



REPORT FROM THE 3rd MEETING OF NEF CROATIA

PROGRAM OF THE MEETING:

Friday, Nov 26th 2021

9.30 Opening of the 3rd meeting of the NEF of Croatia

- Kristina Đukić, Deputy Mayor of the City of Opatija
- Children's mayor

10.00 Beginning of the working part of the meeting

- Presentation of the project and results of the project "For children's voice in Europe"

10.30 - 13.30 Workshops

- What kind of Europe do children want to live in?
- Development of guidelines for marking Europe Day 2022 in Children's Councils and Children's Forums of the Union of SOC Croatia

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - Departure to the hotel and free afternoon

17.00 - 18.00 Celebration on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Children's City Council of the City of Opatija

18.00 - Refreshing and socializing

19.00 - A walk through Opatija (Christmas lights opening)

20.00 - Dinner at the hotel

Saturday, Nov 27th 2021

9.30 - 11.00

Topic: Mental health of children, Sanja Katalinić, psychiatry specialist

11.00 - 13.00

- Development of criteria for the new convocation of the NEF of Croatia
- Evaluation of our mandate

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch



14.30 - 16.30 Treasure hunt of the Children's City Council of the City of Opatija / interactive walk in which Opatija will be visited and the results of the work of the Children's City Council of the City of Opatija in 20 years of work

16.30 - 17.00 Refreshment

17.00 - 19.30 Rest and dinner

20.30 Film screening in SOC Opatija and socializing

Sunday, Nov 28th 2021

9.30 - 12.30 Celebrating the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables

Workshop "Healthy and fine" SOC Zabok

12.30 Conclusions of the 3rd meeting of NEF Croatia

End of the meeting

13.00 Lunch

OPENING OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE NEF OF CROATIA

The 3rd meeting of NEF Croatia was opened on Friday 26th of Nov, 2021 in Cultural Centre Gervais. The moderator of the program was Antonia Katić, mentor of NEF Croatia. On the opening there was recently elected Children's mayor of the Children's City Council of the City of Opatija, Lucija Čerina, Deputy Mayor of the City of Opatija, Madam Đukić, Deputy of the Prefect of Primorsko-goranska County, Madam Medarić, from the office of the Ombudsman for Children of Croatia and mentor of NEF Croatia, Advisor of the Ombudsman for children, Madam Žagar, secretary of the SOC Opatija and Vice-president of the Union of SOC Croatia, Madam Škorić, General secretary of the Union of SOC Croatia, councilors of the 13th convocation of Children' City Council of Opatija, members of NEF Croatia from Opatija, Jastrebarsko, Velika Gorica, Pregrada, Tuhelj and Čabar with their mentors, representatives of the media.

At the beginning of the opening recently elected Children's mayor of the Children's City Council of the City of Opatija, Lucija Čerina opened our meeting. After her, Madam Đukić, Madam Medarić and Madam Žagar congratulated SOC Opatija and Madam Škorić on organising such an event as well as having so much realized projects with NEF Croatia in just a 2 years term. Madam Škorić wished everyone to have a good stay, and together all the participants (adults and children) played a parachute game to show solidarity and union because as the moto of EU says we are all united in diferences.

After the opening, Madam Schuurman from Eurochild greeted our participants and wished everyone a pleasent stay and congratulated our 13th convocation of CCC Opatija 20 years of active children's participation in the City of Opatija.



At the beginning of our workshops we had games of introduction (balloon games, games with candy, games with several different topics-arguing your opinion etc.).

After introduction games, children were divided into two groups (there were 22 participants, 12 members of 13th convocation of CCC Opatija and 10 members of NEF Croatia). Psychologist in SOC Opatija Madam Juraković and member of the 2nd convocation of Eurochild's Children's Council, Petra Josipović (Deranja) held a workshop „What kind of Europe do children want to live in?“.

At the same time, Madam Katić, mentor of NEF Croatia and Jan Galić, volunteer of SOC Opatija (member of the 1st convocation of Eurochild's Children's Council) held a workshop „Development of guidelines for marking Europe Day 2022 in Children's Councils and Children's Forums of the Union of SOC Croatia“.







RESULTS FROM THE 1ST WORKSHOP

„What kind of Europe do children want to live in?“

SOME OF THE ANSWERS

YOUR CONCERNS:

- education-traditional, not up to the task only positive sides learning languages,
- health system,
- covid-19 measures-having to vaccinate children over 12 years old,
- finding a job,
- housing.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY?

