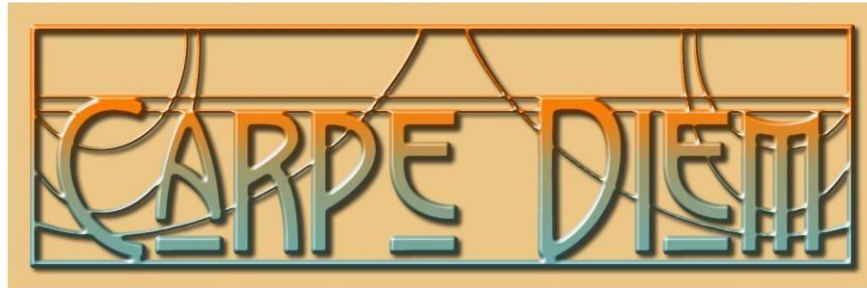


ANNUAL REPORT

2025.



CARPE DIEM Association for the promotion and development of creative and social potential of children, youth and adults

CARPE DIEM IN 2025.

Members: 16

Employees: 7

Volunteers: 57

Number of volunteers hours: 2818

external collaborators: 11

**2 Accreditations – Erasmus + in the field of youth and European Solidarity Corps
(ESC)**



CARPE DIEM Team – employees and ESC volunteers

Carpe Diem is an Association for the promotion and development of creative and social potential of children, youth and adults, founded in 2005. The association operates in the premises of the Youth Center in Grabrik at M. Vrhovca 13 in Karlovac, in the premises at Ivana Mažuranića 6, where artistic and creative activities (studio) are held and Community centre Prostor(i)ja at Mije Krešića 4, Karlovac. During 2024, the association's employees and volunteers regularly participated in national and international training courses for youth workers people in their areas of interest.

Mission: to ensure better political, social and economic condition for a quality life for children and youth in the Karlovac County.

Vision: The Carpe Diem Association is focused on a vision of a society in which citizens are motivated to make positive changes in their community and thus contribute to the overall improvement of the quality of life.

Target group:

- Primary school children
- Secondary school Youth
- Youth 15 – 30 years old
- Civil Society Organizations

IMPACT STRATEGY 2025

- Larger community of young volunteers (50 volunteers)
- A greater number of volunteer, socio-cultural, entrepreneurial and other development projects in the community (20+ impact projects implemented)
- A greater number of quality, adequate jobs and satisfied young workers / entrepreneurs (10+ employees)

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE IN 2025.

President: Aleksandra Podrebarac

Secretary: Marko Petančić

Members of the Board of Directors: Suzana Šnajdar (president), Ivan Delić (member) and Mario Protulipac.

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN 2025.

In 2025, Carpe Diem implemented a diverse portfolio of programmes funded by national and local institutions, as well as EU programmes:

- **Youth Centre Grabrik** (City of Karlovac and Ministry of Science, Education and Youth)
- **Institutional Support Programme** (National Foundation for Civil Society Development)
- **Together for a Better Community II** (Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy)
- **Local Volunteer Centre “Volonterka”**
- **Erasmus+ activities** (training, youth exchange and study visit)
- **Generation Z (Green) – Youth for Environment**
- **European Solidarity Corps projects**
- Local initiatives such as **Festival of Volunteering, ARTIKA Festival**, and other community events



Partnership projects in 2025.

FEELIN'@LIVE (KA2 ERASMUS +) – INSA ROUEN (FR), TAVO EUROPA (LT), CO-LITERATE (DK), PSINTIFICA (PL)

ASSOCIAZIONE LINK APS, TAVO EUROPA, PI YOUTH ASSOCIATION, BITISI, STOWARZYSZENIE EUROPE4YOUTH, COSMOS YOUTH NGO, LA VÍBRIA INTERCULTURAL, CENTRUL REPUBLICAN PENTRU COPII ȘI TINERET "ARTICO" (REPUBLICAN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH "ARTICO"), ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN OF MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT NIKOLE, KHARKIV ASSOCIATION FOR ACTIVE YOUTH "STELLA", ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS "ZDRAVO DA STE", YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES CLUB NGO, MODERN YOUTH PUBLIC UNION, PLATAFORMA DEL VOLUNTARIAT DE LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA



YOUTH CENTRE GRABRIK

2152 working hours

2290 Beneficiaries

Activities included:

- Youth information services (individual, group and online)
 - Social media communication
 - Website: <https://www.czm-grabrik.hr>

The Youth Center is a project of the City of Karlovac that we have been running since 2008. The Youth Center in Grabrik is a place of information, culture and education of young people and the development of civil society. The Youth Center in Grabrik is located at Maksimilijana Vrhovca 13 in a space of 142m².

The goals of the Youth Center in Grabrik are:

- informing and educating young people, youth associations and for young people
- encouraging and developing youth culture
- developing the capacities of civil society



LOCAL INFO CENTER FOR YOUTH

1452 Hours

802 Beneficiaries

The Youth Info Center was founded in 2009 in partnership with the Regional Youth Info Center UMKI from Rijeka, and by signing the Charter on Partnership and Cooperation in the Field of Information with Karlovac County, we became the County Youth Info Center. Youth information covers all areas of interest to young people (active participation, employment and entrepreneurship, social policy, mobility, culture and leisure, education, etc.), and is carried out according to the principles of the European Youth Information and Counseling Agency (ERYICA). Carpe Diem is a multiplier of the Eurodesk network for Karlovac County.

The goals of the Youth Info Center are:

- informing and advising young people according to the principles of the European Youth Information and Counseling Agency (ERYICA)
- educating and empowering young people for active participation in society

Beneficiaries: youth associations and youth organizations from the city of Karlovac and Karlovac County, aged 13 to 30.



