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The Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies (CEAS) from Belgrade has dealt with inaccurate or malicious reporting and commenting on our work in Serbian public space ever since its founding in 2007. This is not surprising given that we deal with extremely sensitive issues, such as the causes and consequences of NATO bombing of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; the murder of soldiers in Topčider and Leskovac; advocating Serbia’s membership in NATO; advocating prosecution of war crimes before domestic courts and conducting other mechanisms of transitional justice, emphasizing the obligation and importance of cooperation with the ICTY; encouraging normalization of relations with Kosovo and regional cooperation; comprehensive reform of the security system and its placement under democratic control.

The main reason for often controversial media coverage of our work can of course be found in the social and political context in which CEAS exists and works. The main characteristics of this environment would be the following:

– a strong institutional and non-institutional legacy of non-democratic, nationalist and in the end a war-criminal regime whose dismantling began in 2000;
– still present widespread public support for autocracy and nationalism;
– justifiably and unjustifiably slow process of stabilization and democratization;
– non-implemented lustration process;
– unreformed security system;
– absence of a broader public support for the processes of transitional justice and dealing with the recent past of committed war crimes;
– absence of a tradition of free media;
– public distrust towards the work of civil society organizations that partly comes from the lack of experience of the public good of functioning in democratic open societies, and partly because of a systematic defamation that comes from sections of the former regime;
– widespread lack of responsibility for acting in public space, encouraged by non-implementation of the laws that govern it;
– long-standing contamination of public space with electronic and print phenomena which can not be called media, mostly founded and financed by rogue sections of uncontrolled intelligence and security services, organized crime or extreme authoritarian-minded right-wing.

Ever since the changes that began on October 5th 2000, these structures have not necessarily been tied with the formal power holders in Serbia. These structures were the main agents of unfounded criminalization of the first reformist government of the late Prime Minister Zoran Đinđić. Precisely these structures have been the main promoters of the narrative in which civil society organizations have been depicted as “enemies of the state, non-patriots, traitors, fifth columnists…”

Public and professional engagement of some of the founders of the CEAS even before its establishment, primarily of its director Jelena Milić, is probably also one of the reasons for intermittent incorrect or malicious reporting about the CEAS. Before working at the CEAS, Jelena Milić worked in also extremely unpopular organizations in Serbia, such as the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia and the International Crisis Group. For almost 20 years she has been writing and commenting on the local and geopolitical events, using the same principles and values underlying the CEAS, which unfortunately are not widely accepted in Serbia. Her name is also on the famous list of 30 biggest “Serb-haters”, which was compiled by Ivan Ivanović, the ultra right-wing leader of the association “SNP Naši”, and against whom the state is conducting criminal proceedings. Statements of the witnesses in this process, although the
hearings were closed to the public, quickly found its place in the media outlets such as “Pravda”, which conduct a campaign aimed at discrediting and intimidating some CSOs and other participants of public life.

However, since October changes in 2000 until the arrival to power of “Srpska napredna stranka (SNS)”, from whose ranks come both the Prime Minister and the President of Serbia, the CEAS and Jelena Milić have never met with such an intense surge of discrediting and intimidating like the one happening now. It has coincided with the growing Russian influence in Serbia, which, since the “SNS” and its coalition partners have taken power, encounters an “open door policy” in Serbia. In that period, the CEAS and Jelena Milić have intensively advocated an accelerated accession of Montenegro to NATO.

Below is a brief chronology of the most characteristic judicial cases and CEAS reactions to those, and a review of attacks on social networks and mainstream media including the pro-government print and electronic propaganda machineries. We feel that these instances, their number, sources and nature provide grounds to consider the current state as an organized government campaign against the CEAS.

This campaign is clearly part of a broader campaign that the Serbian government is conducting against several CSOs of similar viewpoints and principles, non-profit investigative journalism web portals and daily newspapers. The same campaign is also clearly conducted against some foundations that support the previously mentioned participants of public life. These foundations primarily are: the American National Endowment for Democracy, Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Fund for an Open Society.

In support of this thesis, in addition to an intensive campaign conducted in most of Serbian print and electronic media, we make a special mention of two articles published in “Večernje novosti”, pro-government daily newspaper with a large circulation and an influence on the formation of public opinion, and with an unresolved ownership relationship that they have with the government. These articles are: “Fifth columnists” fear Trump ² by Dragoslav Andelković and NATO street war ³ by Miroslav Parović. Dragoslav Andelković is one of the main pro-government commentators in the media outlets which conduct a campaign of vilification and intimidation of the CSOs, and Miroslav Parović is the leader of pro-Kremlin political party “Treća Srbija”, which held power in Novi Sad in coalition with the ruling party “SNS”. CEAS unofficial English translations of these texts, which we had done because of the importance that we attach to them, can be found on the CEAS website ⁴.

- **A brief review of the most common events that occurred during the campaign of vilifying, intimidating and spreading lies about the CEAS and Jelena Milić**

On January 22nd 2015, Jelena Milić was called to a hearing to the Higher Public Prosecutor’s Office in Belgrade in a very strange way. The subpoena ⁵ was handed in by a person from the Prosecutor’s office, who came to the CEAS premises (whose address is publicly available) unannounced, and handed the subpoena to Jelena Milić, claiming that they could not reach her in any other way. The person who delivered the subpoena explained in front of the CEAS staff that this was allegedly about a forging of the signature of Jelena Milić, in whose name someone filed criminal charges against a certain Nikola Petrović, and that her presence at the Prosecutor’s office is needed only so she can confirm that the signature was forged.

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⁵ Invitation for a hearing of Jelena Milid, sent by the Higher Public Prosecutor’s Office in Belgrade, 27.01.2015. Available at CEAS website: https://www.ceas-serbia.org/images/2016/11/poziv_za_saslusanje.pdf
The text of the subpoena states the following: “In relation to the document containing the text of the statement released by the Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies, which you as a director of this center submitted to the Prosecutor’s office on January 11th 2015, and which the Higher Public Prosecutor’s Office in Belgrade is treating as a criminal charge in the case KTR.br 217/15, we invite you to come to the premises of the Higher Public Prosecutor’s Office in Belgrade on January 28th 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in order to provide the necessary information pursuant to Article 282, paragraph 1, item 3 of the Criminal Procedure Code”. A scanned copy of the subpoena is available on the CEAS website 6.

The CEAS nor Jelena Milić have of course, never filed any “criminal charge in the form of a CEAS statement”, as it is very imprecisely stated in the subpoena.

