

**Project name:** RADAR – Empowering the civil society organizations’ advocacy potential for the protection of women's human rights in health care system

**Project promotor:** Parents in Action

**Partners:**

- OPEN MEDIA GROUP
- Women's Counselling, Iceland

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**Project summary:**

The problem of systematic violations of women's reproductive rights in the Republic of Croatia was recognized during the # Break the Silence 2018 campaign, which had a strong public response and collected over 1000 testimonies of women about verbal and physical violence, denial of gynecological care and anesthesia during painful gynecological procedures. Despite the great response in the domestic and global, wider and professional public, there has been no improvement in the women's health care system. Although a large number of associations provide support to vulnerable groups of women, due to a lack of capacity and resources, these associations do not systematically advocate for public policies to protect women's reproductive rights. At the same time, the health system is non-transparent and closed to the involvement of women in public policy-making, so the issue of women's reproductive rights remains a purely medical issue. Although a number of associations proposed the adoption of an Action Plan and a Declaration on Women's Health in 2018 as part of the #BrokenSilence campaign, the competent institutions ignored this proposal.

In order to bring about changes that will ensure dignified evidence-based women's health care, through the Radar project at least eight associations will strengthen their advocacy capacity to protect women's reproductive rights, through training to monitor women's reproductive rights violations, review case law and international standards, initiating strategic litigation, research on compliance with professional guidelines, participatory workshops aimed at drafting documents for women's health, drafting shadow reports on the state of women's rights in health and program development, and training trainers on techniques for combating domination and developing easily applicable tools to help them with that. All activities will involve women, especially those at higher risk of gynecological violence, vulnerable groups of women such as Roma women, asylum seekers, women with disabilities, from rural areas and from the islands.

The project will strengthen the advocacy capacity of associations to reposition women's health from the medical to human rights spheres, initiate strategic litigation in the field of women's reproductive rights, advocate for women's reproductive rights based on evidence and develop mechanisms for a stronger role of women's human rights organizations.