

Project title: Integration of Art – Art of Integration: Women to Women

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Link to relevant internet pages: <https://ziviattelje.dk/en/>

Project summary:

In the context of political conservatism, patriarchal trends, anti-migrant public sentiment, and a lack of support for cultural and integration programs, women often bear the brunt of societal challenges. Women in Croatia face the lingering impacts of war, patriarchal social structures, financial difficulties, and a lack of security, while migrant women additionally endure long-term trauma and limited access to language learning and employment opportunities compared to men.

This project focuses on community building, empowering women, and fostering integration through a dynamic and inclusive process involving all stakeholders. The main goals are to enhance the knowledge and skills of refugees and asylum-seeking women as vulnerable groups, strengthen their agency, and engage the local community in integration processes.

Activities include:

- Weekly workshops on ceramics and glassmaking, product design, legislative theater, and horizontal skill-sharing;
- Public initiatives such as traveling exhibitions, interactive workshops, cooking sessions, and the creation of a handbook;
- Development of a website as a platform to disseminate results and share best practices.

An analysis of European Action Plans and UNHCR's Global Appeal outcomes highlights the importance of continuous support for migrants to achieve sustainable integration opportunities. Accordingly, the project involves migrant women as active participants and collaborators through a participatory approach, contributing to their empowerment and the long-term sustainability of the project.

This project promotes an inclusive vision of integration by leveraging creative and practical activities to connect the local community and migrant women, laying the foundation for a dynamic and compassionate society.