Jelena Milić accepted the invitation of the Prosecutor’s office. The “clarification” of the mentioned situation, in the form of a hearing conducted on January 29th 2015, lasted for 4 hours. It was conducted by the Deputy Public Prosecutor Jelena Biorčević Cerović, who, it seems to us, was mostly interested in who made a suggestion to the CEAS to write the following press release statement: Who is actually using hypocrisy, lies and persecution of those who think freely? 7 that the CEAS published on January 11th 2015, in which Nikola Petrović is incidentally mentioned as a secondary reference. A scanned copy of the minutes from the hearing is available on the CEAS website 8.

Almost simultaneously, on January 23rd 2015, the mentioned Nikola Petrović, then director of the public company „Elektromreža Srbije“, who is believed to be very close to Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić, filed a complaint with the Higher Court in Belgrade against the CEAS and Jelena Milić. The suit was filed in order to be paid non-pecuniary damages for breach of honor and reputation, because of half of a sentence “caught in murky actions and conflict of interest” which the CEAS included in the mentioned release: Who is actually using hypocrisy, lies and persecution of those who think freely? The compensation amount claimed was 500,000.00 dinars.

The judgment in the proceedings that Nikola Petrović conducted against the CEAS and Jelena Milić became final in September 2016, and enforceable since November 14th 2016. The Higher Court in Belgrade reached a judgment under the number P30.2015, which partially approves the claim, by obliging the defendants CEAS and Jelena Milić to, within 8 days, pay the plaintiff non-pecuniary damages in the amount of 200,000.00 dinars, with default interest from March 3rd 2016, as well as costs of the litigation in the amount of 68,100.00 dinars. The Court of Appeal in Belgrade revised the first instance judgment to the amount of 150,000.00 dinars, while it confirmed the costs of the litigation in the first instance judgment. CEAS legal team will take this matter to the Constitutional Court, in order to be able to submit an application to the European Court of Human Rights.

Unlike this case which already has enforceable epilogue, as far as the CEAS is aware, none of the criminal charges that the CEAS filed directly or through its legal team because of threats which include threats to life, does not have a legal epilogue. It is the same with the CEAS requests for acting according to the Law on Public Information.

At the beginning of February 2016, the CEAS held a conference Serbia and Russia – Russian influence on the stabilization, democratization and European integration of Serbia 9, during which a table containing about a hundred newly established structures that spread undemocratic Kremlin propaganda in Serbia was presented.

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On the eve of the conference, the CEAS was under the first big surge of threats and defamation, carried out by pro-government and pro-Russian media. The web portal “Pravda”, disregarding practice, announced the place and time of the conference and called for its obstruction. This was preceded and accompanied by a surge of internet abuse of the CEAS Director Jelena Milić on social networks and web portals of unclear structure, such as pro-Kremlin IN4S from Montenegro. During this period, the CEAS website, which had a relatively high degree of protection, was under intensive DDOS attack. Blockage of the website lasted for 5 days, which made CEAS’s work extremely difficult and caused material and non-pecuniary damages.

In February 2016, the CEAS filed criminal charges against Mišo Vacić, Dejan Tošić and an unidentified person for criminal acts of: violent behavior under Article 344, item 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia and series of calls for physical and non-physical violence against Jelena Milić and her children, which the aforementioned persons exhibited on social networks. Scanned copies of these charges are available on the CEAS website. According to current knowledge of the CEAS legal representative, by the end of 2016, after the criminal charges filed in the prosecutor’s office where the indicated and unidentified persons are prosecuted ex officio, still nothing is resolved, and the process is still ongoing.

After an email (one of many) of threatening content arrived to the official CEAS email address, the CEAS filed criminal charges against unidentified person(s) at the Special Department of the Higher Public Prosecutor for the fight against cybercrime in March 2015. The scanned copies of criminal charges can be found on CEAS website. The CEAS has no information whether there was any action taken regarding these charges and in what way.

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia gave Jelena Milić police protection in March 2016, because, among other things, the campaign of public intimidation was joined by Nemanja Ristić, previously known to the public and judiciary as the person who threatened the editor of “B92” Veran Matić and the then US Ambassador to Serbia, Michael Kirby. Nemanja Ristić is close to pro-Kremlin organization “Srpski sabor Zavetnici”.

At the beginning of May 2016, the CEAS filed criminal charges against Igor Marinković, managing editor of the media outlet “Pravda” and an unidentified managing editor of the media outlet “Intermagazin” for racial and other discrimination (Article 387 paragraph 4. of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia regarding Article 38 paragraph 2). Scanned copies of these charges are available on the CEAS website. The legal representative of the CEAS still has not received any official feedback from the prosecution on the resolution of this criminal charge.

In May 2016, the CEAS published a study titled Eyes wide shut: Strengthening of the Russian soft power in Serbia – goals, instruments and effects, which was followed by an even stronger surge of defamation and intimidation of the CEAS.

After it became obvious that the state authorities flagrantly suspended the rule of law which lasted for several hours during the night between April 24th and 25th during the demolition of buildings in the Belgrade neighborhood Savamala, which was conducted by unidentified masked persons, and primarily because of the absence of response of the members of the Ministry of Interior to the citizens’ calls, Jelena Milić decided to cancel the police protection assigned to her. Case “Savamala” still has not received its legal epilogue.

In late August 2016, Twitter froze the CEAS director’s account with about 4500 followers, probably due to her Yahoo email address being hacked, and due to observed increased activity of pro-Russian bots. Before the freezing of her Twitter account, Jelena Milić blocked 532 accounts from which she received various direct and indirect threats on a daily basis.

10 Criminal charges, 22.02.2016. Available on the CEAS website: https://www.ceasserbia.org/images/2016/03/PRVOM_OSNOVNOM_JAVNOM_TU%C5%8DILA%C5%A0TVU.pdf
12 Criminal charges, 28.04.2016. Available on the CEAS website: https://www.ceas-serbia.org/images/2016/03/VJ%C5%AEM_JAVNOM_TU%C5%8DILA%C5%A0TVU.pdf
So far, Jelena Milić has blocked around 230 profiles on Facebook because of explicit insults, threats and calls for violence against her and her family, even threats of death. One of the threats in which she was told that she will “end up dead in a ditch” was sent by Dragan Đorđević, president of the Association of War and Disabled Veterans \(^\text{14}\). To our knowledge, the competent authorities have not reacted to this threat.

