

**Project title:** Policies of Local Peacebuilding

**Project leader:** Regional Address for Nonviolent Activities

**Partner 1:** Politics of Non-Violence Educational Institution

**Partner 2:** Centre for Studies of Peace and Conflicts, University of Rijeka

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**Link to relevant internet pages:** <https://www.rand.hr/>

**Project summary:**

The *Local Peacebuilding Policies* project addresses the challenges posed by ecological and political crises, which hinder the advancement of human rights protection and threaten existing protection standards. These crises primarily affect socially, economically, and politically vulnerable groups, such as refugees, the poor, and rural populations. The project promotes nonviolent and peacebuilding approaches as effective solutions for addressing acute and chronic issues in local communities, while building the capacity of local government decision-makers for nonviolent and peace-oriented problem-solving.

Key activities of the project include:

- Developing a curriculum for basic and advanced training on nonviolence policies;
- Conducting training sessions for decision-makers in local communities;
- Implementing dialogue forums as a method for resolving political conflicts in four local communities;
- Providing continuous mentoring support to training participants through a mentoring lab.

The project also involves the evaluation of educational content and research on nonviolent and peacebuilding practices, engaging both political actors and representatives of civil society.

This initiative contributes to strengthening the capacity of local communities to resolve conflicts nonviolently, promotes peacebuilding and social cohesion, and raises awareness of human rights protection in the context of contemporary crises.