

**Sailing into STEM waters – a Map to 2030 (European Social Fund Plus – Effective Human Resources 2021. – 2027.)**

**Coordinating institution:** SUNCE Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development

**Project timeframe:** March 2025. – March 2027.

**Partner institutions:** Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split, Faculty of Chemistry and Technology in Split, Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers (Split), Domovinska zahvalnost Elementary School (Knin), Dobri Elementary School (Split), „Krka“ Ecological Association (Knin).

**Project goal:** strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations through education, design and implementation of STEM workshops and public events for children. These activities aim to stimulate interest and a positive attitude towards STEM among children and young people. Integrating environmental topics into STEM education is not just an option, but a roadmap for the future in order to more effectively respond to the issues of pressures on marine and river ecosystems, such as wastewater (eutrophication), litter in seas and rivers, coastal encroachment, temperature increase and ocean acidification. Through workshops and public events, the project will stimulate interest in STEM, develop key skills for the future and promote the preservation of marine and water ecosystems through the integration of education, science and innovation.

**Description of activities:** training for CSO representatives related to improving capacities for implementing STEM activities among children and students; study visit to organizations dealing with innovative methods of presenting and approaching STEM to children and students; attending fairs/conferences related to new methods of learning and presenting STEM fields to children and students; conducting training and mentoring by partner faculties for CSO representatives; promoting STEM fields through holding workshops with children and students; promoting STEM fields in public places

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