The defamation and intimidation campaign is led by the “daily newspaper” “Informer”, which unconditionally supports the policy of Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić. During the summer this campaign was joined by the “daily newspaper” “Srpski telegraf” which was established during the early parliamentary elections in Serbia, strikingly close to “Srpska radikalna stranka (SRS)” and its leader Vojislav Šešelj. Just as a reminder, the Hague Tribunal Prosecution has appealed the first instance judgment to Vojislav Šešelj, and Serbia was charged with contempt of court for not extraditing three members of SRS prosecuted for contempt of court.

The Russian „Sputnjik” which has a branch and a newsroom in Serbian language in Serbia has actively joined the campaign, as well as the TV station with national coverage „TV Pink“.

Unfortunately, the lies that these stakeholders of public space in Serbia spread, systematically and un-sanctioned, about the CEAS and a few other CSOs, web portals, newspapers and public figures are often propagated and quoted, without critical review and comment, in almost all other Serbian media outlets. Particularly disturbing is that this is happening in the media which is partly owned by, or otherwise connected to, the Serbian government. These media outlets are for example: “Večernje novosti”, “Politika”, local TV stations that are owned by the officials of the ruling “SNS” party. It is worrisome that the „relevant other side“and/or „prominent columnists“ lose credibility or become deeply compromised individuals even in private media outlets such as the daily newspapers „Blic“ and „Danas“.

We particularly emphasize the fact that besides the MPs from formally opposition parties, such as Vojislav Šešelj’s party, the campaign to discredit and intimidate CSOs, non-profit investigative web portals and daily newspapers is increasingly joined by the MPs and ministers of the ruling coalition.

Because of all of the above, at the end of August 2016, the CEAS decided and publicly announced that it will stop giving statements to certain participants of the public media scene, which we deliberately do not refer to as the media \(^\text{15}\).

During November of 2016, the newspaper “Informer” has conducted by now the most brutal campaign of spreading lies and intimidating certain CSOs and several non-profit investigative journalism web portals and daily newspapers. According to our records, the CEAS and Jelena Milić have been the most often mentioned names in this surge of defamation in the “Informer”. On November 5th 2016 Dragan Vučičević, editor in chief of “Informer”, made false and malicious statements about the work and financing of the CEAS in “TV Pink” programme “Dobro jutro”.

On November 9th 2016, on the basis of the Law on Public Information, the CEAS sent a request to “TV PINK” and the daily newspaper “Informer” to withdraw incorrect statements and publish accurate information about the work of the Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies \(^\text{16}\). The request was also submitted to the Ministry of Culture and Information, which is the competent authority for implementation of this law. “TV Pink” and “Informer”, have not, which comes as no surprise to us, announced the requested withdrawals of false statements and disclosure of accurate information within the statutory period, which means that the CEAS will be forced to attempt to exercise its rights before the competent judicial authorities, spending its own material and time resources.

\(^\text{14}\) Screen shot of the threat is available in the CEAS PowerPoint presentation Vilify and Amplify in which we collected in one place most of the inaccurate and discrediting allegations and statements about the CEAS and its director Jelena Mild, as well as the threats that arrived to social networks accounts. Available on the CEAS website: https://www.ceas-serbia.org/sr/preuzeto/5653-diskredituj-i-siri-kampanja-protiv-ceas

\(^\text{15}\) CEAS conference for a part of the public. Available at: http://www.mc.rs/ceas-konferencija-za-deo–javnosti.4.html?eventId=10276

\(^\text{16}\) CEAS request to TV PINK and daily newspaper Informer to withdraw inaccurate allegations and disclose accurate information about the work of the CEAS. Available at: https://www.ceas-serbia.org/sr/preuzeto/5622-zahtev-tvpink-i-dnevnim-novinama-informer-da-povuku-netacne-navode-i-objave-tacne-informacije-o-radu-centra-zaevroatlantske-studije

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Due to the lack of reaction of other CSOs who are members of the National Convention on the European Union, on November 14th the CEAS announced the decision and rationale behind withdrawing from this organization.  

On November 9th the European Commission issued its Report on Serbia’s progress in 2016. This report rightly warns of threats to journalists and the poor state of “media freedom”, but nowhere does it mention, let alone condemn, the obvious Government’s campaign of discrediting and intimidating the CSOs, which are mainly financed from the EU funds. In addition, it does not address the absence of any kind of sanctions taken against the media outlets that spread lies and intimidate particular stakeholders of public life. The CEAS considers this a major oversight by the EC, as is also the failure to mention the case “Savamala” which certainly exceeds the scope of an “individual case” as described by the EU officials explaining its non-mentioning. It is also indicative because of the way in which the Government of Serbia, the Prime Minister and their surrogates have vilified the CSOs and movements that require the real epilogue of this case. That also supplies us with arguments to claim that this is an organized campaign conducted by the Serbian government against specific participants of public space and their donors. This situation should urgently become the subject of talks between representatives of the Western international community who assist the democratization and European integration of Serbia and the representatives of Serbian state.

Belgrade, November 2016.

Defamations against CEAS Director Jelena Milić in pro Serbian and Russian governments mainstream media from 02.12.2016 to 19.11.2017.

**Informer – pro government media, 15.11.2016.** – Rockefeller and Soros Gave 1,958,218 $ for Chaos in Serbia Continued campaign against CEAS regarding funding of projects

**Informer, 13.11.2016.** – ENOUGH WITH CRIME! Newest Collumn By Dragan J. Vučićević: Good, it's Donald! Editor in chief of Informer continues defamation of CEAS director Jelena Milić on mainstream TV station PINK in Serbia
Informer, 09.11.2016. – West Paid 1,587,596 Euros to “Women in Black”, Research on who pays media and non-governmental organizations and how much, CEAS mentioned again – CEAS received 110,000 euros and 342,000 USD just in 2 months.

Informer, 08.11.2016. – CEAS received funds from Austrian Foundation.
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Informer, 08.11.2016 – Soros Financed Chaos in Serbia With 391,940,146 RSD, Continued campaign against CEAS regarding funding of projects

Informer, 08.11.2016 – Foreigners Give Millions For False Affairs in Serbia
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Informer, 10.11.2016. – Vučićević Revealed on TV Pink: Here is the information on who pays the media and non-governmental organizations for Chaos in Serbia! Editor in chief of Informer stating false claims of CEAS work and funded projects on mainstream TV station PINK in Serbia
Alo-german swiss owned tabloid, 05.11.2016.  
– NATO Lobbyist Provoking Again: Mrs. Milić Assaulsts Vučić's Children  
Deputy of Ruling Progressive party of Prime Minister A. Vučić and MP Marija Obradović attacks on CEAS Director Jelena Milić  
I would say that she is poor as much as she is evil and that evil in it can not be measured because any device that could measure would explode – words of Vladimir Đukanović, Ruling Progressive party MP

NATO LOBISTKINJA OPET PROVOCIRA Milićeva udarila na Vučićevu decu?!  

