

Project title: With rainbow colors to mental health

Project leader: Association for improvement of mental health „Vrapčiči“

Partner 1: FRI - The Norwegian Organisation for Sexual and Gender Diversity

Partner 2: koleKTIRV | For the rights of trans, intersex and gender variant persons

Partner 3: Information legal centre

Partner 4: F.O.R.T.E.S. – Center for Democratic Development and Inclusion

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

Project summary:

According to data from the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, 60% of LGBTIQ individuals in Croatia have felt discriminated against or stigmatized due to their sexual orientation. LGBTIQ people in Croatian society are often subjected to violence, discrimination, and minority stress, negatively impacting their quality of life and leading to persistent psychosocial difficulties. In eastern Croatia (Slavonia), there are no associations, movements, or services dedicated to the protection and support of LGBTIQ individuals, further contributing to their invisibility, low self-esteem, and feelings of insecurity.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Empower psychosocial service providers and counselors to work with the LGBTIQ population.
- Establish a support platform for LGBTIQ individuals in eastern Croatia.

This project aims to lay the groundwork for developing services and content tailored to this vulnerable and marginalized group, providing them with visibility, support, and a safer environment to realize their rights and dignity.