

Project title: New approaches to antifascist and peace heritage in education and contemporary art practices

Project leader: Apoteka – Space for Contemporary Art

Partner 1: Documenta – Center for Dealing with the Past

Partner 2: The Alliance of Anti-Fascists and Anti-Fascist Fighters of Primorsko-goranska County

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Link to relevant internet pages: <https://www.apotekapsu.hr/hr/about/>

Project summary:

The project aims to educate young people about the anti-fascist resistance (1941–1945) and peace initiatives of the 1990s, improve education for democratic and active citizenship, and promote the recognition of the rights of civilian victims of World War II in the Istria and Primorje-Gorski Kotar regions. It also contributes to strengthening democratic culture, civic awareness, and transparency in the allocation of grants.

By connecting the development of educational programs with commemorative walks, small exhibitions, artistic interventions, and consultations, the project focuses on key historical events of the 20th century. Additional activities include preparing educational-cultural routes and exploring the potential for museum exhibits.

Planned activities:

- Organization of 4 commemorative walks (Vodnjan, Mrkopalj);
- Screening of 2 films and hosting 1 exhibition;
- Online presentation of the educational program for teachers and youth workers;
- Creation of 1 digital publication with educational materials;
- Hosting 4 consultations in Pula and Rijeka and 4 meetings with local authorities;
- Organization of 4 public lectures;
- Conducting 1 analysis of transparency and preparing recommendations to improve decision-making in the allocation of public grants;
- Implementation of 4 online campaigns.

The project is targeted at young people, national minorities, and witnesses of World War II. A key value of the project lies in fostering intergenerational dialogue by involving WWII survivors in commemorative walks, lectures, and consultations. It also advocates for the rights of civilian victims of WWII, whose legal status remains inadequately addressed.

This initiative provides an innovative approach to historical education, strengthening civic engagement, and promoting democratic values and justice for marginalized groups.