Autor: Damir Ramadani | 05.11.2016. 06:17

Brukal Jelena Milić ne prestaje sa provokacijama!

Nakon što je ministar unutrašnjih poslova Nebojša Stefanović naveo da premijer Srbije Aleksandar Vučić strahuje da je moguća meta atentata bio njegov brat Andrej, jer je on njegova slaba tačka, Milićeva je na društvenoj mreži Twitter postavila više nego ciničan komentar.

- Žena i deca nisu slabe tačke? - napisala je direktorka Centra za evroatlantske studije i zagovornica ulaska Srbije u NATO.

Potpredsednica SNS-a Marija Obradović kaže za „Alol“ da se ovako kompleksna situacija ne komentariše na takav način.

- Neozbiljni komentari, cinični i podrugljivi, ne mogu da pomognu. Ozbiljna, kompleksna situacija se ne komentariše na ovaj način. Želi da dobije prostor u medijima po svaku cenu, naka i neodmerenim izjavama - istakla je ona.
PRAVDA – pro russian pro government registered internet portal, 03.11.2016.
Over the Line: Jelena Milić Insults Serbs and Serbian Victims Once Again!
CEAS Director media lynched after stating number of victims of the NATO bombings based on The Humanitarian Law Center data that was has established using very precise methods (758 people were killed in the period March 24th – June 9th, 1999 as a result of the NATO air raids) figures that were distorted by Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Jelena Milić’s mockery FB page post on possibility of running for the President of Serbia that triggered media stunts, 15.10.2016.

I am seriously contemplating a possibility of running for the President of Serbia to trigger the topics of EU-NATO cooperation, EU relations towards Russia and about how we will again stay of different pages of the history, at least in the first election cycle. So, the topics that the apparent photo robot of the independent candidate of the opposition will not dare open.

Whose candidate am I? My own and the candidate of my convictions – socioliberal. I have never been a candidate or a member of the civil society in the broad sense. And by the way, I find it very funny that REM has a representative of civil society. Is there a bigger contradiction?

I am 52 years old mother of two and soon to be an academic citizen. I have paid all of my parking tickets.

I can open more doors at the political West than Vuk Jeremić.

I am with her. Are you with me?

Tic tac tic tac
Informer, 15.10.2016. – Very Funny! Jelena Milić Announced She Would Run for the President of Serbia!
Example of Media stunts and reactions after Jelena Milić FB post
Srpski Telegraf, pro government tabloid, close to V. Šeselj, leader of extreme right pro Putin political party in Serbia, ICTY still carries process against him 14.09.2016. – Croatian Women defends Serbia form Serbian women
This is a false full description of TV show duel with anti-US antiglobalist pro Putin Croatian popular fiction author and commentator

Jelena Milić: NATO is the Best, Vedrana Rudan: They are F****D in Serbia
Kurir, pro government tabloid, 14.09.2016. – Turbulent in the show, almost a fight: Jelena Milić was screaming, Vedrana Rudan escaped in Maric’s lap This is a false full description of TV show duel with anti-US antiglobalist pro Putin Croatian popular fiction author and commentator
Informer, 14.09.2016. – The face of NATO evil! Jelena Milić claims that NATO bombing was justified and Serbs got what they deserved. Spreading lies and continued attacks on Jelena Milić
Vojislav Šešelj: Nataša Kandić, Sonja Biserko and Jelena Milić are Croatian spies - Jelena Milic deals with subversion, spreading false news and disturbs public in Serbia. Vojislav Šešelj leader of ultra nationalist party “Serbian Radical Party” was acquitted in the first instance procedure of ICTY (for persecutions, crime against humanity, murder as a violation of the laws and customs of war, torture, cruel treatment, inhumane acts (forcible transfer), wanton destruction of villages or devastation unjustified by military necessity, plunder of public or private property) but The Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) and Serge Brammertz announced that after reviewing the written reasons given by the Trial Chamber Majority for acquitting Vojislav Šešelj of all charges, the OTP has decided to appeal the Judgement. Given the far reaching nature of the errors the OTP identified in the Majority Judgement, it underscored for the victims of the crimes that the forthcoming appeal is of utmost priority for the Office.

Informer, 08.09.2016. – Kandić, Biserko and Jelena Milić got 454.135.000 dinars

Informer, 08.09.2016. – The biggest spies are: Sonja Biserko, Nataša Kandić and Jelena Milić
PART 2.
Informer, 06.09.2016. – Exclusively in Informer! Šešelj Accused Sonja Biserko, Nataša Kandić and Jelena Milić of Being the Greatest Spies (online edition)
Informer, 26.08.2016. – NATO Lobbyists Attend “Do Not Drown Belgrade” Protest, NATO Supports “Yellow Duck”?!?

“Yellow Duck” symbolizes protests taking place in Belgrade on issue of illegal demolition of buildings and property in Belgrade (Savamala) and in all general suspension of rule of law by state authorities and the Serbian Government.

Informer, 28.06.2016. - NATO Planning Conflicts On Vidovdan, Jelena Milić is organizing NATO support rally on one of the greatest holidays in Serbia

From the moment CEAS published a report: EYES WIDE SHUT - STRENGTHENING OF THE RUSSIAN SOFT POWER IN SERBIA – GOALS, INSTRUMENTS AND EFFECTS starts a vicious campaign against Jelena Milić in media.
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Politika, partially government funded and managed media, 01.06.2016. – When NATO lobbyists expose Russian soft power

Kurir, 31.05.2016. – Jelena Milić Carries on with the Internet war; She sent a message to Novak Đoković: Go f**k yourself!
False statement that Jelena Milić hates Serbian tennis player Novak Đoković, words that were used are to be understood as a form of endearment
Informer, 03.03.2016. – Jelena Milić threatened beatings man who is against NATO
Srpski telegraf 13.10.2017. – “NATO sacks Jelena Milić!” in which it says that NATO is fed up with Ms Milić and that NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg himself has fired her.
Informer, 19.11.2017. – After the defamation campaign led by Informer, CEAS and Ms Jelena Milić filed their lawsuit and the Court reached a verdict that obliges Dragan Vučićević, the editor-in-chief of Informer, to publish a correction in relation to CEAS in his daily newspaper, under the threat of paying a fine of 100,000.00RSD. What is troubling is that the correction is published in such a way that it’s nature isn’t indicated, so that the reader wouldn’t even be aware of it being a verdict won by Ms Jelena Milić.
Even less than the “30 pieces of silver” is more, mister Chepurin, it is a pity that you do not understand

Jelena Milic, Director of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies from Belgrade (CEAS), reply to the Russian Ambassador Alexander Chepurin regarding his insulting and inaccurate interview: “Chepurin: We will not be bigger Serbs than you”, given on October 17, 2013 to “Večernje Novosti”

I was unpleasantly surprised by the shallowness and inaccuracy with which “Večernje Novosti” processed and then published an interview with the Russian ambassador to Serbia, Alexander Chepurin, and even more so with the arrogant and inaccurate conclusions which he has put forward in this interview.

