

Building bridges across borders



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Summary:

- Brief recap of the 1990's civil war in the Balkans and its aftermath
- English language as a common denominator
- IATEFL Slovenia's role in the ABELTA project
- Conclusion
- Q&A



Factors contributing to the split:

- Death of Josip Broz Tito
- Requests for more freedom of speech, more democracy
 - “Venetic theory” (1985)
- Renaissance of nationalism in some republics
- Debt
- USA’s NSDD 54 - “silent” revolutions

Independence

- Slovenia (1991)
- Croatia (1991)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992)
- Macedonia (1991)
- Montenegro (2006)
- Kosovo (2008)
- Serbia



Sarajevo,
Bosnia and
Herzegovina



Mostar, Bosnia
and Herzegovina





On a personal level...

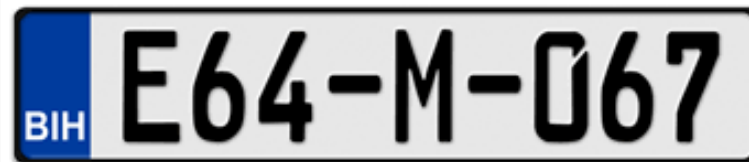
Damages

- Between 130 000 and 140 000 people killed
- Over 2.4 million refugees and over 2 million internally displaced people
- Material damage: infrastructure, economy, hyperinflation
- Environmental: landmines, 80 000 tons of burning fuel released into the environment (Pančevo refinery), approx. 31 000 rounds of depleted Uranium ammunition used (NATO 1999 bombings)



13 000 people still
missing

Love thy neighbour?



Language(s)

- Slovenian
- Macedonian
- Kosovo - Albanian
- **Serbo – Croatian = Serbian language, Croatian language**
- **Bosnian language**
- **Montenegrin language**

English language as a mediator



English language TAs in the Balkan region:









What ABELTA community does:

- Share ideas, experience, challenges
- Exchange newsletters
- Attend conferences in the region
- Support, motivate each other and focus on the future



Conclusion

A bit about...





YOU

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