

# Sabiha Husic

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Sabiha Husić is a psychotherapist, Islamic theologian and interreligious peacebuilder, and the director of NGO „Medica” Zenica in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH). Currently she is a PhD Candidate in Gender Studies at the University of Sarajevo. She has been working as a psychotherapist for 26 years directly with survivors of war and post-war gender based violence. Also, Sabiha Husić initiated, developed methodology and established first in BiH and in the region institutional networks for support to survivors and survivors witnesses of war crimes, sexual violence and other criminal offenses. The institutional networks developed by Sabiha Husić in BiH provide support to survivors before, during and after testimonies and those networks represent a model of best practice that is transferred to all parts of BiH. She is an author and co-author of many publications on the topic of psychosocial work with survivors and she initiated and participated in developing and adopting many policies and laws in BiH in the field of social protection, gender-based violence, gender equality, and human rights protection. Sabiha has received many awards for her engagement, commitment and dedicated work, such as:

## **International awards:**

- “Woman of the World Award” (2014),
- A Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Women Peacemaker (2013)
- Active Citizens of Europe Award, by Volonteuropo (2009)

## **Awards in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- “Nagrada Zenice” – The City of Zenica Award (2016)
  - “Snaga Žene” Award by the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of BiH (2015)
  - Recognition by citizens of BiH as one of its 11 women peacemakers (2012).
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