**Helping people affected by hate crime has been recognized to have a social impact.
In IUSTITIA was awarded with the SocialMarie 2014 Prize for Social Innovation.**

Prague, May 7, 2014 – In a festive ceremony on May 1, 2014 in Vienna, the representatives of In IUSTITIA received the SocialMarie 2014 Award for Social Innovation. The project of counselling centre for victims of hate crime succeeded among 261 others from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia and Croatia.

The Unruhe (Unrest) Foundation has been awarding socially innovative projects for ten years. "Social innovation drafts solutions to pressing social challenges. It provides room for new approaches, gives innovative answers and lays news paths. It creates sustainable, exemplary solutions that inspire others", explains the Foundation the purpose of the award.

In IUSTITIA was awarded for the project of a counselling centre for people affected by hate crime which consists of legal aid, social services for communities at risk of hate violence, and raising awareness of hate violence and its impact on society. "We're grateful for the award", said Martina Houzvova, In IUSTITIA's lawyer in the ceremony. "In IUSTITIA believes that such international awards will also contribute to positive changes in the status of victims of hate crime", she added. The award money (€ 1000) will be used for the development of the community-outreach programme.

In IUSTITIA would like to thank everyone for their support and care for positive changes in the current status of victims of hate crime in the Czech Republic.

In IUSTITIA was founded in 2009. It provides legal and social services to people affected by hate crime in the Czech Republic. Its field work focuses on communities at risk of hate violence. In IUSTITIA also monitors hate crime and educates expert as well as general public on the issue and its prevention. In IUSTITIA is a holder or the ERSTE Foundation Award for Social Impact 2013 and the SocialMarie Award for Social Innovation 2014.