

## "YOUTH COUNCILS – WHAT'S NEXT?"

Project Lead: Info zona

### Partners:

- Association "Delta" <https://udruga-delta.hr/>
- Association of Cities of the Republic of Croatia <http://www.udruga-gradova.hr>
- Municipality of Lindesness <http://www.lindesnes.kommune.no>

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### Project Summary:

Info zona is a non-governmental, non-profit youth organization that increases youth awareness, provides support for their development, participates in shaping youth policies, and fosters cross-sectoral cooperation to promote youth social inclusion.

The project "Youth Councils – What's Next?" addresses the insufficient involvement of young people in decision-making processes. The majority of cities, municipalities, and counties in Croatia have not established youth councils in accordance with the Youth Councils Act, or, if they exist, they do not function effectively. Furthermore, there are no mechanisms in place to monitor youth participation.

The project activities are therefore focused on strengthening the advocacy position of civil society organizations and enhancing meaningful youth participation in advisory bodies at the local and regional levels. Based on the results of a conducted study on the current situation and needs, expert guidelines for advocacy will be developed. Additionally, guidelines and tools for the creation, monitoring, and evaluation of youth programs will be designed, presented to the target audience and the general public, and used in youth council training sessions.

Through bilateral cooperation, the experiences, knowledge, and best practices of the Norwegian partner, Municipality of Lindesness, will be applied. As project partners, Association "Delta" will coordinate research activities, while advocacy efforts will be led by the Association of Cities of the Republic of Croatia.