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**CERV - CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION - TOWN TWINNING**

**KLANJEC (CROATIA) | 3-6 OCTOBER 2024.**

HOST:



TOWN KLANJEC



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## RIJEČ DOBRODOŠLICE

Dragi sudionici i dragi građani

U ime Grada Klanjca i svih njegovih stanovnika želim vam dobrodošlicu u naš grad uz iskrenu radost, poštovanje i privrženost vrijednostima demokracije i europskih integracija koje zajedno dijelimo.

U okviru „PROGRAMA CERV - BRATIMLJENJE GRADOVA“ tijekom četverodnevog susreta u našem gradu, predstavnici 13 zemalja raspravljat će o nizu kriznih pitanja koja su uključena u europsku političku agendu. Tako će kroz prezentacije i rasprave imati priliku i mogućnost razmjene ideja, mišljenja i interakcije na europskoj razini.

Ovim putem zahvaljujemo svim predstavnicima gradova i općina i ostalim organizacijama na pomoći i aktivnom sudjelovanju u realizaciji ovog projekta u organizaciji Grada Klanjca.

Dopustite mi da vam poželim puno sreće u radu na ovom važnom susretu te vas pozivam da kroz rasprave, prezentacije i druge aktivnosti kreativno sudjelujete sa svojim idejama za dobrobit demokracije, međusobnog razumijevanja i solidarnosti.

**Zlatko Brlek**  
Gradonačelnik Grada Klanjca

### GREETINGS

Dear participants and dear citizens

On behalf of the Town Klanjec and all its inhabitants, I welcome you to our city with great joy, respect and commitment to the values of democracy and European integration.

In the framework of the „PROGRAM CERV - TOWN TWINNING“ during the four days meeting in the our city, the representatives of the 13 countries will discuss a number of critical issues included in the European political agenda. They will thus have opportunity and possibility to share ideas, exchange views and interact at European level through presentations and discussions.

We would like to thank all the municipal representatives and other entities for their assistance and active participation in the event of this project organized by the Town Klanjec.

Allow me to wish you good luck in the work of this important meeting and to encourage you through discussions, presentations and other activities to participate creatively with your ideas for the good of democracy, mutual understanding and solidarity.

**Zlatko Brlek**  
Mayor of Town Klanjec



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## GRAD KLANJEC

Grad Klanjec nalazi se u sjeverozapadnom dijelu Republike Hrvatske, u Krapinsko-zagorskoj županiji. Graniči sa Slovenijom što rezultira dobrosusjedskim odnosima između stanovnika obližnjih mjesta. Lokalna uprava s 11 zaposlenih pokriva sva područja koja su nužna za funkcioniranje lokalne zajednice. Grad ima osnovnu školu, gradsku knjižnicu, dječji vrtić, zdravstvenu ustanovu, hitnu medicinsku službu, poreznu upravu, policijsku postaju, odjel za socijalni rad. Lokalna vlast aktivno podupire rad svih gradskih institucija koje su korisne građanima. Kako je dobrobit građana u prvom planu, grad konstantno promiče i podupire udruge civilnog društva. Aktivno je 25 udruga građana. Također, grad i građani kroz svoje udruge organiziraju različite vrste događanja - sportska, kulturna, zdravstvena, ekološka, društvena događanja. Glavni fokus svih ovih aktivnosti je uključivanje građana u javni život zajednice.

**VIZIJA** – GRAD KLANJEC – mali grad velikih i plemenitih ljudi, kulture i tradicije

**MISIJA** – Korištenjem bogatog kulturnog nasljeđa grad Klanjec će postati poznat kao mali grad velikih znamenitosti koji nudi život sa stilom na pitoresknoj kulturnoj karti srednje Europe. Harmonijom poduzetništva i društveno-kulturnog turizma, znanjem i sposobnošću svih stanovnika, ovaj će grad omogućiti kvalitetan i prosperitetan životni standard svojim građanima.

Grad Klanjec bio je jedan od najuspješnijih prijavitelja i koordinatora iz Hrvatske u programu EUROPE FOR CITIZENS u programskom razdoblju 2014. – 2020.

