

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 1 – SMALL AND MEDIUM PROJECTS

MEDIUM PROJECTS

8. Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Croatia: Youth remembers the forgotten

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The project aims to address a concerning societal issue: the rise of **nationalism among youth**. In Croatia, many young people have limited knowledge about war crimes committed by the Croatian side due to a lack of open and honest discussions about the past, particularly the wars. This lack of dialogue leads to issues such as hatred toward certain minority groups and violations of their basic human rights.

The project seeks to create a **new generation of young people** who will understand these issues and have the courage to talk about them. They will learn how to recognize and question nationalist attitudes and how to promote **peace, understanding, and respect** among people of different backgrounds. The project will equip young people with the knowledge and skills to become **advocates for peace and human rights**, acting as leaders in their communities and driving positive change.

The goal of the project is simple – to create a **better tomorrow** where people of diverse backgrounds live together in **peace and respect**. This means everyone can be proud of their identity while also respecting the identity of others in their community. Additionally, it aims to develop awareness and empathy for **innocent victims** of the opposing side during the wars.

Expected Project Results:

1. **An increased number of young people in Croatia** who critically understand the events of the 1990s wars and actively question **nationalist narratives and ethnic divisions**.
 - At least **15 young people** from Croatia will successfully complete the **School of Transitional Justice** program, gaining knowledge, skills, and competencies in **advocacy** and **monitoring** the implementation of transitional justice mechanisms.
 - Additionally, the project will increase the number of young people in Croatia participating for the first time in the **inclusive practices** of the Croatian activist network *Youth Initiative for Human Rights* by engaging **at least 25 new young participants** in the network's meetings and activities.
2. **Increased public awareness** about the importance of an **inclusive culture of remembrance** that focuses on victims.

- Through the "**Youth Remember the Forgotten**" public campaign, which will include an **offline exhibition in Zagreb**, the project aims to reach **130,000 people** and highlight the importance of confronting the past responsibly for every citizen.
3. **Increased public awareness of institutional responsibilities** for addressing the past through **transitional justice mechanisms**.
- The project will monitor the application of transitional justice mechanisms and produce an **annual report** on transitional justice in Croatia.
 - A **policy brief** will be developed to assess the degree of implementation of transitional justice mechanisms in Croatia, with a particular focus on their impact on youth. This brief will be used in meetings with relevant officials at the European and international levels.
 - Through public statements, inquiries to the **Ministry of Veterans**, and public awareness efforts regarding specific sites, the project will **advocate against the construction of the HVO museum** at the site of the **Heliodrom camp**.