LOCAL VOLUNTEER CENTRE “VolonterKA”

Improvement of the existing base of volunteers and volunteering organizers

Informing citizens about volunteering and the offer of volunteer work and the opportunity to get involved

Key achievements:

- Strengthening volunteer and organisation database
- Public information on volunteering opportunities
 - 2 volunteer trainings
 - 2 trainings for volunteer coordinators
- 4 volunteer programmes (youth, media, tutoring, info portal)
- 1 national volunteering action as a part of National Festival CROATIAN VOLUNTEERS!
 - Exhibition marking International Volunteer Day



FESTIVAL OF VOLUNTEERING

Held on 19.9.2025

10 CSOs participated

Awarded for the best volunteers of the city of Karlovac in 2025. in 4 categories

Ages 14 to 19 – **ELENA MATIJEVIĆ**, Association of Scouts of Croatia in Scout

Detachment "Vladimir Nazor" Karlovac

Ages 20 to 29 – **ANA MUŽEK**, Karlovac County Multiple

Sclerosis Society

Ages 30 to 60 – **MARIO ŽEGER**, Karlovac County

Association of Persons with Disabilities

60+ - **DRAGAN MLADENOVIĆ**, Association of Scouts of Croatia in Scout

Detachment "Vladimir Nazor" Karlovac

Awarded for the best Volunteer program of the city of Karlovac in 2025

“SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, ONE STEP FURTHER” by the

Karlovac Equestrian Club



COMMUNITY CENTER PROSTOR(I)JA

Community Centre „Prostor(i)ja used by 35 CSOs

5616 Beneficiaries, 1913 working hours

Registered on the crowdfunding platform Global Giving

The programme is currently seeking sustainable funding and is listed on the
GlobalGiving platform.



**PARTNERSTVO
ZA PROSTOR**



TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY II

The third year of implementation started on 1 June 2025.

- 47 children and young people in alternative care involved
 - 18 life skills workshops
 - 17 social skills workshops
 - 4 mental health workshops
 - 4 career orientation workshops
- 2 volunteering activities and 2 volunteer actions



ERASMUS +

Accredited organisation in the youth field

Implemented:

1 training

1 youth exchange

1 study visit

Key activities:

PRISM 2.0 – sustainability standards assessment

Mind Matters – youth exchange on mental health

Study visit to 2 organizations in Banja Luka – “Zdravo da ste” and Genesis Project



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Accreditation since 2019.

3 Activities:

ACTIVITY FOR INCLUSION, YOUTH CENTRE AND INFO CENTRES ACTIVITIES

- 2 Volunteers - Ainona Sanglas i Madera, Spain and Basak Dursun, Turkey
- From September 3 volunteers – Vanda Elias (Portugal), Ayberk Yavas (Turska), Harutyun Baghdasaryan (Armenia)
- 3 ongoing activities - Portuguese language course, culinary workshops, postcard collage



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Carpe Diem invested in strengthening organisational capacities through:

NGO Academy (Central and Eastern Europe programme)

Participation in Social Innovation and Management Programme

Development of a social entrepreneurship business plan (escape room concept)

Crowdfunding initiative via GlobalGiving

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/community-center-prostorija/>

DONORS IN 2024.

MINISTRY OF LABOR, PENSION SYSTEM, FAMILY AND SOCIAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

EU MOBILITY AND PROGRAMMES AGENCY

TOWN OF KARLOVAC

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IN 2024

UNION OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS

CROATIAN CENTER FOR VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY OF YOUTH INFORMATION CENTERS IN CROATIA

GOOD INITIATIVE

PARTNERSHIPS IN 2024

CITY OF KARLOVAC

CITY OF SLUNJ

MUNICIPALITY OF PLAŠKI

MUNICIPALITY OF JOSIPDOL

MUNICIPALITY OF RAKOVICA

KARLOVAC CINEMA CLUB

KARLOVAC SOCIAL CARE CENTER

KARLOVAC CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOME

VLADIMIR NAZOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

KARLOVAC HIGH SCHOOL

KARLOVAC SCIENCE SCHOOL

KARLOVAC FORESTRY AND CARPENTRY SCHOOL

Conclusion

In 2025, Carpe Diem continued to expand its impact through youth engagement, volunteering, education and international cooperation, contributing to stronger and more inclusive communities.

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CARPE DIEM

- NGO
- 2005.
- 18 employees



- YOUTH CENTER GRABRIK
- 2008.

info centar

- YOUTH PORTAL
- KARLOVAC COUNTY

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- LOCAL VOLUNTEER CENTER
- 67 VOLUNTEERS
- 6369 HOURS



- VOLUNTEER SCHOOL
- VOLUNTEER CLUBS IN SCHOOLS



- SPIN THE CHANGE
- VOLUNTEER CLUBS IN HIGH SCHOOLS



- I CHOOSE, I REACT I PREVENT
- PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE



- I CAN, I KNOW, I LIVE ALONE
- SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALTERNATIVE CARE



- EXPOSED NOTIONS
- INCLUSION THROUGH ART & CULTURE

KLUB ZA ZAPOSŁJAVANJE MLADIH

- JOB CLUB FOR YOUTH (KARLOVAC COUNTY)
- EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JOB SEARCH



- YOU, ME, WE
- CHILDREN RIGHTS PROMOTION



- P.S. MOVE YOURSELF
- PROMOTION OF TRADES & CRAFT



- #MAKE BETTER KARLOVAC
- WASTE SEPARATION PROMOTION

#KARLOVAC GRAD ZA MLADU

- YOUTH PROGRAMME
- CITY OF KARLOVAC



- EVS
- YOUTH CENTRE PROMOTION
- YOUTH PAPER



- EVS
- RESEARCH ON MOBILITY