Strand 2 - Democratic engagement and civic participation; Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Uspješno smo realizirali 5 projekata u prošlom programskom razdoblju i jedan u novom CERV programu.

2014. – European tradition for European future

2016. – SolidEU – ABOUT SOLIDARITY IN EU

2017. – EUlife – Citizens for Stronger Europe

2018. – EU future – Doing it together!

2021. – «EU Future Challenges – Diversity is our advantage»

2023. – Time of Crisis – A Chance for European unity

## TOWN KLANJEC

Town Klanjec is situated in north-west region of Croatia called Krapina Zagorje County. It is a small town on the border with Slovenia which results in good neighbourly relationships between citizens of near towns. This local authority with 11 employees covers all fields concerning functioning of the local community. Town has primary school, public library, kindergarten, health care institution, ER service, tax department, police department, social work department - local authorities are actively supporting work of all towns institutions that serve their citizens. As the well being of citizens is in the main focus, town is constantly promoting and supporting civil society associations. There are 25 active associations of citizens. Also, town and citizens through their associations are constantly organizing different kind of events - sport, cultural, health care promotions, ecological, social events. Main focus of all this activities is to involve citizens in public life of community.

The vision of Town Klanjec is "Town Klanjec - "a small city of great and noble people, culture and tradition"" and .

The mission is: By using its rich cultural heritage, town Klanjec will become known as a small city of great sights that offer a stylish life on the picturesque cultural map of Central Europe. With the harmony of entrepreneurship and socio-cultural tourism, the knowledge and ability of all residents, this city will provide a quality and prosperous living standard for its citizens.

The town Klanjec was one of the successful applicants and coordinators from Croatia in the programme Europe for Citizens in the programme period 2014.-2020. within the Strand 2 - Democratic engagement and civic participation, Measure 2.1. "Town-Twinning". We have successfully implemented 5 projects in last programme period and one in the new CERV programme:

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## PROGRAM UNIJE - GRAĐANI, JEDNAKOST, PRAVA I VRIJEDNOSTI (CERV) 2021.-2027.

U novom programskom razdoblju 2021-2027. uspostavljen je novi centralizirani program Unije Građani, jednakost, prava i vrijednosti (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme, (CERV), s kojim upravlja DG JUST i jednim dijelom Agencija za obrazovanje, audiovizualnu politiku i kulturu (EACEA), a koji pokriva područja dosadašnjih programa Europa za građane (Europe for Citizens), Prava, ravnopravnost i građanstvo (Rights, Equality and Citizenship) i DAPHNE.

CERV Program je najveći program do sada namijenjen promicanju i zaštiti vrijednosti Unije: demokracije, vladavine prava, temeljnih prava, transparentnosti i dobrog upravljanja te ima za cilj izgradnju još demokratskije Europe i podizanje svijesti građana/ki o pravima i vrijednostima sadržanima u temeljnim Ugovorima i Povelji EU o temeljnim pravima, pružajući financijsku podršku neprofitnom sektoru u promociji tih prava i zajedničkih vrijednosti.

U financijskom razdoblju 2021.-2027., predviđeni proračun CERV programa je 1.5 mld. EUR i raspoređuje se na 4 tematske cjeline:

Vrijednosti Unije (European Values strand) - promicanje temeljnih vrijednosti EU

Jednakost, prava i rodna ravnopravnost (Equality, Rights and Gender Equality strand) - promicanje jednakosti, prava i ravnopravnosti spolova

Uključenost i sudjelovanje građana (Citizens engagement and participation strand) - promicanje zajedničke europske povijesti i aktivne građanske participacije - uključivanje građana u demokratski i politički život Unije

Daphne strand - borba protiv svih oblika nasilja



## THE CITIZENS, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES (CERV) PROGRAMME 2021 . - 2027.

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme was launched in 2021 and will run for seven years until 2027. It was created along with the 2021-2027 Justice programme under the Justice, Rights and Values Fund.

The CERV programme seeks to support and develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law. That includes a vibrant and empowered civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and cultivating the rich diversity of European society, based on our common values, history and memory.

The CERV programme has a total budget of around € 1.55 billion for the period 2021-2027.

