

**Project title:** Stronger for CROSOL-idadity

**Project promoter:** CROSOL – Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity

**Partner:** -

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**Project summary:**

At the moment, slightly less than 10,000 refugees from Ukraine have arrived in the Republic of Croatia, with estimates that there could be over 20,000 still to come. About 90% of the refugee population in the Republic of Croatia from Ukraine are women and children.

The project is designed to support the strengthening of CSOs within the CROSOL Platform (reinforced with several external affiliates) in the coordination of joint advocacy activities, timely sharing of information, planning of joint activities and other initiatives related to civil society response to the arrival and reception of refugees from Ukraine.

The second part of the project is focused on concrete activities towards refugees who have just arrived in Croatia. For this purpose, we have designed three info-workshops that will be held in reception centers (for now, 3 reception centers have been activated in the Republic of Croatia).

The aim of the workshops is to inform the refugees in a timely manner about their legal status, labor rights, and to provide them with information about the possibilities and forms of psychosocial support available to them.

These visits will also allow us to make a mapping of needs in direct contact with refugees, in order to find out first hand in which areas they need support as a priority. Based on these data, CROSOL and collaborating organizations will be able to further design the continuation of activities in direct work with refugees.

An important part of the activities of this project is the online webinar intended for volunteers and all citizens of Croatia who are in some way interested in or involved in working with refugees. We will educate them about the challenges of working with vulnerable groups, with an emphasis on refugees. We will also inform them on how to approach and communicate with people who have survived this type of stress. In order to contribute to better information sharing, we will educate volunteers about the legal status of refugees from Ukraine in Croatia. In this way, we will help reduce the spread of unverified information.

CROSOL Platform is the lead in this project. In the implementation of the planned activities we will cooperate with member organizations of the Platform, as well as with several CSOs that joined the initiative, to provide the most professional support related to issues covered by the project