

## THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

### CALL 3 – CROSSBORDER COOPERATION PROJECTS

#### 5. Association for the care of autistic persons Rijeka - The Right to a Voice in Pregnancy"

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<b>Partner organization</b>	Institute Umbilica

**Objective:** The aim of the project "**The Right to a Voice in Pregnancy**" is to strengthen capacities and exchange knowledge across countries in order to provide adequate support to women and pregnant women with autism spectrum disorder and/or speech-language and communication difficulties, with a special emphasis on the health context of pregnancy and prenatal care. The project aims to develop specific communication tools (bilingual digital cards) and to strengthen related organizations through international cooperation for better health care and accessibility for this vulnerable group of women.

**The project focuses** on strengthening capacities and international knowledge exchange to provide adequate support to women and pregnant women with autism spectrum disorder and/or speech-language and communication difficulties, with a special emphasis on the health context of pregnancy and prenatal care. The project aims to develop specific communication tools (bilingual digital cards) and strengthen cooperation between Croatia and Slovenia in order to improve health care and accessibility for this vulnerable group of women that is often neglected. The focus is also on the inclusion of high-functioning people with autism, using the principles of assisted communication and adapted materials for communication with health professionals. Activities include a study visit to the Slovenian partner Institute Umbilica for knowledge transfer, the development and adaptation of communication cards for the stages of pregnancy, and the dissemination of results through digital channels and networking with other organizations

#### **Expected results:**

- Result 1: Strengthened capacities of the organization in working with women on the autism spectrum. Study visit to the partner organization Umbilica Institute (1), employees of the beneficiary organization (2) trained to work with women and pregnant women on the autism spectrum.
- Result 2: Improved support system for women and pregnant women on the autism spectrum throughout all stages of pregnancy. Creation of new communication cards intended for pregnant women, midwives and breastfeeding women with autism and/or speech-language difficulties (3), adapted and localized Slovenian cards for Croatian users. New and adapted

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cards disseminated to 15 relevant institutions, civil society organizations in Croatia, 2 publications on the websites of beneficiary and partner. Number of publications on project activities on social networks (5) with a minimum reach of 1000. Peer-to-peer online meeting held with 3 Slovenian organizations (1).