The CERV programme has four pillars:

Union values - protect and promote Union values

Equality, Rights and Gender Equality - promoting rights, non-discrimination, equality (including gender equality), and advancing gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming

Citizens' engagement and participation - promoting citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, exchanges between citizens of different Member States, and raising awareness of the common European history

Daphne - fight violence, including gender-based violence and violence against children



## SAŽETAK PROJEKTA – Budi pozitivan – budućnost Europe je u tvojim rukama

Projekt **Budi pozitivan – budućnost Europe je u tvojim rukama** novi je program bratimljenja Grada Klanjca u okviru kojeg se održava četverodnevni susret građana iz 13 europskih zemalja, među kojima je 11 članica EU i dvije koje su još u procesu pristupanja. Grad Klanjec, kao organizator i domaćin skupa, okupio je predstavnike 16 partnerskih organizacija iz Hrvatske, Poljske, Španjolske, Malte, Češke, Mađarske, Slovačke, Grčke, Austrije, Rumunjske, Slovenije, Bosne i Hercegovine i Srbije.

Projekt je nastavak uspješne suradnje lokalnih javnih tijela i organizacija civilnog društva koje su sudjelovale u dosadašnjih šest programa bratimljenja Grada Klanjca. Novi susret građana izravno se nadovezuje na potpisanu Zajedničku izjavu o promicanju tolerancije, solidarnosti i vrijednosti EU između dosadašnjih partnera, kojima je dogovorena zajednička suradnja na razvoju participativne demokracije i promicanju EU.

Fokus projekta je na mladima i njihovom aktivnijem uključivanju u izborne procese odlučivanja na lokalnoj i EU razini, širenje korisnih informacija o mogućnostima sudjelovanja u kreiranju i odlučivanju na lokalnoj i EU razini te razmjena dobrih praksi koje pojedini partneri u projektu imaju u osiguranju prava i nediskriminacije, zaštiti demokracije, izgradnji europskog identiteta i jačanju sudjelovanja građana s ciljem promicanja zajedničke europske vrijednosti koje se samo zajednički mogu očuvati i unaprijediti.

## PROJECT SUMMARY – Be positive - the future of Europe is in your hands

The project **Be positive - the future of Europe is in your hands** is the new twinning program of the City of Klanjec, within the framework of which a four-day meeting of citizens from 13 European countries is held, including 11 EU members and two that are still in the process of accession. The City of Klanjec, as the organizer and host of the meeting, brings together representatives of 16 partner organizations from Croatia, Poland, Spain, Malta, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Greece, Austria, Romania, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.

The project is a continuation of the successful cooperation of local public bodies and civil society organizations that have participated in the previous six twinning programs of the City of Klanjec. The new citizens' meeting is a direct follow-up to the signed Joint Declaration on the Promotion of Tolerance, Solidarity and EU Values between the previous partners, with whom joint cooperation on the development of participatory democracy and the promotion of the EU was agreed.

The project focuses on young people and their more active involvement in electoral decision-making processes at the local and EU level, disseminating useful information about opportunities for participation in creation and decision-making at the local and EU level, and exchanging good practices that individual project partners have in ensuring rights and non-discrimination, protecting democracy, building European identity and strengthening citizen participation with the aim of promoting common European values that can only be preserved and improved together.

## OPĆI CILJEVI

Cilj projekta je promicanje i razvoj participativnih mehanizama koji su dostupni građanima u kreiranju i donošenju odluka, ali su često nedovoljno iskorišteni, kako na lokalnoj, tako i na razini EU. Projektne aktivnosti osmišljene su tako da aktivno uključe što veći broj mladih sudionika kako bi ih educirali o mogućnostima koje im stoje na raspolaganju za izražavanje mišljenja, razmjenu ideja te ih potaknuli na sudjelovanje u raspravama i donošenju odluka o budućnosti Europske unije. Projekt ima za cilj proširiti i učiniti vidljivijim korisne informacije o brojnim digitalnim alatima i platformama dostupnim mladim građanima EU. Procijenili smo da, iako svakodnevno rado koriste takve alate, nedovoljno ili uopće ne poznaju mogućnosti koje nudi Europska komisija.

