

*Citizens' Association "Pravica"*

*The project proposal refers to the environment and non-transparent methods of decision making regarding the construction of the Regional Centre for Waste Management in Karlovac County, which the political authorities decided to locate in the area of nature reserves rich in water resources, making a number of very suspicious actions on the way, due to which a criminal complaint has been filed for the second time with the competent Croatian institutions. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the advocacy role of NGOs and encourage civic engagement of local community on the importance of healthy environment and protection of natural resources. The specific objective of the project is to further sensitize the public about the procedural shortcomings in the preparation of the RCWM „Babina gora“ and to initiate the process of revision of the conclusions reached on the location suitability and decisions on financing the project of the Centre for Waste Management (CWM). The said activities require an urgent response because a tender has been announced to finance the construction of RCWM „Babina gora“. The „Babina gora“ initiative cooperating with organisations that deal with similar issues on other locations in Croatia, trying to point out the wrong, outdated and too expensive concept of waste disposal in Croatia. Until now, it has been established that there had been obvious irregularities in the approach to site selection, inconsistencies and manipulations relating to exploratory hydro – and geological works, quantities of waste which should be processed in the Centre, and multiple misuse of EU funds. Reactions to the actions of NGO representatives indicate a disregard and incorrect attitude of public services towards the residents in the local community. Stakeholders gathered in the initiative believe that the progress they have made is visible and that they lack greater support from the interested public, which they want to achieve with this project.*