

**Project title:** My Rainbow Family

**Project leader:** Rainbow Families Croatia

**Partners:** FRI - National Association for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender People

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**Link to relevant internet pages:** <https://www.dugineobitelji.com/>

**Project summary:**

The "My Rainbow Family" (MDO) project is implemented by the association Dugine obitelji with the aim of continuing the publication of the "MDO" children's book series and organizing accompanying activities focused on education and public campaigns. The project seeks to raise societal awareness about LGBTIQ+ individuals, with a special emphasis on LGBTIQ+ parents, their children, and same-sex parenting.

The primary goal of the project is to strengthen the social integration of children with same-sex parents and promote tolerance and respect for diversity in society. The children's books were created to address the need for greater visibility of LGBTIQ+ parenting in the Croatian public sphere, primarily among preschool-aged children, their parents, and the broader public. Through an inclusive and non-confrontational approach, the project facilitates dialogue on topics such as sexual orientation and gender identity.

Past activities related to the publication and distribution of the books have demonstrated significant potential in promoting LGBTIQ+ rights, empowering their human rights, sensitizing the public, and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The continuation of the project aims to expand the network of supporters through educational initiatives, public campaigns (including crowdfunding), and other activities, further influencing public opinion and the acceptance of LGBTIQ+ individuals.

As part of the project, collaboration is planned with a Norwegian partner with 70 years of experience in this field, which will strengthen the capacities of Dugine obitelji and transfer valuable knowledge. The project is especially significant for children growing up in rainbow families in Croatia, as it provides them with a positive representation of their families, empowers them through didactic materials, and fosters social acceptance of their families.

The "My Rainbow Family" project represents an important step towards a more inclusive society based on respect for diversity and equal rights for all.