

**Project title: Strengthening the protection system and empowerment of communities for recognising and comparing hate speech in Croatia**

**Project leader:** Human Rights House Zagreb

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**Project summary:**

The project is aimed at formulating a holistic approach to combating hate speech, which will achieve long-term social changes in the area of the right to protection from discrimination and freedom of expression. Hate speech is a persistent problem that continues to grow, and there is a lack of systematic research and monitoring to address it. Institutions do not have a systematic approach, and citizens have difficulty identifying channels for reporting hate speech to the relevant authorities.

The project's goal is to develop a comprehensive approach to this issue, which includes activities for monitoring the occurrence of hate speech and its narratives, analyzing the implementation of recommendations from international human rights bodies for combating hate speech, and the development and advocacy of an Action Plan to combat hate speech. By involving CSOs in the creation and advocacy for the implementation of the Action Plan, the advocacy role of civil society will be strengthened. The project will also achieve a multiplying effect, as the developed methods, analyses, tools, and approaches for empowering vulnerable groups can be applied by other CSOs and institutions.

The project ensures the right of all citizens to participate in social and political life, especially members of minority and vulnerable social groups, who are the most frequent victims of hate speech. Through educational activities to empower vulnerable groups and the CSOs working with them, as well as a media campaign, vulnerable groups will be further strengthened to recognize and report hate speech. Additionally, training will be provided for professionals in the field of combating hate speech (State Attorney's Office, police), to raise capacities for addressing hate speech from a human rights perspective.