

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 3 – CROSSBORDER COOPERATION PROJECTS

3. SUMA - Association for Sustainable Development: SLO4CRO: Building capacities for participation

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The project builds upon the initiative "**YOUTH4SDGs: Youth for Sustainable Development in Podravina**" with the aim of strengthening the **SUMA Association** and youth in the field of sustainable development through active participation in social and political activities. Through a **study visit to Slovenia**, panel discussions, and promotion, the project will connect youth and decision-makers from Podravina with innovative practices such as **participatory budgeting** and youth centers. This will popularize models of **civic participation** and enable the transfer of knowledge from Slovenia to local communities in Croatia, enhancing motivation and capacities for citizen engagement.

Expected Results

- **Strengthened capacities of the SUMA Association for popularizing active citizenship:**
 - Participation of **3 members of the SUMA Association** in the study visit.
 - **At least 5 collaborations** established with local and regional self-governments (LRSGs) and CSOs.
 - **1 panel discussion** organized with participants upon return from the study visit.
- **Improved understanding of civic participation processes among decision-makers and youth:**
 - **9 decision-makers** (from LRSGs and CSOs) included in the study visit.
 - **5 youth representatives** (youth councils, student council representatives, and youth organizations) involved.
 - **20 participants** attended the panel discussion.
 - **75% of participants** demonstrated better understanding of participation processes before and after the study visit.
 - **Media coverage** of the project included **4 publications** in public media outlets.