



Webinar - Introduction to the pilot project
ASOC ETC Italy-Croatia
11 February 2022

The mainstream ASOC project

Programme of CIVIC EDUCATION
to develop DIGITAL SKILLS
through activities of
CIVIC MONITORING
of public funding in one's own
COMMUNITY



At the School of OpenCohesion (ASOC) is an innovative interdisciplinary educational project aimed at high school students, launched in Italy in 2013 under the coordination of the Department for Cohesion Policy of the Italian Government, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Representation of the European Commission in Italy.

ASOC engage High School students and teachers in **civic monitoring researches to discover how public money – in particular the Cohesion Policy Funds – is spent.**

The project also aims to implement and transfer innovative practices at European level, strengthen the educational sector, build a community of active and aware citizens, improve civic engagement, promote the acquisition of digital skills and key competences among the students.

This to increase the knowledge of the Cohesion Policy, bringing young people closer to institutions, and also bringing innovative teaching methods and tools to the European School Education system.



ASOC in Europe



From the first pilot in Italy (2013) the project reached overall more than **30,000 secondary school students from over 1,200 classes** in civic monitoring activities on **approx. 800 projects** financed by cohesion policy and freely selected by students, with the support of **over 3,000 teachers** and **approx. 800 territorial networks**.

In the school year 2020-2021 **over 240 classes in Europe** have been actively involved in the framework of the ASOC project.

The ASOC project contents are available in **English, French, German, Italian, Croatian**



and in **Bulgarian, Catalan, Greek, Spanish, Portuguese**



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Even during the spread of the COVID-19 emergency, while all the schools were closed, **the activities of the ASOC pilot project goes on:** the **ASOC digital model** allows to proceed with the educational programme as scheduled, with eventually few adjustments on deadlines and report deliveries.



ASOC – Croatian experience

Natalija Šimunović, Head of Sector
Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia

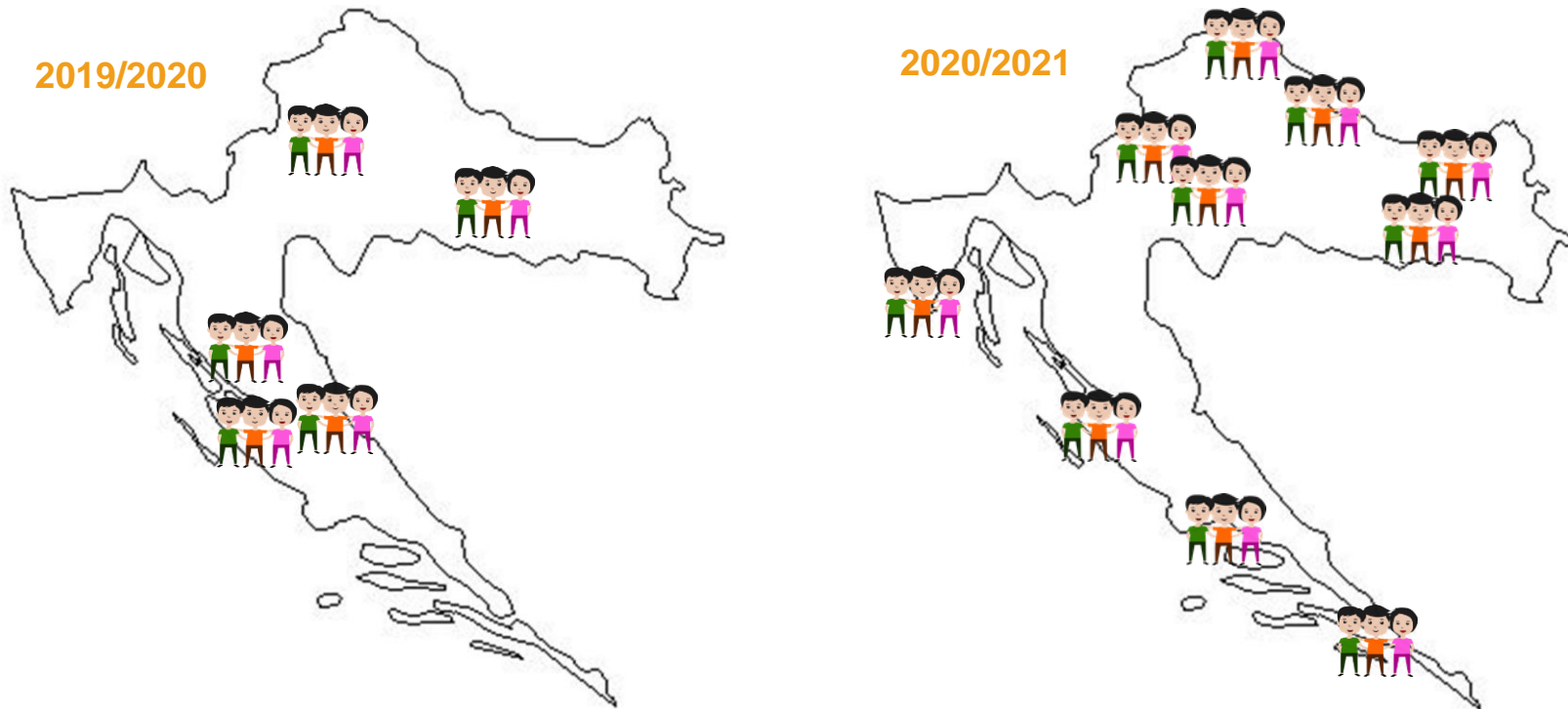
ASOC in Croatia

- Following the Call for expression of interest by the European Commission in 2019
- Support of the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education
- Open Government Partnership - cooperation with the Office for Cooperation with NGOs
- Successful implementation of ASOC programme in Croatia in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021
 - 2019/2020: five schools
 - 2020/2021: ten schools



ASOC in Croatia

- Regional representation ensured through the selection criteria



ASOC in Croatia



ASOC in Croatia

Both years of implementation were the pandemic years

Once again congratulation to the winning teams from Zadar and Nova Gradiška



ASOC Interreg

- Proposal of the Italian colleagues for a new experimental cooperation accepted with interest and enthusiasm
- Call for Expression of Interest launched in 01/2021
- Four secondary schools selected and present at today's event



ITALY - CROATIA

The ASOC ETC Pilot Project





The main objective is to involve, in an experimental form, Italian and Croatian high schools in **civic monitoring activities on projects selected among the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme**, to verify their impacts in the territories, with the participation of **4 pairs of Italian / Croatian schools**.





Civic monitoring activities will be conducted by schools observing the same project with different points of view.

Specifically, the outputs to be achieved are:

- **4 Lesson reports** according to the ASOC teaching model, including **Research Dossier, Data Journalism Article, Infographics, Civic Monitoring Report, Communication and Multimedia material**
- **1 on-site civic monitoring visit**
- **1 Final Report** to be produced **jointly** by the Croatian / Italian school pairs (in English)

Award for the winning school pair

1 / 2 final event(s) in Venice and/or in Croatia (location to be decided), for the presentation of the final report of the winner school pair, in order to disseminate the civic monitoring experience.

(accommodation and workshop expenses supported by the V A Interreg Italy-Croatia 2014-2020 Managing Authority – travel costs not included).





NEXT STEPS

- Start of teaching activities:

Webinar Lesson 1, Thursday 17 February 2021 > selection of projects to be monitored by the school pairs, definition of the students' teams brand identity, approach to the design of the civic monitoring research

- First contacts between school pairs



ONGOING

- Periodic online meetings between school pairs observing the same project
- Online contacts and meetings between schools and partners (or other referents) of the selected projects

Calendar of Educational Activities

Lessons	Webinar	Deadline
INTRODUCTION	Friday 11 FEBRUARY	----
LESSON 1	Thursday 17 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 8 MARCH
LEZIONE 2	Tuesday 8 MARCH	Tuesday 5 APRIL
LEZIONE 3	Tuesday 5 APRIL	Tuesday 3 MAY
LEZIONE 4	Tuesday 3 MAY	Tuesday 7 JUNE (final report)
FINAL EVENT	JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022	

Support

Operational / Educational activities supported by the dedicated ASOC teams from the Croatian and Italian Government



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***“At the School of OpenCohesion should be spread
all over the EU Countries to improve citizen engagement”***

Sanjay Pradhan – CEO, Open Government Partnership

High Level Conference on Good Governance in Cohesion Policy, Brussels, 6th February 2020



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