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Kick-off presentation

Project “GET-IN - GETting persons with disabilities
INcluded in civil society and democratic life”
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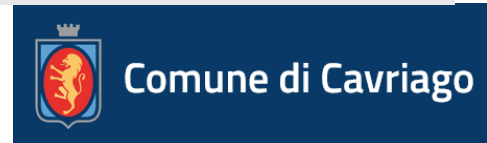
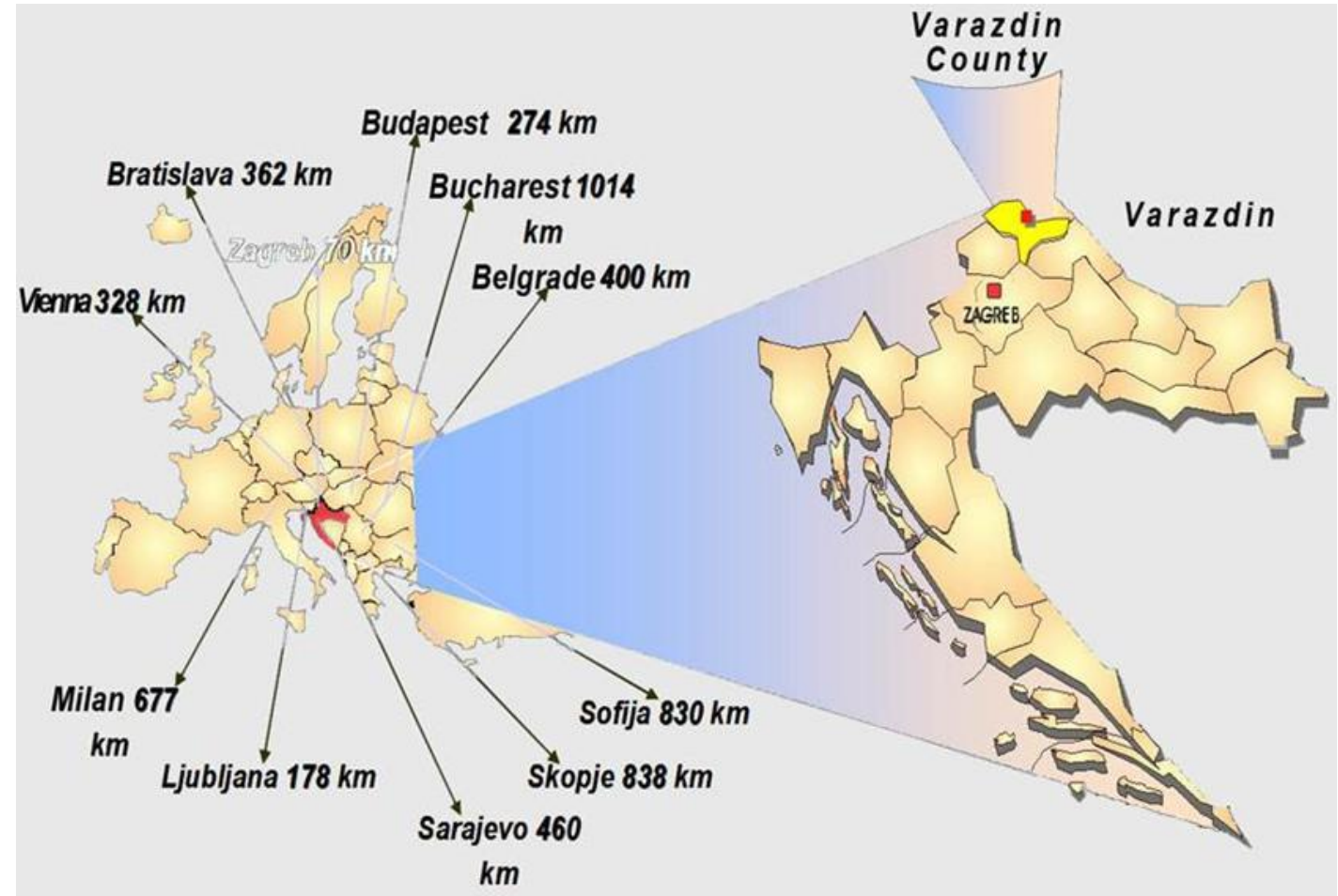




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First, where are we?

