

## **Community Center „Prostorija“**

A place for gathering, spreading information and sharing ideas, training and innovative approaches in action and development of civil society in Karlovac, but also of all other interested individuals, groups and initiatives. It is open to all and free to use.

The space is owned by the partner in the implementation of this Project, the City of Karlovac, and is managed by the Carpe Diem association and the space itself has an area of 126 m<sup>2</sup>.

The very idea for its opening and putting it into motion came from a long-standing problem with which many associations in Karlovac are faced, and that is the lack of adequate space for the implementation of their activities.

The community center „Prostorija“ is open every working day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and per necessity on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

### **What is this Community Center used for?**

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### **What exactly is being done at the Community Center?**

The basis of the Center's activities is participatory management and the emphasis is placed on the user of the space - organizations of civil society and citizens in general.

All activities take place in accordance with the programs and activities proposed by citizens and CSOs, and they are approved by the Management Council of the Partnership for Space.

### **Rules of use of the Community Center „Prostorija“**

The Community Center is used according to pre-planned, agreed and established rules.

### **How can you apply to carry out your activities at the Community Center?**

The Administrative Council of the Partnership for Space regularly publishes public invitations for expressing the interest for using the space and proposing the activities themselves, but our coordinators are always available to you for any additional information if you want to get involved beyond public invitations.

The community center „Prostorija“ was financed through the European Social Fund until December 31, 2022. Now it has no funding and its further work is questionable. Of all our programs, we need funding for the community center the most.

More about Community center Prostorija:

<https://www.prostorija.info/>

<https://www.facebook.com/prostorija.karlovac>



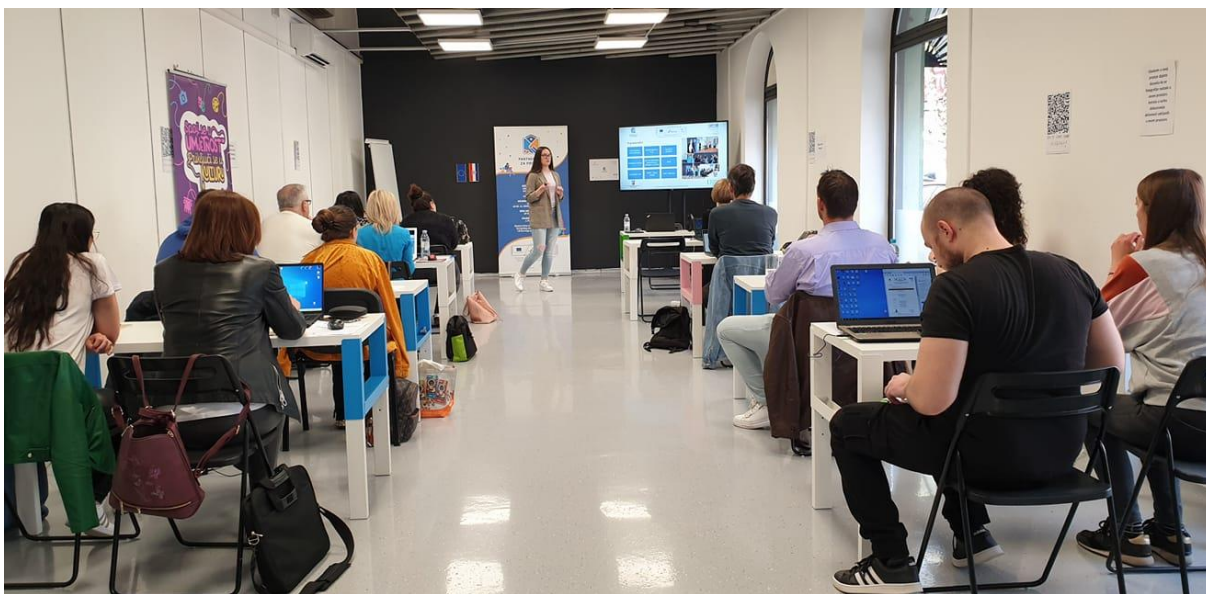
Chess tournament, takes place every Wednesday. It gathers 53 players of all ages, and every other weekend they hold away tournaments in which chess players from all over Croatia take part.



Trainings for youth workers where the latest methods are learned and tools are exchanged in working with young people. The topics are different - human rights, inclusion, intercultural learning, active citizenship, volunteering, culture and art, sustainable development, inclusion of marginalized groups, approach in working with the NEET group of young people. Also, trainings are held to strengthen the capacity of CSOs on different topics.



Fair of young innovators. Primary school students present their innovations in the field of STEM.



Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations in the field of crowdfunding. In addition to this training, trainings are held in the field of digital marketing and promotion, good government, project cycle management, strategic planning, ect.





