Together with our employees, associates, partners, donors and above all the citizens who support us, we have never been compromising when it comes to the most sensitive political topics. We stayed at the front line by defending basic human rights and freedoms and by calling for institutional accountability. We stayed at the front line to defend democracy. Because of our work in the past couple of years, especially since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine we regularly suffered violence, life threats and systematic vandalism of our premises. Although we regularly report all these cases to the police and other authorities in charge, there has been no response.

In September 2024 a group of Russian-speaking hooligans secretly entered our premises and cut the ties on the terrace that held the Ukrainian flag. For the first time attackers were

Russian citizens who physically entered the workspace while the employees were present. This was an ideologically motivated attack carefully planned with the clear message to be sent to us, the Serbian citizens and our Western partners.

Further, KROKODIL employees were targeted with illegal surveillance by the malicious software unlawfully installed by the Serbian Intelligence Services.

Since 2023, KROKODIL employees and activists have faced over twenty SLAPP lawsuits initiated by the Serbian Government. These strategic lawsuits against public participation represent a relatively new threat to freedom of speech in Serbia and one of the biggest challenges for us to fight against and overcome in years to come.