- Varaždin County - north-western part of Croatia
- Pop: +159,000 inhabitants
- Administrative Division: 6 cities and 22 municipalities
- The seat of the County – Varaždin (45,000 inhabitants)







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Project basics

- The project has been approved for a grant worth **€129,510.00** under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme under the call “To foster Citizens’ engagement and participation”
- **Project purpose:**
 - to enhance citizen engagement in civil society actions and the democratic processes that enhance equal opportunities and social inclusion of PwDs (persons with disabilities), and foster deeper understanding of the EU's policy and democratic challenges connected to their rights
- **Duration:** 01.01.2026 – 31.12.2026 (24 months)

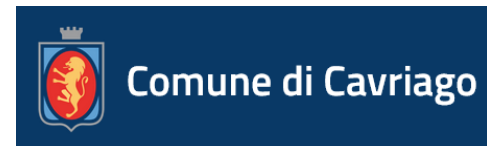




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Project basics - Partnership

- **Lead partner:** Udruga „ŽIR” - "ZIVOT I RADOST", UDRUGA ZA DJECU S TESKOCAMA I OSOBE S INVALIDITETOM
- **Partners:**
 - Zavod Sopotniki, zavod za medgeneracijsko solidarnost (SI)
 - Comune di Cavriago (IT)
 - Associazione di Promozione sociale Si Puo Fare Onlus (Si puo fare), IT
 - Regional Development Agency of Srem LTD Ruma (RRA SREM), RS
 - Leitrim Integrated Development Company Company Limited by Guarantee, IRE





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Project basics – Main activities

- The project is broken down into 6 3-day events

Scheduling:

- 1) **Kick-off event** in Croatia (in Cestica, Vinica, Ludbreg); March 24th – 26th 2026:
 - Theme: Creating equal opportunities in education in rural areas for persons with disabilities
- 2) **Event 2 in Torino/Turin, Italy, June 10th to 12th, 2026**
 - Theme: Promoting independent living in the community among persons with disabilities and those facing intersectional discrimination
- 3) **Event 3 in Leitrim, Ireland, October 13th to 15th, 2026**
 - Theme: Enhancing access to the job market for persons with disabilities





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Project basics – Main activities

Scheduling:

4) **Event 4 in Sežana and Brkini, Slovenia; April 2027:**

- Theme: Intergenerational solidarity as a means to ensure equal access to services and connect persons from different generations

5) **Event 5 in the Srem Region in Serbia, June 2027**

- Theme: Ensuring social inclusion in civil protection and education for persons with disabilities

6) **Event 6 (Final event) in Cavriago, Italy, October 2027**

- Theme: Addressing the mental well-being of the most vulnerable in the community – persons with disabilities and their families





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Project results and impacts

- **Enhanced capacities among representatives of CSOs, public bodies and citizens to prepare and participate in actions that contribute to creating equal opportunities for persons with disabilities;**
- **Improved awareness among citizens about how EU policies/values (solidarity, inclusion, diversity) positively impact the quality of life**
- **Enhanced cooperation among CSOs and local governments over the long-term in engaging citizens to address the needs of persons with disabilities**

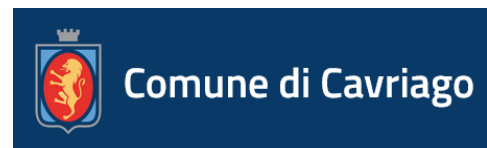




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 - First, go to <https://www.slido.com/>
 - Enter the code of the survey: **2307870**
 - **WIFI CODE: Cestica2018**





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EU survey on Justice, Rights and Values

- The EU is collecting information from citizens in order to evaluate projects and prepare new funds. When you can, please fill in this survey on this link:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERV_2021-2027



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2 Project Information

Please put in this number:

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* 2.1 Reference of the project

* 2.2 Type of activity:

Training Mutual Learning Awareness-raising

Please choose: „Mutual Learning“

2.3 Title of the event:

Title of the event.

„The kick- off event/event 1 in Cestica, Vinica and Ludbreg, Croatia,,

2.4 Date of the event:

2.5 Did the event take place physically or was it online?

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Thank you for your attention!

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