

Project title: Healthy relationships

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Project summary:

Project “Healthy Relationships” is focused on the key problem of the lack of content from the field of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in school curricula, the lack of recognition of its importance by relevant stakeholders, and the stigma based on inaccurate information that’s surrounding CSE.

Key activities are research activities in primary and secondary schools with a focus on elements of CSE, advocacy for the introduction of CSE, and public awareness of the benefits of introducing CSE. Strengthening the capacity of CSOs contributes to sustainability, and collaborations during the project open up space for new national and bilateral collaborations with Norway in the broader field of organizations’ work. The applicant’s role is coordination and participation in activities, while partners from Croatia will participate in all elements of the project. This project will contribute to gender equality and the prevention of gender-based violence, as the CSE curriculum acts as a mechanism for the prevention of gender-based violence and violence in youth relationships, and breaks gender stereotypes and roles, which contributes to gender equality and the construction of a fairer and more inclusive society, especially for children and young people as vulnerable groups.

The general goal of the project:

- o Contribution to the introduction of comprehensive sexual education (CSE) in primary and secondary schools in the Republic of Croatia

Specific goals of the project:

- o Collect evidence for advocating the introduction of CSE in primary and secondary schools
- o Establish a dialogue with representatives of local and regional self-government units about the introduction of complete sex education in primary and secondary schools
- o Raise public awareness of the benefits of introducing CSE in primary and secondary schools