It is obvious that an inaccurate and insulting reply was given to the following question of the media reporter – What would be Russia's response if Serbia was to move towards NATO membership? – “Russia's position regarding this question is clear: NATO is an atavism of the last century. The wounds left by the NATO bombing and death are still fresh – and not only in Serbia. I will never understand and accept those who for 30 pieces of silver push their country into this military alliance, betraying elementary human values, undermining remembrance of the victims. Serbia has a longstanding tradition as an unaligned country”, replied Chepurin.

Who exactly does mister Chepurin have in mind when he mentions 30 pieces of silver, which elementary human values, what evidence does he have that NATO is an atavism of the previous century? In comparison to what? With the Collective Security Treaty Organization which has no command chain of its own, no operative standards and procedures, which cannot be made in a day. And whose “voluntary” membership is quite questionable.

As far as the 30 pieces of silver are concerned, Serbia has a stable electoral body of people who want to see Serbia in the West, who believe that all new identities, and not just the old, imposed ones, are what Serbia needs to go forward. This West is where the scientists, industry, sportsmen, etc. are … who's results are rated according to the Forbes lists, Nobel prizes, sport medals, music top lists, TV and other earnings and not arbitrary assessments. It is in this West where elementary human values reign, including the rights of the LGBTIAQ community. it is from this West that we do not yet receive brutal images of the relation towards immigrants. The influence of churches is secular, churches do not play a dominant role in the ossification of society behavior and slowing down of its process on entering global flows which contribute to widening our identities and our maximums. Mister Chepurin, there are among us those who have spent all of their active political life, paying, one way or another, politically, materially, and unfortunately, sometimes paying with our lives, to have Serbia become part of the Euro-Atlantic world, and who have never, then or now, taken 30 pieces of silver each to put in their pockets. I do not know if the words conviction, or citizen responsibility, carry any meaning for you. For me they do a lot.

You also mentioned that you are confused with how silver-lovers easily forget the victims. Which victims exactly? The Humanitarian Law Center recently presented the Dossier on the 125 motorized brigade of the Yugoslav Army on the actions of this unit during the war in Kosovo and the crimes committed in its area of responsibility, and in which 1, 813 Kosovo Albanian civilians were murdered, out of which 216 of them are still classified as missing. To date, not one of the perpetrators was punished. Did you have these victims in mind, too? Do you ever even think of these victims?

The mentioned pieces of silver have entered Serbia, among other, for the purpose of security system reform, pensions of the surplus personnel, training, demining and clearing the field of the NATO intervention consequences, public advocacy of one legitimate political option - which is to you, as a Russian, and Russia in general, apparently unclear, having in mind that over there, imprisonment is still the consequence of opinion exchange - the therefore legitimate option of having Serbia, for now, improve its cooperation with NATO. The majority of these pieces of silver can easily be traced through budget and financial reports, which is not the case with the billions of rubles. Part of this silver entered for the purpose of the most difficult post-conflict task – realization of the concept of transitional justice and implementation of prevention mechanisms – placing the security system under democratic oversight.
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For unveiling what happened with each, not only NATO victim, and finding a way of arranging the system in order for this to never happen again.

In the case of CEAS, we invite you to take a look at our website and in the Programs section take a look at the contents of all of our projects, names of donors and amounts of donations. Part of this your embassy could have had a knowledge of before, had anyone of your representatives ever attended any of the conferences that we organize, for example the ones in which for the “30 pieces of silver” we confront the families of those murdered in the bombing of RTS with NATO officials. NATO officials have not avoided a single one of these conferences.

Since the demise of your marionette Milošević, these inhumane Western NATO and NATO-friendly states have incomparably sent more resources for electricity and coal, help intended for mothers, school refurbishing, budget support, homes for orphans, psychiatric hospitals, than “brotherly Russia”.

The only honest statement, which speaks enough on the manner in which your foreign policy is conducted, given in your interviews is “Your country will always be our ally, because this is a political reality”. I hope that it will not, given the fact that, in the global world, geography does not play such a key role anymore; there is also something in transport, in system quality, in the humanity of this system and in trust in partners. Your predecessor Konuzin was offended when someone explained to his the basic difference between European integration and the God-given natural foreign policy influence which Russia prescribes to itself in comparison to its neighbors. All Western Balkan states have among their societies a majority support for the process of approximation to the EU. This is better to be heard and understood, than to angrily storm out of the auditorium.

In any case, thank you, also to “Večernje Novosti” and Chepurin on the following questions and answers, due to the relatively confusing image which the Western international community has on these topics: “Have the links between Belgrade and Moscow strengthened since the new political set is in power? – in comparison to the previous government which called upon Russia only when there was no other solution in sight, two factors are now obvious: first, these relations lead to speeding up of our mutual cooperation, which is in certain field in an embryonic stage, and second – mutual benefit. Presidents Putin and Nikolić have met two times, in Moscow and Sochi. Vice President Vučić visited Russia, and in a wider sense, took part in negotiations between four walls. This spring also saw Prime Minister Dačić in Moscow. Such meetings are undoubtedly useful … Niš will, given there is support from Belgrade, see the opening of the Russo-Serbian humanitarian Center for emergency situations. It will guarantee better security of your country and the entire Balkans. Russia is investing more than 60 million dollars, practically in form of a donation. The procured equipment is for fighting natural and technogenic disasters, which the country needs. The money will be invested in firefighting and sanitation vehicles, robots, helicopters, de-mining equipment … both Serbian and Russian experts will work in it.”

