

ASSOCIATION DELTA

*In the midst of great changes in the educational system following the outbreak of COVID-19, the voices of students are largely ignored. This caused a disruption of democratic processes in schools, exacerbated the well-being of students and the successful implementation of control measures. This project aims to strengthen advocacy among CSOs and student councils as the representative body of students in monitoring and managing education policies in times of the pandemic, as well as to assert the importance of student councils in issues related to students' rights and obligations. This will be achieved through advocating to the relevant authorities at the national and local levels and through a research on the involvement of students in decision-making processes regarding issues related to them throughout Croatia. Advocacy activities will include monitoring the implementation of relevant provisions of the Primary and Secondary School Education Act and asserting their importance. Apart from providing insight into student participation during COVID-19 pandemic, data collected through the research will be used to form Recommendations for involving student councils in decision-making related to student issues in situations of crises. The project is aimed primarily at raising awareness among the relevant authorities and mobilizing them to support the work of student councils in conditions related to COVID-19. Furthermore, the project will involve educational staff from Croatian schools and student councils representatives, whose opinions and proposals are intended to be collected through research. Students will participate in writing the Recommendations, which will be publicly available for use to educational institutions, other CSOs, and the general public. The applicant and the partners will be involved in all project activities in their regions. The applicant will coordinate the process and will be in charge of project administration.*