 181 Documents concerning the dalmatian action trial. 1993- 1996. 1 folder
- 182 Documents concerning war crimes trials. 1995- 1997. 1 box
- 183 Documents concerning elections in Croatia. 1995- 1997. 1 box
- 184-185 Documents concerning nonviolence and conflict resolution. 1994- 1995. 2 folders
- 186 Documents concerning security incidents. 1994- 1995. 1 folder
- 187 Documents concerning conscientious objection. 1995- 1999. 1 folder
- 188 Documents concerning the constitution of Croatia. 1995. 1 folder
- 189-190 Documents concerning legal issues. 1996- 1997. 2 folders
- 191-192 Documents concerning culture, media and education. 1994- 1996. 2 folders
- 193 Documents concerning government initiatives. 1997. 1 folder
- 194 Documents concerning pensioners. 1999. 1 folder
- 195-197 Documents concerning miscellaneous projects. 1994- 1998. 3 folders

Documentation

- 198 Articles about Otvorene Oči. 1994. 1 folder
- 199 General documentation about Croatia. 1997. 1 folder
- 200 Miscellaneous documentation. 1994-1999. 1 box

Kosovo and Former Republic of Yugoslavia

The Kosovo/FRY-team

- 201 Exploratory team of the Kosovo/FRY (Former Republic of Yugoslavia) team. 1993-1994. 1 folder
- 202 Documents concerning the preparations of the team. 1994- 1995. 1 folder
- 203-205 Correspondence. 1994-1996. 3 folders
 - 203 1994-1995.
 - 204 December 1995-February 1996.
 - 205 June-October 1996.
- 206-208 Reports. 1994-1998. 3 folders

- 206 1994-1995.
- 207 1996.
- 208 1997-1998.

Kosovo projects

- 209-210 Documents concerning the Kosovo projects. 1994- 1996. 2 folders
- 211 Documents concerning the first Kosovo Pilot Project. November 1994- February 1995. 1 folder
- 212-214 Correspondence concerning the second Kosovo Pilot Project. 1995. 3 folders
 - 212-213 April-June 1995.
 - 214 June-October 1995.
- 215-216 Reports concerning the second Kosovo Pilot Project. 1995. 2 folders

Other projects

- 217 Miscellaneous documents concerning Kosovo, Croatia, Bosnia and the former republic of Yugoslavia. 1994-1996. 1 folder
- 218-220 Documents concerning miscellaneous projects in former Yugoslavia. 1994-1996. 3 folders
- 221 Documentation concerning the conflict in the Balkans. 1993- 1996. 1 folder