

**Project title:** Temida – capacity building for CSOs to protect the human rights of women in prison

**Project leader:** Creative social work association

**Partner 1:** Parents in Action

**Partner 2:** Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences

**Partner 3:** Faculty of Law, Social Work Study Centre

**Partner 4:** KUN Centre for Equality and Diversity

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

**Project summary:**

Accepting that individuals who commit crimes can also be victims of human rights violations during imprisonment is challenging. However, women in prisons often face discrimination based on gender, age, and ethnicity. Due to stigma and negative public attitudes, they lack advocates, rarely report rights violations, and receive limited support from CSOs.

The Association for Creative Social Work, in partnership with the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, Roda Association, and Norwegian KUN Association, is implementing the "Temida" project to strengthen CSOs' capacities to support women prisoners' human rights and empower 24 women and minors in Požega, who face unequal treatment in resocialization processes.

Activities include:

- Developing advocacy tools such as thematic reports, comparative analyses, and meetings with decision-makers, including parliamentary visits to the prison.
- Working with prisoners on rights related to parenting, reproductive health, and employment.
- Conducting research on discrimination among female prisoners and minors, involving student volunteers.

The project aims to influence public and decision-maker attitudes towards better protection of vulnerable groups of female prisoners and minors. CSOs will strengthen their advocacy and networking capacities, gaining better insight into the challenges faced by women in conflict with the law, particularly Roma women.

Based on these experiences, penology curricula at partner faculties will be expanded, directly impacting educational outcomes and raising student awareness about the issues of women in the criminal justice system.