

## GREEN ISTRIA

*Garden(AKT)ivism is an advocacy project that seeks to empower and involve citizens and local civil society in advocacy and campaign in creating a model and implementation of the project of urban gardens and the first community garden in Pula at the very moment when the City of Pula has already announced the launch of a tender for urban gardens, while it is certain that without an urgent and intensive advocacy campaign the City will not involve citizens and civil society in the decision making process. Citizens have already expressed initial interest and there is already a Group for Urban Gardens of Green Istria that brings together citizens who want to get more involved, and civil society shows signals for cooperation (Green Istria was addressed by associations that want to be actively involved in the campaign:*

*Autism Association Istria and the Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities, Student Association Pula, Gymnasium Pula). At the end of 2020, the City of Pula is planning a public consultation on the Draft Strategy with a plan for adaptation to climate change of the City of Pula, and on September 23. it announced an invitation to citizens to participate in creating the budget for next year. These are all procedures in which we want to actively participate and advocate the model of urban and community gardens with an emphasis on citizen participation in creating the model. The following activities are planned: A1. Strengthening CSOs / citizens / citizens' advocacy initiatives to participate in the creation of the model and implementation of the project of urban gardens and the first community garden in Pula A2. Exploring the possibilities of cooperation and involvement of interested associations and actors in the project / campaign Garden (AKT)ivism and A3. Public campaign for the realization of the project of urban gardens and the first community garden in Pula. The project contributes to strengthening the capacity of CSOs/citizens/initiatives in Pula for their mutual cooperation and participation in creating the Pula model of urban gardens/community garden and for advocating and campaigning for the adoption of the model by the City of Pula. This puts pressure on the City of Pula, especially the mayor, the head of the Department for Physical Planning, Utilities and Property and 8 members of the Climate Change Adaptation Team, which are targeted in order to be motivated to accept citizen participation in the model design, as well to start the realization of the Pula urban gardens/community garden project.*