Aktualna geopolitička situacija i kriza s kojom se Europska unija susreće posljednjih godina, od posljedica izazvanih pandemijom Covida 19, nakon koje je uslijedila kriza izazvana ratom u Ukrajini te posljedično energetska i gospodarska kriza, imaju niz posljedica koje građani izravno osjećaju u svakodnevnom životu. Ovim projektom želi se podići svijest o tome da je EU svojim politikama izravno utjecala na ublažavanje posljedica ovih nepovoljnih okolnosti za same građane. Očekujemo da ćemo vidjeti razlike u mišljenjima između sudionika iz zemalja članica i nečlanica EU i njihova različita iskustva u svakodnevnom životu.



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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The goal of the project is to promote and develop participative mechanisms that are available to citizens in creating and making decisions, but are often insufficiently used, both at the local level and at the EU level. Project activities are designed to actively involve as many young participants as possible in order to educate them about opportunities available to them to express their opinion, exchange ideas and encourage them to participate in the discussions and decision-making about the future of the EU. Project has a goal to expand and make useful information about the numerous digital tools and platforms available to young EU citizens more visible. We have estimated that, although they happily use such tools on a daily basis, they do not know enough or at all about the possibilities offered by the European Commission.

The current geopolitical situation and the crisis that the European Union has faced in recent years, from the consequences caused by the Covid 19 pandemic, which was followed by the crisis caused by the war in Ukraine and consequently the energy and economic crisis, have a number of consequences that citizens feel directly in their daily lives. This project wants to raise awareness of the fact that the EU, through its policies, has directly influenced the mitigation of the consequences of these unfavourable circumstances for the citizens themselves. We expect to see the difference in opinions between participants from EU member and non-member states and their different experiences in day-to-day life.



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# PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

## **THURSDAY - 3 OCTOBER**

ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS

**20:30h** - WELCOME DINNER  
RESTURANT "ZELENJAK"

## **FRIDAY - 4 OCTOBER**

**09:30h** – Departure from the hotel

*City hall Klanjec*

**10:00h** – Seminar and debate – It's time for your voice to be heard!

**11:00h** – Discussion – The possibilities for the young in the rural areas – the question of the emigration of the young people in EU Moderator: Marko Vešligaj, Member of the European Parliament

**12:30 –12:03h** – Coffee break

*Studio of Antun Augustinčić Gallery*

**10:00h** – Presentation and debate – Our participation in projects that promote EU values

**10:45h** – Discussion – Independence of media and speech

*City hall Klanjec*

**15:30h** – Workshops – Eldery Europeans versus young Europeans – can we together? Young Europeans versus elderly Europeans – do you want with us together?

**16:30h** – Workshop – Walk, run, think, talk!

## **SATURDAY - 5 OCTOBER**

**09:30h** – Departure from the hotel

*City hall Klanjec*

**10:00 h** – Workshops – European Green Deal in the focus of the young

**11:00h** – Workshop – My story of equality

*Studio of Antun Augustinčić Gallery*

**10:00 h** – Presentation and discussion – Euroscepticism – how and why?

**11:00** – Presentation and debate – Human rights protection on the example of a migrant from African country

**12:00h – 12:30h** – Coffee break

**12:30h** – Presentation - Digital platforms of the EU – surf, open, comment, criticize, recommend

**16:00h** – Workshop – Walk, run, think, talk!

**18:00h** – Closing ceremony – Final speech by the participants

**18:30h** – Cultural and artistic performance

## **SUNDAY - 6 OCTOBER**

DEPARTURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

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Više detalja o Programu CERV:

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-cerv\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-cerv_en)

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## **Useful link:**

[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-cerv\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-cerv_en)

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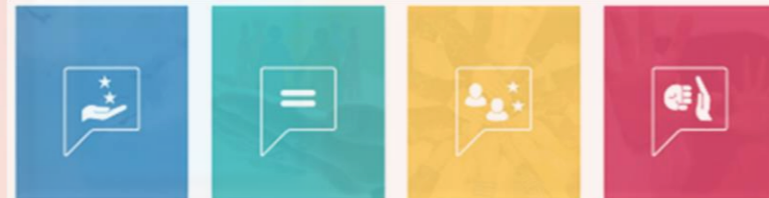
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