

Project title: RIGHT application

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Partner 1: Center for Civic Initiatives Poreč

Partner 2: DKolektiv - an organization for social development

Partner 3: Center for Social Development, Research and Innovation - INOVA

Partner 4: Secondary School of Tourism and Catering Anton Stifanic, Poreč

Partner 5: Industrial and craft school Pula

Partner 6: Nikola Tesla Technical School Vukovar

Partner 7: Ruđer Bošković Technical School and Science High School Osijek

Partner 8: Āretta Junior high school

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Project summary:

The foundation of civic literacy is knowledge of human rights and their realization. Analyzing the curriculum of 11 subjects and 7 cross-curricular topics (Bajkuša, 2019), it was found that the human rights dimension of civic education is underrepresented in comparison to other dimensions. Research on political literacy of high school graduates in Croatia (Baketa, Bovan, and Matić Bojić, 2021) shows that the type of secondary school program remains a key factor for political knowledge, awareness, and political socialization of young people, with the civic competencies of vocational school students being less developed compared to students of general education programs.

High school students from vocational schools in Istria and Eastern Croatia come from multicultural, smaller, rural environments, and in the case of Eastern Croatia, from socio-economically disadvantaged areas. Therefore, it is essential to make additional efforts to enhance the knowledge and competencies of young people and their teachers in the area of human rights, their promotion and protection, and to better prepare them to take on the role of responsible citizens.

Through this project, we aim to influence the development and strengthening of civic competencies in both teachers and high school students through education, networking, and exchange of experiences. Additionally, by developing a mobile application and disseminating it to a wide range of end users, we aim to strengthen and foster democratic culture and civic engagement among young people.