

Project title: Platform for development of school volunteering

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Project summary:

The project "Platform for the Development of School Volunteering" aims to systematize the long-standing practice and efforts of the project team, as well as educational institutions in the Sisak-Moslavina County (SMŽ), in the development of school volunteer clubs through the establishment of a Platform. The Platform will consist of schools that already have volunteer clubs, as well as those schools interested in developing such extracurricular activities.

Through the continuous implementation of activities by the project team and educational institutions, the need for synergistic collaboration and the integration of different competencies and knowledge through cooperative learning and collaboration between the educational and civil sectors has been recognized. The Platform will serve as a space for exchange, innovation, capacity building, new projects, and tailored professional development for teachers in areas such as human rights, civic activism, social justice, social inclusion, interculturalism, and other topics related to civic engagement.

The core of the school Volunteer Club's work will be the collaborative (co-creative) work of teachers and students in identifying the needs and issues within the community, finding the best solutions, and implementing concrete actions. The development of the volunteer club will be tested at the Sisak Vocational School, which will serve as the pilot school, and innovative methods and approaches designed through the Platform will be applied and tested in practice.

The development of active citizenship among youth is crucial for the development of civil, social, and economic cohesion, as well as strengthening civic awareness in Sisak-Moslavina County, which has been burdened by long-standing neglect and recent crises, such as the earthquake and the pandemic.