

**SERBIAN DEMOCRATIC FORUM**

**YOUTH FORUM**



## **INFOPACK FOR POTENTIAL PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**



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*location of Croatia in EU*

## ABOUT US

Serbian Democratic Forum-Youth Forum is youth branch of minority NGO Serbian Democratic Forum from Zagreb, Croatia. SDF Youth Forum functions as an autonomous non-formal group of young people within organization.

We were established as a group in December 2011 as a part of celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence of our mother organization-Serbian Democratic Forum. SDF Youth Forum was established by a group of progressive former students of Christian secondary school, Serbian Orthodox Secondary School from Zagreb.

SDF Youth Forum is one of signatories of "International Joint Statement" of International Student Movement against the increasing commercialization and privatization of public education.

In June 2013 SDF-Youth Forum publicly supported organizers of Zagreb Pride and urged its members as well as other members of Serbs of Croatia community to join event. In October 2013 in cooperation with group from

Finnish municipality Muurame SDF Youth Forum conducted a project entitled "Focus on us!" funded by the European Union.

In our work we strongly rely on the resources provided by our mother organization. We use their space, years of experience and contacts, as well as organizational assistance.



Some of the activities of our parent organization are publication of monthly magazine IDENTITET, dealing with the past, free legal aid, monitoring of the work of state institutions... Forum has won numerous awards for its work in affirmation of human rights and civil society, most notably the Democracy and Civil Society Award in 1998, awarded by the U.S. and EU for promotion of democratic values.

## AREA OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION

We are interested in cooperation as your partner organization from Croatia, especially on programs that you might be interested to implement in Croatia. The costs of project implementation are significantly lower in the new EU member states, and some organizations in Western Europe and Scandinavia have recognized this opportunity.

From our side we can offer a full logistical support in project planning and finding of the necessary resources in Croatia. Our only pre-condition is that your project foresees funds for travel and accommodation expenses also for participants from Croatia since our participants are from different parts of country.

A special interest we are ready to demonstrate for projects that includes topics such as the rights of minority groups, youth employment with fewer opportunities, multiculturalism, tolerance, human rights...

If you are interested in cooperation please feel free to contact us!