- No way,
- maybe,
- I am afraid I wouldn't like it,
- it would be difficult because of different backgrounds, languages, cultures,
- yes, if all of my family is with me.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE WITH YOU IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY?

- My phone,
- 2 suitcases filled with clothes and books,
- my playstation,
- photos or photo album,
- my friends,
- my dog.

WHAT SHOULD EU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR LIVES?

- Make EU Strategy on Children's rights obligatory for all EU countries,
- educate teachers and all of adults on how to behave and communicate with children,
- have good housing and job opportunities for our parents so they don't have to be worried,
- to have quality education,

-to stop violence,

-to have more children's councils like CCC, NEF which would have greater respect and power.



RESULTS FROM THE 2nd WORKSHOP

DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR MARKING EUROPE DAY 2022 IN CHILDREN'S COUNCILS AND CHILDREN'S FORUMS OF THE UNION OF SOC CROATIA

At the beginning of the workshop, we watched the video "Europe Day" and reiterated the importance of celebrating this date (bringing Europe closer to children).

Members of NEF Croatia and 13th convocation of the CCC of the City of Opatija, were divided into groups of three and had the task of writing an invitation to celebrate Europe Day and the way they want to celebrate it next year.



Suggestions for the invitation to be sent to Children's Councils and Forums are as follows:

- through invitations, leaflets, posters,
- by mail,
- through a presentation,
- through a film about the celebration of this date and its importance (which would be filmed by the 2nd convocation of the NEF of Croatia),
- through an interesting slogan that would be displayed on the websites,
- by showing previous works (marking Europe Day - a film about Europe Day 2021)

Suggestions for marking Europe Day:

- preparation of traditional dishes with education on dishes (joint workshops for children and adults, each council and forum would be given the task to make traditional dishes of their region in cooperation with adults from their local community),
- a map with the sights of the countries (each council and forum is given the task of making a map of Europe with the famous sights of that country, the children paint Europe),
- education in schools (about Europe, the history of Europe, the games and toys of each country, myths and legends throughout the European Week),
- learning different languages (phrases needed to visit a country, eg Hello, thank you, where is _____, etc.), and write the sentences on a map of Europe, and make a video about it with the cooperation of all councils and forums (1 forum and 1 council gets one (same) country and in cooperation they have to make a video with the phrases needed to visit a country), in the end we combine everything into one video),
- each forum and council must have a week of traditional European Games,
- creation of memories and puzzles on the topic of Europe,
- record a song for Europe Day (which would be played everywhere - promotion of councils and forums throughout Croatia),
- presentation of important European institutions and documents for children (by schools, their role, importance, etc.),
- publishing texts and documents related to Europe in a child-friendly language (in digital and physical form),
- Europe Ball (joint ball for children and adults with a European theme),



- Eurochef competition for children and adults (children and adults in cooperation hold a food festival, joint preparation of dishes and a competition on the topic of traditional dishes of European countries),
- competition of neighborhoods (each council and forum must arrange its local neighborhood in one country, a film is made and after that the 2nd convocation of the NEF of Croatia chooses the most beautifully decorated neighborhood with the best told story of that country),
- communication with associations from other countries, joint celebration of Europe Day through the presentation of Croatian traditions and games to children from other countries,
- cooperation with local companies (painting local products on bags that would be distributed to mark Europe Day, invite local family farms to donate cookies, decorations, etc., and children across Croatia to paint these wrappers (eg Dukat milk-children's drawings)),
- puppet shows for the presentation of Europe Day to children of preschool and school age (each council / forum is given the task to process 1 European country, design a play that will present that country to children, eg Croatia (retell the most famous games, dishes) all 27 countries 1 film that would be shown throughout the Republic of Croatia),
- pop-up quiz on the history of Europe, important dates, important institutions for children, etc.,
- making common stories of Europe (each council / forum gets one European country, must paint 1 story / myth / legend of that country, combine everything into a picture book for children).





CELEBRATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPATIJA

This important anniversary was marked by former and current councilors, the Deputy Mayor of the City of Opatija, Mrs. Đukić, Ombudsman for Children of the Republic of Croatia Mrs. Pirnat Dragičević, director of the elementary school "Rikard Katalinić Jeretov" Opatija, Mrs. Međimorec, principal of Viktor Cara Elementary School Emina Lovran Mrs. Erceg, Secretary General of the Union of Societies "Our Children" of Croatia, Mrs. Krpes, former big and small mayors, our friends with the choir "Male črešnjice" with prof. Banov and members of NEF Croatia with mentors in the afternoon in Cultural Centre Gervais.

Former Mayor of the City of Opatija who came from Castel San Pietro where he saw the idea of Children's Council and decided to use it in Opatija, dipl. iur. Axel Luttenberger on the celebration said: „I am proud and honored that Opatija has supported this idea. That Opatija is dedicated to listening children's voices, children's opinions. I am proud to have brought this idea to our City, a Child Friendly City. Thanks to Sanja and her vision we have made this happen! I wish you another better, more child friendly 20 years of fighting for children's voices, for children's hearts! I am glad Opatija 20 years ago saw this and was one of the first cities to form this kind of cooperation between children and adults.“

The program was moderated by Antonia, Petra and councilor of the 13th convocation of the City of Opatija Lana.

At the beginning of the celebration adults and children together had to collect puzzles and put them in order. The messages of the puzzles were dedicated to children's participation.

Two movies were shown, one from sessions with mayors from 20 years ago and today, and one which was made by children titled „Welcome to Opatija“.

At the end the book called 20 years of Children's City Council of Opatija, by author Sanja Škorić, mentor of CCC Opatija, NEF Croatia, secretary of SOC Opatija and Vice-president of the Union of SOC Croatia read some parts of her book. The book consists of messages from all



former mayors of the City of Opatija, 33 projects which were realized during the last 20 years by the Children's City Council of Opatija, all the big rewards and trips councilors were a part of as well as 281 children who were a part of this big project.





SATURDAY, 2nd DAY OF THE MEETING OF NEF CROATIA

1. WORKSHOP „Mental health of children“, Sanja Katalinić, psychiatry specialist

Madam Katalinić held a workshop about mental health of children. It was during those two hours, children learnt through lecture, games and brain activities about the importance of mental health, how to achieve it, who to talk to when you are having problems and how to communicate with each other, their parents, friends and important people in their lives. During the whole morning, our Ombudsman for children of Croatia Madam Pirnat Dragičević was with us and supported and participated in workshops.







2. WORKSHOP EVALUATION OF THE MANDATE OF NEF CROATIA

OBJECTIVE OF THE EVALUATION:

The purpose of the evaluation was to see how satisfied the members of NEF Croatia are with their mandate, whether and how satisfied they are with the activities, workshops and topics during the two-year term, how useful the activities were and to get suggestions from the members to further improve activities and workshops.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

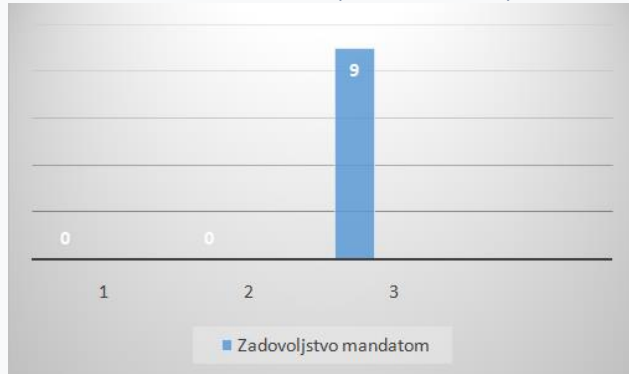
At the third meeting of the NEF of Croatia on November 27, paper questionnaires were distributed to NEF members. The questionnaire contained 3 closed-ended questions where respondents (where 1 indicated - not at all satisfied / satisfied, 2 meant slightly satisfied / satisfied and 3 fully satisfied / satisfied) assessed their satisfaction with the mandate, leaders and various workshops. The questionnaire also contained two open-ended questions where respondents had the opportunity to praise something specific during the term and highlight it as positive, but also to give suggestions for future improvements and possible changes and comment on them.

A total of 9 questionnaires were completed. Completion of the questionnaire was anonymous. The results show the high satisfaction of NEF Croatia members with their mandate, mentors and workshops.



