

Project title: Let's light the spark for inclusion together!

Project leader: Association Green Istria

Partner 1: Association of persons with physical disabilities of southern Istria

Partner 2: School for Training and Education – Pula

Partner 3: Pula Gymnasium

Partner 4: University of Acureyri, Iceland

Partner 5: Association of Women Vukovar

Partner 6: Association of parents of children with disabilities „Vukovar Butterflies“

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Project summary:

The project addresses the social exclusion of children with developmental difficulties, their parents, and persons with disabilities from community gardens and socio-political life in Pula and Vukovar. This exclusion is shared by other citizens and civil society organizations, leading to unjust communities lacking systemic support for vulnerable groups and plagued by prejudice.

The overall goal of the project is to improve living conditions, achieve equality and inclusion for vulnerable groups, and ensure civic participation and participatory democracy in Pula and Vukovar. The project includes:

1. **An advocacy public campaign** involving the creation of guidelines for inclusive and participatory decision-making and the production of a documentary film promoting the guidelines. The film will premiere at public forums with key stakeholders from both cities.
2. **Implementation of inclusion and participation in community gardens and the local community** through a program of garden development and activities. This includes developing a new method for inclusive planning of community gardens, applying it in practice, volunteer actions, and inclusive gardening workshops.

All project partners equally contribute to achieving these goals, with the method and guidelines as key results. Based on universal design, these tools are adaptable and replicable for other communities and topics.

The project fosters inclusion, volunteerism, and the empowerment of civil society and vulnerable groups while laying the foundations for participatory democracy.