



Dear friends, colleagues and supporters,

in the very first newsletter of 2012, we would like to sum up what happened in the previous year and to thank all who supported us.

The year of 2011 revealed that the lack of respect and even hatred towards ethnic and sexual minorities is very much present in the Czech Republic. And when an opportunity kicks in, it uncovers in a massive manner. Let us recall here a few examples - public discourse and protests around the first Prague gay parade, an arson attack on Roma family in Býchory, hateful marches in Šluknov region where signs saying "Gas Gypsies" appeared, or the domestication of the term "inadaptable" referring to Roma community.

Our public space has become coarse, which opens ways to other hate violence acts. Therefore, In IUSTITIA will not only carry on helping people exposed to hate violence in 2012, but also will it strive for a society which respects rights and dignity of all, regardless of their age, origin, sexual orientation or subcultural affiliation.

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Hate violence concerns us all - victims, their families and friends, endangered communities, witnesses, and also institutions, which can and should act against hate incidents.

We wish you all that you never personally encounter hate violence, however, you never tolerate it.

Happy New Year full of respect!

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