

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 1 – SMALL AND MEDIUM PROJECTS

MEDIUM PROJECTS

13. Local Democracy Agency Sisak: Live equality, celebrate diversity!

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The project **“Live Equality, Celebrate Diversity!”** addresses the lack of developed civil society organizations (CSOs) that act as a driving force for change in the promotion and protection of human rights in **Sisak** and the **Sisak-Moslavina County (SMC)**. Insufficient visibility and sustainability of CSOs implementing integration programs have led to inconsistent integration programs for migrants, limited understanding of European values and the role of associations in fostering a democratic society, and reduced opportunities for civic participation and civil society development. The insufficient number of CSOs systematically working on fostering a culture of peace and protecting human rights in SMC further hampers the promotion and protection of these values in local communities.

The project focuses on solving these issues at three interconnected levels:

1. **Strengthening the advocacy capacities** of CSOs and public institutions regarding European values, democracy, and the role of associations in societal development.
2. A **campaign** highlighting the work of CSOs in SMC and their importance in building a **solidary and inclusive community**, informing citizens about the concrete activities of local associations that advocate for human rights, European values, and migrant integration into the community.
3. An **advocacy campaign** proposing that the **Day of Diversity** be officially proclaimed by the **City Council of Sisak**.

Expected Project Results:

1. **Strengthened capacities of CSOs and public institutions in SMC** for advocating the needs of migrants and citizens, promoting integration based on building a culture of peace, solidarity, and inclusivity:
 - **8 CSOs** trained in advocating for European values to address local community needs for migrant integration through inclusive policies.

- **5 CSOs** from SMC actively participated in the project's advocacy activities (online campaign, NGO and Institution Fair, and advocacy for the proclamation of the Day of Diversity in Sisak).
 - **70% of participating CSOs** reported concrete positive impacts on their advocacy capacities.
 - A new **advocacy partnership** was established between the project holder, SMC-based CSOs, and an experienced national advocacy CSO operating at the EU level to strengthen capacities, enhance effectiveness, and ensure lasting collaboration on promoting European values.
 - **1 advocacy manual** on European values was published on project partners' websites.
 - **10 media publications** (on other CSOs' online platforms or specialized/general media) featured the advocacy manual with links to its content.
 - **50 independent views or downloads** of the advocacy manual from partners' websites.
2. **Increased number of SMC citizens informed about the work of CSOs and their role in building a solidary and inclusive community:**
- **30,000 citizens** reached through the online campaign and **300 participants** engaged through the NGO and Institution Fair.
 - **20 CSOs and institutions** presented their work at the fair.
 - **300 citizens** attended the NGO and Institution Fair of Diversity.
 - The online campaign reached **30,000 citizens** with **1,000 interactions** (likes, comments, shares, and supportive posts).
 - **15 media publications** in local and national media promoted the online campaign and the NGO and Institution Fair.
3. **An advocacy campaign conducted and dialogue initiated with local authorities to proclaim the Day of Diversity in Sisak:**
- Development of **1 advocacy document** – a Proposal to Proclaim the Day of Diversity in Sisak – submitted to the local government (Mayor and City Council) for review, discussion, and adoption.
 - **3 advocacy meetings** held with local decision-makers (Mayor and City Council representatives from at least two political options).
 - **15 organizations, institutions, and public figures** publicly expressed their support for the proposal.
 - **1 public discussion** (a roundtable event) held on the topic of proclaiming the Day of Diversity in Sisak, involving representatives of local authorities.
 - **1 formal written response** from local authorities (Mayor and/or City Council) on the submitted advocacy proposal.