Conferences, debates, public forums are regular activities held in the community center. This forum was organized by the European Commission's representative office in Croatia, and the topic was the European Year of Youth. Young people presented their problems and asked for answers from decision makers. The problems faced by young people from Karlovac County are housing, employment, public transport and better working conditions for young employees. The conference was broadcast live, and we spoke with the vice-president of the European Parliament via the stream.



Education of representatives of civil society organizations on project cycle management.



Sustainable development is very important for us and new generations should be educated about it from early childhood. This is one of the workshops in which elementary school students participate, and the topic is nature protection and the eco system.



We often do live stream of activities at the Community Center so that as many people as possible to participate and be informed. This was a press conference on the occasion of the opening of the all famous Four River Film Festival.





The City of Karovac has a children's city council that regularly meets with the mayor and discusses the needs of children in our city. From an early age, one should learn about civic participation and active participation. Meetings of the Children's City Council and mayor are held at the Community Center.



Members of the preference club regularly gather in the community center and play preference cards.





Thematic lectures for citizens are held once a month. The topics of the lectures are current challenges faced by the citizens of Karlovac.



Quiz competitions are held twice a month.





The community center Prostorija is also used by the association which works with women who are victims of violence. One of the activities is art therapy. The photo shows the education of the art therapy coordinator.

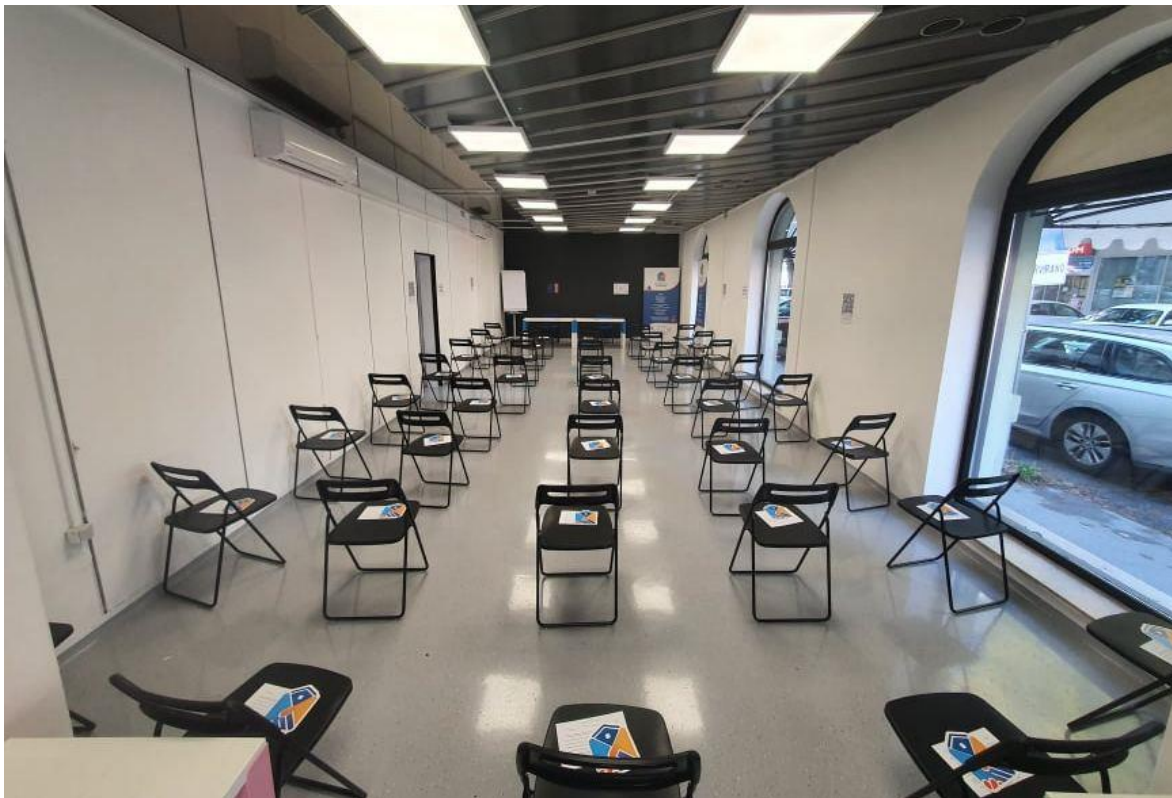


Community center Prostorija is often visited by various civil society organizations and schools as an example of good practice. On this occasion, we were visited by high school students from Jasterbarski, with whom we talked about volunteering in active participation.





The community center Prostorija also hosts youth initiatives. In this photo, young people are taught how to communicate with decision makers.



Community center Prostorija is located in the very center of the city of Karlovac, the space is accessible to people with disabilities, fully equipped for activities. It is 126m<sup>2</sup> in size and fully meets the needs of the local community.