

Association SoliSoli

# Annual Report 2021

The goal of SoliSoli is to defend the legal and human rights of vulnerable and marginalised groups such as people on the move or otherwise structurally disadvantaged groups through financial support to established associations and similar structures in Switzerland and abroad. Our main focus is to support people on the move in the EU buffer zones in the Western Balkans.

SoliSoli is a non-governmental, non-profit and volunteer-run association created on 21st December 2020 in Zurich, Switzerland.

In November 2021, SoliSoli received the official status of charitable association from the canton of Zurich, therefore able to deliver certificates for donors in order to deduce the donated amount from their tax declarations.

The first supported structure is KlikAktiv, a non-governmental and non-profit organisation from Belgrade, Serbia. KlikAktiv members have significant experience in implementation of projects conducted in partnerships with organisations working on local and national level, as well as with international organisations such as Red Cross and UNHCR. KlikAktiv works on helping homeless, refugees and people on the move, Roma population, street youth, psychiatric patients, and other vulnerable groups in fulfilling their rights and accessing services.

The second supported structure is Kompas 071, a non-governmental and non-profit organisation based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is running a community centre for people on the move residing or transiting the Canton Sarajevo. The centre offers showers, laundry service, Non Food Items (NFIs), food and legal aid.

During this first year of exercise, we collected a total CHF 9'380.- through donations on our website, a self-organised flea market and two large donations. The first large donation is from the artist duo Stirnimann-Stojanovic and their project "What if the walls were more flexible". The second one is from the collective Soli Druck, who creates beautiful handmade silkscreen t-shirts, bags and postcards, everything upcycling from second hand shops. All the money collected by their sales was sent to SoliSoli.

This year, we also collected about 60 pairs of walking crutches in and around Zurich, and were donated a wheelchair. We sent everything to Belgrade where the association KlikAktiv distributed them to injured people on the move in different locations.

To wrap up, we are happy about this first year of exercise and could collect more money than we initially expected. We could also strengthen our bonds with both organisations in the Western Balkans.

In 2022, we will organise a new action of collecting walking crutches. We also plan to be able to organise different solidarity events to collect money, such as soli-dinners and flea markets. We plan to make more communication to create more visibility for SoliSoli and hopefully get more people to donate.

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