

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 1 – SMALL AND MEDIUM PROJECTS

SMALL PROJECTS

4. CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND LAW MIKO TRIPALO: I4V – STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE RULE OF LAW IN CROATIA

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This project will strengthen the advocacy/watchdog role of civil society organizations in the Republic of Croatia for the improvement and promotion of the rule of law as one of the fundamental values of the EU. This objective will be achieved through the following activities: formation of informal coordination of CSOs for the rule of law and participation in the preparation of the EC Report on the rule of law for 2024, strengthening the capacity of CSOs for watchdog and advocacy work on the rule of law, dissemination of the Report on the rule of law rights and advocacy for the implementation of recommendations, monitoring the implementation of recommendations from the EC Rule of Law Report and participation in the preparation of the EC Rule of Law Report for 2025. In this way, the project will influence national policies that thematically cover challenges related to the rule of law in the context of human rights and the functioning of the democratic system as three inseparable pillars on which modern European democratic society rests. This would significantly contribute to the protection and respect of fundamental European values in Croatia.

Expected project results:

- **Strengthened advocacy capacities of CSOs in the area of the rule of law** through the participation of at least 10 civil society organizations (CSOs) in the work of informal coordination of CSOs for the rule of law during the project, at least 30 representatives of CSOs participated in exchanges of experiences with related CSOs from other EU member states, at least 5 CSOs actively participate in the advocacy process. In addition, a publicly published shorter policy document or written contribution on good European practices of advocating the rule of law based on held exchanges of experiences with CSOs from of other EU countries and the experiences of the advocacy coalition which was disseminated to at least 200 email addresses of relevant CSOs throughout the Republic of Croatia (100) and the EU (100), permanent peer cooperation with at least 3 CSOs from other EU countries was achieved during the duration of the project.
- **Increased scope of public debate and dialogue with government institutions related to the issue of the rule of law in the Republic of Croatia as a fundamental European value and the backbone of public policies** through two prepared and publicly published analyses (in Croatian and in English) on the implementation of the recommendations of the EC at the level

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of the Republic of Croatia in the area of the rule of law based on the conducted monitoring, 4 thematic public discussions on the rule of law were conducted, which resulted in 4 written reviews of each of the four pillars of the report on the rule of law, analyses on the implementation of recommendations disseminated to the official addresses of at least 20 relevant institutions in the Republic of Croatia and the EU, reports on the rule of law and monitoring of recommendations, as well as reviews of the conducted public debates were disseminated to the official addresses of at least 20 relevant institutions in the Republic of Croatia and the EU, a minimum of 40 representatives of CSOs and institutions responded and participated in public debates in organization of the advocacy coalition for the rule of law, discussions on the report on the rule of law proposed as agenda items at least 3 sessions of relevant public bodies, dialogue with government institutions regarding 5 national policies and proposals for advocacy measures coalition, at least 15 media publications that refer to the findings and recommendations of published reports, and reviews, public debates and other advocacy activities during the project.