And in conclusion mister Chepurin, sometimes there is a need for being brave and wise and recognize when a battle is lost. Take a look sometimes at the programs of cable TV providers in Serbia. Cinema programs. Bookstore windows. Take note of the music played in clubs. Repertoires of the most visited concerts. International sports heroes cheered by Serbs. Notice the type of gadgets and computers which we all use. Ask about the software. Look into shop windows. The most popular tourist destinations. We did not have a Pride Parade, but we are advancing. We do not beat up immigrants and gay diplomats. I hope the EU and NATO membership will enable us to continue with this trend, voluntarily. And believe me, we do not do this for 30 pieces of silver but for ourselves and for the generations to come who deserve a better, more developed, more civilized, more globalized, and before all, a more humane Serbia.

Jelena Milic, CEAS Director

Belgrade
October 18, 2013
Sputnik

Russian media in Serbia and the main outlet for spreading Russian propaganda in Serbia, recently marked by EU as a informational propaganda threat

Sputnik, 24.08.2016. – Commissioner Milić and Unsuitable Media. Jelena Milić Secured Her Place in history by organizing a media conference without the media. Director of CEAS Jelena Milic, in protest, held a press conference for a part of the media. This is because of those who put a target on her forehead declaring her a Serb hater.
Sputnik, 22.02.2016. – The NATO Democrats in Stalins Overcoat
Sputnik reaction on CEAS Conference - Serbia and Russia: Russian influence on stabilization, democratization and European integration of Serbia - implying that Jelena Milić is wearing Stalin Overcoat

Sputnik, 03.06.2016. – Sputnik on Jelena Milić hit list Sputnik clames that CEAS and Jelena Milić have put them on a “Pro-Kremlin structures” list, making double standards dividing journalists and stamping journalists
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**Sputnik, 22.01.2016.** – Lazanski: Mrs. Milic, you are clueless
Military political commentator and MP of the ruling party, Miroslav Lazanski in discussion with Jelena Milic about rockets (America sending to Croatia), stressing that she is not competent and that she must be brave having in mind that she is discussing this subject with him.

**Sputnik, 29.03.2016.** – “Seeking forgiveness...” for Jelena Milić
Sarcastically written article on Jelena Milić, her work and contributions and her right to have different opinion and for that she must not be attacked, verbally or any other way
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Sputnik, 22.03.2016. – Jelena Milić’s Message to Vučić: I will be gay and you be crazy.
Sputnik reacted after TV show (“Heppy television”) were Jelena Milić was a guest asking questions to PM A.Vučić

Sputnik, 29.02.2016. – How many Serbs is allowed for NATO to kill
After CEAS Statement that numbers of NATO bombing killed must not be manipulated, Sputnik called this a act of need to conceive true facts, naming CEAS fascists who devide the victims on those who deserve to die and not.
Sputnik, 29.11.2016. – Did NATO forgave us for beating us
Article on Jelena Milić, her monopol on truth – for not allowing Sputnik access to CEAS venue

Da li nam je NATO опростио што нас је тукао

Заошто Јелена Милић, особа која полаже право на монопол на истину, спречава новинаре Спутњика да присуствују догађајима у организацији њеног центра и када ће се НАТО просветитељка удостојити да нам „отвори очи”?

Ако сте после изјаве жаљења Јенса Столтенберга помислили да су званичници НАТО-а после 17 година показали минимум људске према невиним жrtвама агресије на СРЈ, гдје сте се преварили.

Пет дана након што је генерални секретар Алијансе изразио жаљење због пимаљних жrtва бомбардовања, јавио се главни НАТО лобиста у Србији.
Defamations against CEAS Director Jelena Milić on social media by Boris Malagurski

Boris Malagurski is a pro Putin antiglobalist right wing movie producer, Sputnik commentator, most of his activities of disinformation are played on his big social media following (FB, TW, You Tube), also a journalist of Happy TV station (popular among viewers in Serbia with a national frequency). Boris Malagurski firstly presented himself as a reporter doing an interview about CEAS but eventually making a false story in his film “Težina lanaca” (The Weight of Chains)

Boris Malagurski, 02.03.2016. – Jelena Milić, the Monster kidnapped by Russian Bear Astronaut and Taken to Saturn

@jelenamiliceas u epizodi ”@rs_sputnik čudovište!" Strašan ruski medved-astronaut odvodi Jelenu na Saturn.

1:05 AM - 2 Mar 2016
Boris Malagurski, 02.03.2016. – Jelena Milić: ‘Look someone is thinking with his own head. Now I will show him how NATO resolves conflicts’.

"Grrr vidi neko misli svojom glavom, sad ću ja da mu pokažem kako #NATO rešava nesuglasice." - @jelenamilicceas
Boris Malagurski, 01.03.2016. – Jelena Milić sitting in the Central Committee for Propagating NATO Interests in Serbia
Selection of other defamations against CEAS Director Jelena Milić on social media

**Andrej Fajgelj, 21.03.2016.** – Serbia Choose: NATO vs. NATO
Žaklina Jovanović says: Jelena Milić- scum remains scum
Andrej Fajgelj, former high official of Serbian nationalist party “Treća Srbija” comparing CEAS policy on NATO sarcastically with Serbian PM A.Vucic NATO policy, making it equal
Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – pro government media right wing columnist insults and slanders Jelena Milić on her TW platform with over 70,000 followers.

Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – Jelena Milić might have the sixt fleet backing her, but one can see the shadow of Mr. Scott.

Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – Russian Krstur is a problematic toponym. Brus should be named at least Bruce Willis so that the spokesperson is not violated.
Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – Vodka will be considered a Molotov cocktail. NATO approves drunkenness only of whiskey.

Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – I am surprised that Jelena Milić has not yet asked for Hotel Moskva to be torn down or change its name to Guantanamo Hotel.

Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016. – May God help you if Jelena Milić is your supporter. Even NATO will be devastated.
Mirjana Bobić, 21.03.2016.
for Večernje novosti – partially government funded and managed media
Mirjana Bobic stating in her column in Večernje novosti (among other untruths regrading Jelena Milić, posted on her tw account) that the truth about NATO bombing must be accepted by all means in Serbia, the same truth will be delivered from NATO.

