

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 2 – ACTIONS FOR DEFENDING EU VALUES

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Through the project, we plan to influence parliamentary clubs and the representatives themselves to support policy proposals related to the Amendment and Supplementation of the Foreigners Act, which is expected to be discussed in the Parliament by the end of this year or the beginning of next year. The changes proposed in the draft law that was subject to public consultation are insufficient and unsatisfactory, and many issues remain even after the new law is passed. The most significant problems include the inflexibility of residence and work permits for foreigners, which are tied exclusively to a single employer, violations of rights, and a lack of information for workers who find themselves in a vulnerable position, as well as partial non-compliance with EU directives that allow for much more flexible regulation of the residence of foreign workers. All of this results in workers being placed in situations where they are required to leave Croatia not due to their own fault, but because of circumstances beyond their control.

Main Project Goals:

- Comparative analysis of examples from other European countries with successful systems of flexible work permits.
- Policy proposals with specific changes needed in the regulations regarding residence and work permits. Greater flexibility for residence and work permits that are not tied to an employer will also be proposed.
- Building a coalition to support the business community.
- Engaging decision-makers through working meetings with relevant stakeholders.

Expected Project Results:

1. Secured support for the amendment of the proposal for the Amendment and Supplementation of the Foreigners Act – at least 2 parliamentary clubs have proposed amendments based on the association's proposal.
2. Documented cases of human rights violations and discrimination against foreign workers related to the advocacy focus of the action, as well as provided support to these workers in the restitution process.

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