

**Project title:** Youth for Active Citizenship

**Project leader:** Life Quality Enhancement Institute

**Partner 1:** Adult Education Institution Studium

**Partner 2:** Citizens Foundation Iceland

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**Link to relevant internet pages:** <https://iukz.com.hr/>

**Project summary:**

The aim of this project is to strengthen the democratic culture and civic awareness of young people while empowering civil society organizations (CSOs) to enhance their capacities and improve the overall state of the local community. The project focuses on engaging 25 unemployed young individuals from the Vukovar-Srijem County (VSŽ) and equipping them with soft and transversal skills, along with valuable knowledge through participation in a targeted program on active citizenship and sustainability across three key areas.

In VSŽ, there is a notable initiative and desire for active involvement in the development of the local community and civil society. However, CSOs face numerous challenges, including limited financial capacities and insufficient resources for capacity-building activities. This project directly addresses these challenges by strengthening the capacities of CSOs and disseminating acquired knowledge and skills among project participants as well as other CSOs in VSŽ and beyond.

The project activities will include:

- Organizing and implementing training sessions for enhancing soft and transversal skills.
- Conducting a public campaign to raise awareness about civic engagement.
- Creating and promoting content on social media and establishing an online database of best practices in civic engagement.
- Developing a skills enhancement program in collaboration with the partner organization, Studium Institute.
- Participating in a workshop conducted by Citizens Foundation Iceland to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and skills.

This project contributes to the sustainable development of civil society through collaboration, education, and the promotion of active citizenship. It aims to foster the long-term engagement of young people in their local communities and enhance the capacities of CSOs within VSŽ and beyond.