

**Project title:** Neighborhood community centers

**Project leader:** Expanse of Gender and Media Culture 'Common Zone'

**Partner 1:** Foundation Mutual Path

**Partner 2:** Association Vestigium

**Partner 3:** JM Norway

**Project implementation period:** October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023

**Project total value:** 87.608,79 €

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**Link to relevant internet pages:** <https://voxfeminae.net/udruga-k-zona/>

**Project summary:**

The community support and service delivery system has been destabilized by the prolonged crisis, disproportionately affecting vulnerable groups. Simultaneously, there is a growing wave of citizen solidarity and a shift in urban dynamics focusing on urban neighbourhoods. The project aims to strengthen local community capacities by developing a collaboration model between citizens and civil society organizations, with a specific focus on neighbourhoods. Four Community Centers are being established in three city districts using the infrastructure of project partners. These Centers will enhance support for vulnerable groups such as LGBTIQ+ individuals, youth, and the elderly through networking of CSOs and citizen activation. Collaboration with a Norwegian partner will facilitate the adoption of successful international community work practices. The developed Community Centers model will be replicated in 8 local committees and ensure sustainability through engagement with city authorities. Future expansion of the Network is planned for the Brezovica area.