SRCE POD PRITISKOM: Molotovljev koktel
Mirjana Bobić-Mojsilović 27. mart 2016. 08:08 | Komentara: 3
Ove nedelje mogli smo lepo da se, kao što bi rekla proročica Kleopatra, stvarno sretnemo sa svojom sudbinom

OVE nedelje mogli smo lepo da se, kao što bi rekla proročica Kleopatra, stvarno sretnemo sa svojom sudbinom. U samo nekoliko dana, pametni su mogli da vide gde smo, kada idemo i šta će da nam se desi. Nisu za to potrebne ni velike geopolitičke analize, niti raščlanjivanje strategije pauka novog svetskog poretka, niti bilo kakva preterana upućenost u stanje stvari na domaćem terenu.

Radovan Karadžić, prvi predsednik Republike Srpske, osuđen je u Tribunalu u Hagu na 40 godina zatvora, i iako će se o toj presudi, njenim paradoksima, karakteru samog Tribunala i političkim motivima i konsekvencama ovog suđenja tek pisati, to za ovaj komentar nije bitno - zanimljiva je tišina sa kojom je ta presuda dočekana u Srbiji, neka vrsta pilatovskog pranja ruku od upote doticanja te teme, koja je ostavljena za zabavu takozvanim desničarima.

Presuda Karadžiću, zanimljivo, stigla je baš na dan kada se u Srbiji obeležava 17 godina od početka NATO bombardovanja, i samo dva dana pošto su u Biseru izvršeni jezivi teroristički napadi na aerodrom i metro, koji su ceo svet podigli na noge, i, pošto je Beograd svet, i na nekim važnim zgradama u Beogradu zasijale su, uznak solidarnosti, zastave Balkana.
Defamations against Jelena Milić on registered and unregistered internet portals

Oslobodje, 05.09.2016. – Boris Malagurski: Arrest the NATO starlet Jelena Milić

Intermagazin, 03.09.2016. – The ultimate hypocrisy: NATO mercenary Jelena Milić helps refugees from Syria
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Internetmagazin.rs, 26.04.2016. – What’s the difference between a criminal and a reality star, Kristijan Golubović, Jelena Milić, Sonja Biserko, and a musician Rambo? *Retrieved from Večernje novosti

Managing director and chief editor of “Večernje novosti” Ratko Dmitrović compares Jelena Milić to a Serbian criminal K. Golubović and states a number of false facts of CEAS work.

Novi Standard, 06.03.2016. – Heart of darkness of the NATO lobby in Serbia
Vilify and Amplify: From Serbian and Russian trolls factories to pro Serbian and Russian governments mainstream media

gorandavidovic.com, 02.03.2016. – Ultra nationalists, Goran Davidović, the leader of banned neo-Nazi organization in 2011, “Nacionalni stroj” legitimitizing political violence against opponents, including Jelena Milić
Intermagazin, 01.03.2016. – Russians unmasked Jelena Milić and the NATO mercenaries

Petersburg Channel 5, 22.02.2016.* From another site another due to the lack of a link - reactions on CEAS Conference on Russia in Belgrade

Čuveni peterburški 5 Kanal, koji je nedavno probio cenzuru koja je važila za ANTI-NATO protest u Beogradu, ovog puta opleo je po NATO lobistima u Srbiji!

Konferencija je bila organizovana sa cijelom da se „zanimanje interesovanje zbog na Rusiju, da se pokaze što je to pravilan pogled na Rusiju, da se objasni da na Rusiju ne treba obraćati pažnju, da je ne treba ni čuti ni videti, kaže voditeljka medija centra „Ruski Ekspres“ u reportži koja je emitovana na ruskom Pekom kanalu.

Pre samo nekoliko dana u Beogradu su organizovane demonstracije protiv NATO-a. Ali Centar za evroatlantske studije nema obrazla pažnju, kao ni na rezultate istraživanja javnog mišljenja, koji dovode o tome da 72% Srbija ima pozitivno mišljenje o Rusiji, i samo 7% o NATO.

U centru Beograda se sada organizuje konferencija protiv Rusije pod izgovorom da je Putin glavna pretinja po budućnosti Srbije. Centar za evroatlantske studije (CEAS) je stoga postavio sebi za cilj da užiče na mlade od 17 do 25 godina, da se izbore za njihovo mišljenje, izvestava „Pet kanal“.

Ljudi koji su se spremljali da govore o „ruskoj pretinji“ toliko su se bili prepali što nisupustili na konferenciju rusku eksplo novinarca, pod izgovorom da nema dovoljno mesta, izvestava dopisnica iz Beograda Katerina Lane.


A konferencija je počela na ponižavajući način, kaže Lane. Pozivom da se oda pošta srpskim diplomatom u Libiji koje su ušle niko drugi do amernik borbe, kao i takozvanim ukrajinskim borcima koje je ubio kijevski ručnik, odnosno usisnikima sa Majdanja koje prevraraju u heroje novog sveta, saopštio je dopisnica „Ruskih Ekspresa“ i „Petog kanala“.
A facebook message from Ljiljana D. Simić telling Ms. Milić that she has an ugly voice, that she needs to find a man in her life, that she is a traitor like Judas and finally that she has an urge to slap her in the face and silence her because of the things she is doing and saying.
A Facebook message from Bojan Klaković who states that he is a soldier in Syria fighting for the Russians and that Ms. Albright and Jelena Milić should suck his d**k.
A facebook message from Jovan Jevremović swearing and telling Ms. Milić that she is a dog and that she should f**k herself.

Predrag Tonta’s facebook message telling Ms. Milić that she is a whore paid by NATO and that Partisans will return and fuck her Neoliberal and Fascist mother.
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A Facebook message from Branislava Branka Zubanov saying how she wishes Jelena Milić or her family had cancer.

Vladan Savić's Facebook message stating that Jelena Milić is a whore who sucks American d**ks, how she should end up in an abortion clinic and that she is a pile of shit.
Atila Balić’s Facebook message stating that she is a shameful person because she insulted Novak Đoković and that Vedrana Rudan is a lady for her because she has no manners.

Sanja Kis stated in a Facebook message that she is a f**king NATO whore.
Seljanin u Beogradu sent a Facebook message to Jelena Milić telling her that she is paid by foreigners and that he hopes she will spend all that money on medicines.

Mihailo Jović sent a message telling Jelena Milić that Serbia is a small country for such a big traitor.
Jo Rupert’s message on Facebook telling Jelena Milić to suck d**k.

Director of Association of War Military Invalids Serbia sends a message: You’ll end up in the ditch, dead.
Leader of the Serbian Radical Party (mention before) V. Šešelj calles Jelena Milić a fascist whore
F**k you you won't last much longer!