Graphic 1. Satisfaction with the mandate

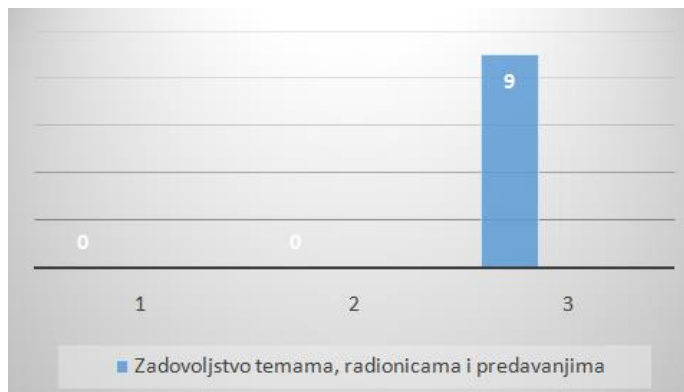
QUESTION: How satisfied you are with your mandate?



The members of NEF Croatia show very high satisfaction with the topics, workshops and lectures during the mandate.

Graphic presentation 2. Satisfaction with topics, workshops and lectures

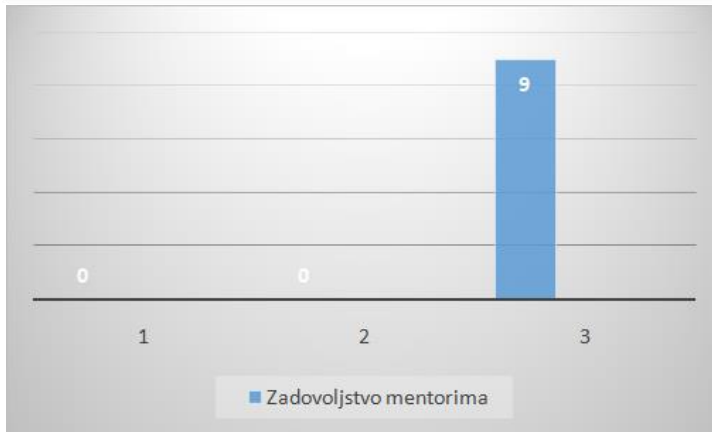
QUESTION: How satisfied you are with topics, workshops and lectures during your madate?



Also, members of NEF Croatia show very high satisfaction with mentors

Graphic 3. Satisfaction with mentors

QUESTION: How satisfied you are with the mentors?



CONCLUSION:

In open issues, members of the NEF Croatia presented praises and suggestions. Members of NEF Croatia express great satisfaction with their mandate, mentors and lectures / trainings. They describe the contractors as professional, approachable and kind, and state that they have always felt respected and welcomed. Of the proposals for change and future improvements, NEF members mostly cite the need for greater promotion of NEF in schools, more meetings, more interactive content.

In Opatija, November 29, 2021

The evaluation report was compiled by: Valentina Juraković, psych.





3. DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR THE NEW CONVOCATION OF THE NEF OF CROATIA

Members of the 1st convocation of the NEF of Croatia on Saturday, November 27, 2021, participated in the development of criteria for the 2nd convocation of the NEF of Croatia.

The designed criteria are as follows:

- members of Children's Councils or Children's Forums can be involved,
- children from 10 to 15 years of age can participate,
- registration of children must be in accordance with the principles of children's participation (the child applies voluntarily),
- members of the 1st convocation of the NEF of Croatia (under the age of 15) can participate,
- former members of NEF Croatia (members of the 1st convocation of NEF Croatia) participate in the selection of new members of NEF Croatia through the ZOOM meeting,
- to apply, candidates must send a motivation letter and make a video about themselves (up to 3 minutes) to introduce themselves, where they come from, how active they are in their councils / forums, what they will advocate for, what children's participation is for them and how realized in the city / municipality they come from, why they want to become members of NEF Croatia),
- members of the 1st convocation of the NEF made an invitation video for the elections,
- members of the 1st convocation of the NEF of Croatia propose their involvement in the work of the 2nd convocation of the NEF (as associate members or assistants),
- propose elections from December 6 to December 20, 2021,
- the invitation to the elections should be accompanied by a video of the elections they made



MOVIE MADE BY 1st CONVOCATION OF NEF CROATIA TO CALL FOR THE ELECTIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK (it was filmed and designed by members of NEF Croatia, and their mentor Antonia Katić. The text was written by members of NEF Croatia.)

https://www.canva.com/design/DAExHJTL5Ck/U8vZpjiCaoEi1PELEJgl3Q/watch?utm_content=DAExHJTL5Ck&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink

In the afternoon, children socialized in the headquarters of Society „Our children“ Opatija. Before coming to the headquarters, children from Opatija showed NEF members Opatija in a walk (it was raining so unfortunately treasure hunt was not possible).



