

Project title: Advocating for Gender Equality at Local Level

Project leader: Women's Network of Croatia

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Partner 2: Domine – Organization for Promotion of Women's Rights Split

Partner 3: Association HERA for Protection and Promotion of Human Rights Križevci

Partner 4: Center for Support and Civil Society Development Delfin Pakrac

Partner 5: Inicijator Korenica

Partner 6: Association of Roma Women Better Future – Zagreb

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Project summary:

The project addresses challenges of gender inequality at the local level in Croatia, where women face alarming levels of violence, economic insecurity, and underrepresentation in decision-making processes, particularly at the local level. The European Commission's Gender Equality Strategy identifies three key areas: freedom from violence, a gender-equal economy, and equality in leadership positions. However, these principles have not been systematically analyzed or implemented in local policies in Croatia.

The general objective of the project is to promote the implementation of gender equality policies at the local level. The specific objective is to strengthen the capacities of local organizations through training on integrating gender equality principles into local policies and budgets, as well as analyzing local policies related to the key areas of the European Commission's Strategy.

The activities include:

- Conducting analyses of the implementation of gender equality principles in local policies, with a particular focus on the rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups;
- Organizing public discussions in local communities, including in municipalities with a development index below 100%, to facilitate dialogue between local organizations and authorities;
- Providing training for representatives of local organizations and authorities;
- Organizing a conference on best practices for implementing gender equality policies at the local level to raise awareness and promote successful models.



The project will contribute to empowering local organizations to advocate for gender equality, foster collaboration with local authorities, and raise awareness of the importance of integrating gender equality into policies and budgets. The multiplier effect will be achieved by involving a wide range of women's rights and civil society organizations, which will disseminate the acquired knowledge and information to their members and local communities.