

Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the
Past

Croatia

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Context

- Documenta encourages the process of dealing with the past in Croatia through collecting data and conducting researches on pre-war, war and post-war time/context, and collaboration with civil society organizations, governmental institutions and similar centres abroad
- 15 years after the conflict: facts on war are not available, number of victims is being manipulated, responsibility for committed crimes has been individualized
- Between 20.000 and 25.000 people lost their lives, 1.804 persons went missing, 400 000 people internally displaced, found 143 mass graves and 1.200 individual ones – found 4.678 victims, identified 3.748

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- Founded by: **Centre for Peace, Non-violence and Human Rights Osijek, Human Rights Centre, Civic Committee for Human Rights and Centre for Peace Studies** in 2004
- Why: experience of war crimes and other war related events of the period 1941 – 2000 being silenced or falsified which has been affecting the recent past of both Yugoslavia and post Yugoslav societies

Programmes

- Public dialogue and public policies
- Documenting human losses, individual memories and work of human rights organisations
- Improvement of court practices and standards – monitoring of war crime trials and court civil proceedings for reparation
- Culture of Memory