

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 2 – ACTIONS FOR DEFENDING EU VALUES

10. Association for improving the quality of life "Get to life" – Save our bay

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Project description

The project "Save Our Bay" was launched to protect the Dajla-Karigador bay from the planned construction of several ports with at least 310 berths. According to available information, similar projects are planned in other bays along the Adriatic coast, including areas that enjoy a certain level of protection.

Experiences from other places indicate that, despite announcements of the allocation of communal berths to the local population, some projects have resulted in the development of ports that, according to available information, largely meet commercial needs. With this project, we want to contribute to the preservation of the natural values of the Adriatic coast and the quality of life of the local community, protect strictly protected plant and animal species, and preserve cultural and archaeological heritage.

The project activities are aimed at informing and involving citizens, other initiatives and associations through the sharing of verified information, encouraging active participation, and taking legal and advocacy steps for the purpose of preserving the Adriatic coast and promoting sustainable development.

The ultimate goal of the project is to establish a constructive dialogue with decision-makers in order to ensure transparency of the process and the involvement of the local community in spatial planning. We also advocate convening a thematic session of the parliamentary committee for environmental protection with concrete proposals for improving coastal management practices, with the aim of protecting not only "our" bay, but also other endangered bays along the Adriatic coast.

Expected project results:

1. Citizens of Dajla/Novigrad and surrounding towns are informed about the problem and motivated to actively participate in solving it, and support for the Dajla Citizens' Initiative in the fight for nature conservation and legal action has increased. This will be achieved through:

- ♣ A thematic online campaign to raise awareness of the issue of port reconstruction and construction projects with a focus on the Dajla port (at least 5,000 views through various communication channels);

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- ♣ Statements and proposals sent to competent institutions (at least 3);
- ♣ Involving initiatives and associations (at least 6) from other towns in the campaign and in writing statements and proposals on port reconstruction and construction projects;
- ♣ A webinar on port reconstruction and construction projects;
- ♣ A field tour of the planned Dajla-Belveder port location that will be organized by locals (at least 50) on the occasion of Earth Day.

2. Open dialogue with decision-makers and local government representatives. This will be achieved through:

- ♣ Participation of representatives of associations and initiatives (minimum 10) at the thematic session of the Committee for Environmental and Nature Protection of the Croatian Parliament (minimum 10 members of the Committee, minimum 2 representatives of relevant Ministries, minimum 2 relevant experts);
- ♣ Formulation of proposals (minimum 3) for improving planning and decision-making on the construction and reconstruction of ports;
- ♣ Presentation of these proposals to those elected in the local elections in May 2025 at the local and county level (mayor, president of the city council, county councilors - at least 2 representatives of the initiative participate).