

Croatian Youth Network

The devastating earthquake also affected the activities of CSOs. After the earthquake, CSOs were additionally engaged in helping the local population, while the organizations registered in the earthquake-affected areas themselves suffered significant damage and their work was disrupted or completely disabled when it comes to project implementation and regular activities. In order not to jeopardize sustainability, quality of work, provision of services, implementation of activities, CSOs in Sisak-Moslavina County (SMC) are forced to seek new solutions and ways of functioning in order to meet the needs of their users for which they operate.

As one of the solutions to the difficult situation of CSOs in Sisak and Petrinja, related to space and capacities, socio-cultural centers (SCC) are imposed as a successful model in creating conditions for social development and increasing the quality of life. In addition to providing space and resources to sustain activities, they enable citizens to create, consume, design, and propose content of public interest while establishing participatory governance models. In this context, they also respond to the humanitarian and social needs of the residents in the area of SMC, by enabling the implementation of regular and humanitarian activities of CSOs. It is important to strengthen existing CSO capacities and establish new ones to establish functioning SCCs. The main goal of the project is to implement the advocacy and crowdfunding campaign and online and offline events to raise public awareness, decision makers and CSOs, which is to improve the position of CSOs in the earthquake-affected area by advocating the importance of socio-cultural centers for local communities and advocacy skills of CSOs and through capacity building and networking to create new opportunities for cooperation in order to resolve the crisis situation.

The role of all partners is to advocate and work towards founding community centres in Sisak and Petrinja.