

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 1 – SMALL AND MEDIUM PROJECTS

MEDIUM PROJECTS

6. Lesbian Organisation Rijeka - LORI: Safety and Equality in Classrooms

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Schools are often not safe spaces for young people who are “different.” Due to their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, **LGBTIQ+ youth** (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer individuals) are at a greater risk of experiencing peer violence, negative experiences during schooling, and minority stress. A non-supportive school climate negatively impacts students' health and academic performance and often leaves long-term consequences on the mental and physical well-being of young people.

The overall goal of the project "**Safety and Equality in School Desks**" is to improve practices of inclusivity, equality, and non-discrimination in education and to ensure support for LGBTIQ+ youth.

The project aims to raise awareness about the negative experiences that LGBTIQ+ youth face in schools and highlight the importance of creating an accepting and inclusive environment. Project activities include the development of a **Handbook for teaching staff** on how to prevent violence experienced by young people due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression, as well as on providing support to LGBTIQ+ students. Additionally, to reduce derogatory language and increase the acceptance of LGBTIQ+ students in schools, a **campaign, panel discussion, and educational activities** for students and teaching staff will be implemented.

Expected Project Results:

Increased capacity of educational institutions to combat LGBTI-phobic language and peer violence

- **20 teachers** will be trained on methods to prevent violence in schools and provide support to LGBTIQ+ students.
- We expect that at least half of the trained teachers will conduct similar educational activities in their schools, reaching at least **120 students**.
- A **Handbook for teaching staff** on preventing violence experienced by LGBTIQ+ youth will be developed and distributed to **750 educational institutions**.

Increased awareness among youth and the wider public in Primorje-Gorski Kotar County about the harm caused by LGBTI-phobic language and violence and the importance of reporting it.

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- This will be achieved through an **online public campaign**, a **panel discussion** on LGBTIQ-phobia in the education system, and educational activities conducted by trained teachers.
- We expect that at least **75% of the participating youth** will have a better understanding of the issue of LGBTI-phobic language and violence and be more willing to report it.

Empowered and supported 20 LGBTIQ+ youth in exercising their rights.

- This will be achieved by providing **free psychological and legal support** to **20 LGBTIQ+ youth**.