God willing, she will die soon enough

You old w***e, I want ot see the day somebody beats you dead

Die w***e I will f**k your w***e mother

Die w***e!
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Miodrag Rađivojčić KAZI KO TE JEBE? JEBE TE KOSOVSKI OFICIR ZA VEZU U BEOGRADU I TI SVI ZNAMO PA KAKO TI JE KAD TE ALBANAC KOJI JE PRODAVAC ORGANE NASE DECE PUNI I ?EL TI LEPO RASPADU FUKARSKI, STICI CE TEBE BOZJA KAZNA PA CES SE SETITI SRPSKOG NARODA KOJI SI PLIJUVALA ZA SAKU DOLARU SACU VAJ TE PARE KAD SE OD RAKA RASPADAS DA IMAS DA VRATIS ZAPADU JA TI GARANTUJEM FUKARO DA CES OD RAKA DA SE RAZBOLIS I DA SE RASPADAS DUGO I BOLNO A Onda se seti naroda sa kim si izrasla a koji si plijuvala gore od najgoreg neprijatelja raspadas se vec oko anusa i vulve i zato te samo albanac moze trpa, srbin moze samo da te pljuve i to u listu. Sem ti se zatrito od raka i lejki i je srbonizcu jedan najveci koga sam u zivotu video. Sljamu

See translation

30 May at 23:07

May you be in the worst pain from cancer you Serb hater
NGO Young Serbian Strength made a movie exposing as they say Serbian traitors, including Jelena Milić.
David Vukosavljević’s facebook message stating that she is a sold soul and that she should go live in the south of Serbia to see how good uranium is.
Nemanja Ristić commenting on FB was filed for criminal charges, waiting for prosecution after threatening American ambassador in Serbia and CEAS among others.
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Numerous threats after Jelena Milić made appearance on national TV station debating with political analyst Miroslav Lazanski.
Direct threat to Jelena Milić from TW account @Omerta – If we meet, you are dead

#Serbia 2016 - if we meet- you are dead. No state inst response. @avucic @SerbianPM
Radical nationalist political party “Dveri” official FB page: Rockets with heads, NATO lobbyists with no head
Jelena Milic talking about Milica Đurđević, a leader of radical fashist NGO in Serbia “Srpski sabor Zavetnici”
TW comments: i wish all of your family members would die of cancer (meaning Jelena Milić and her family)
Blocked FB and TW Accounts
Over 532 blocked TW Accounts & over 226 blocked FB Accounts

A tw profile of a group that allegedly hacked CEAS website

SRBnetwork- Just like we said. Ceas-serbia.org is offline.

Као што смо и рекли. ceas-serbia.org je #offline @CEASSerbia :))

3:09 AM - 8 Mar 2016

Reply to @SRBnetw0rk
Hacked fb/tw accounts

Jelena Milić FB account was hacked and used to spread false statements on her behalf.

Dušan Marković asked Jelena Milić why she supported NATO when NATO bombed Serbia, and the person who hacked Jelena Milić’s Facebook account replied that she (Jelena) wants him to stop communicating with her or she would send her friends to his door, and he must know how strong her friends are.

Miša Vacić, leader “SNP Naši 1389” fascist organization used the situation to fan the flames on social media and called his followers to do so as well.
One example of severe threats to CEAS and Jelena Milić by, in this particular case, well known criminal and member of extreme right movement “Zavetnici”. He is also known by appearing on a photo with Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov, together with the leaders of far right extremist movement “Zavetnici”. Nemanja Ristić is also a Suspect In Alleged Montenegrin Coup Plot.
ABOUT CEAS

The Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies (CEAS) is an independent, atheist, social liberal, policy research think-tank organization founded in 2007 in Belgrade, Serbia, which advocates:

– Adopting the principle of precedence of individual over collective rights, without disregard for the rights which individuals can only achieve through collective action;
– Strengthening the secular state principle and promoting an atheistic understanding of the world;
– The development and preservation of a more open, freer, more prosperous and more cooperative international order founded on smart globalization.

The motto which the CEAS follows in its work is “Progress, Determination, Influence”.

The main activities undertaken by CEAS are aimed at:

– advocating the importance and strengthening achievements of social liberal democracy in Serbia;
– supporting Serbia’s EU integration process and strengthening Serbia’s capacities to deal with global challenges through collective international action, which would result in a full and active membership of the EU;
– advocating support and full and active membership of the Republic of Serbia in NATO;
– advocating the importance of establishing and creating a model of democratic monitoring of the security system;
– supporting development of transitional justice mechanisms, their enforcement in Serbia and the Western Balkans, and the exchange of positive experiences; emphasizing the importance of mechanisms of transitional justice for successful security sector reform in post-conflict societies in transition towards democracy;
– promoting humanitarian and security doctrine Responsibility to Protect, which entails that states carry the primary responsibility to protect its citizens from genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing, that the international community is responsible to assist the states in fulfilling this responsibility and that the international community should use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means to protect the population from these crimes if a state fails to do so or if it is in fact the perpetrator of these crimes;
– Promotion of Open Government Policy, aiming to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

Programs and donors

CEAS is carrying out its mission through various projects within its five permanent programs:

I. Comprehensive Monitoring of Contemporary International Relations and Foreign Policy of Serbia
II. Advocacy for full-fledged active membership of Serbia in the EU and NATO
III. Advocacy for a Comprehensive Security Sector Reform in Serbia
IV. Advocacy for development of the discourse of Energy Security in Serbia
V. Liberalism, Human Rights, Responsibility to Protect, Transitional Justice and Open Governance in a Globalized World Membership in International Organizations
CEAS has also developed its membership of several international coalitions and organizations:

- The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect – ICRtoP. The coalition brings together non-governmental organizations from all over the world to collectively strengthen normative consensus for the doctrine of Responsibility to Protect (RtoP), with the aim of better understanding the norm, pushing for strengthened capacities of the international community to prevent and halt genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and mobilize the non-governmental sector to push for action to save lives in RtoP country-specific situations. CEAS is the first civil society organization from the region of South-Eastern Europe to have full membership in this coalition.

- The Policy Association for an Open Society – PASOS, an international association of think-tanks from Europe and Central Asia which supports the erection and functioning of an open society, especially in relation to issues of political and economic transition, democratization and human rights, opening up of the economy and good public governance, sustainable development and international cooperation. CEAS is a full-fledged member.

- The REKOM coalition which suggests that governments (or states) establish REKOM, an independent, inter-state Regional Commission for the Establishment of Facts on all the victims of war crimes and other heavy human rights violations undertaken on the territory of the former SFRY in the period 1991-2001.