In the society children watched the movie „The miracle“. After the movie they talked about messages from the movie, what have they learnt and then they played games. Around 6 p.m. NEF members went to the hotel, and members of CCC went home.



While the children were socializing, mentors of NEF Croatia had a meeting/training considering the project „For a children's voice in Europe“.



3rd DAY OF THE 3rd NEF CROATIA MEETING

30 Celebrating the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables

Workshop "Healthy and fine" SOC Zabok

The suggestion from the 2nd meeting of members of NEF Croatia was to have a workshop on healthy nutrition.

The mentor of SOC Zabok Jasenka Borovčak and the general secretary of the Union of Societies "Our Children" of Croatia Snježana Krpes presented the project "Healthy and fine" of the Society "Our Children" Zabok through games, lectures on healthy diet and importance of variety in fruits and vegetables and cooked with children healthy snacks.









CONCLUSIONS OF THE 3RD MEETING OF NEF CROATIA AND EVALUATION OF THE 3rd NEF CROATIA MEETING

Participating in the program of the 3rd meeting of the NEF of Croatia, the members of the 1st convocation of the NEF of Croatia reached the following conclusions:

1. PROMOTION OF THE EU STRATEGY ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

In accordance with the goals of the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, we should work on the highest quality and most modern education of children, implementation of education on child participation, education on mental health, assistance with peer violence, etc. ; advocating for children's participation to become part of everyday life (especially in schools).

2. MEETINGS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Greater communication at the national level and promotion of the work of NEF Croatia, eg. a meeting in the Croatian Parliament to present the work of our NEF Croatia and the role of NEF Croatia and with the Children's Council of the Republic of Croatia.

3. GREATER COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNCILS/ NETWORKS AT NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVEL

More joint projects at the national level, for example with the Network of Young Advisers to the Ombudsperson for Children; cooperation with the children's council of the Eurochild organization (joint meetings and projects).

Councilors of the 1st convocation of the NEF of Croatia

EVALUATION REPORT OF THE 3RD MEETING OF NEF CROATIA

OBJECTIVE OF THE EVALUATION:

The purpose of the evaluation was to see how satisfied the members of NEF Croatia were with the third meeting of NEF Croatia, whether and how satisfied they were with the activities, workshops and topics during the meeting, how useful the activities were and to get suggestions from members for additional improving activities and workshops.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

At the third meeting of the NEF of Croatia on November 28, paper questionnaires were distributed to NEF members. The questionnaire contained 3 closed-ended questions where



respondents (where 1 indicated - not at all satisfied / satisfied, 2 meant slightly satisfied / satisfied and 3 fully satisfied / satisfied) assessed their satisfaction with the mandate, leaders and various workshops. The questionnaire also contained two open-ended questions where respondents had the opportunity to praise something specific during the term and highlight it as positive, but also to give suggestions for future improvements and possible changes and comment on them.

A total of 10 questionnaires were completed. Completion of the questionnaire was anonymous. The results show the **high satisfaction** of NEF Croatia members with the third NEF meeting, workshops, lectures and mentors.

Graphic 1. Satisfaction with the 3rd meeting of the NEF of Croatia

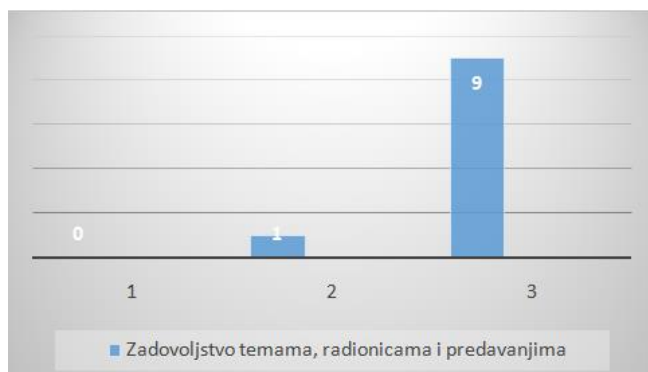
QUESTION: How satisfied you are with the NEF meeting?



Then, the members of NEF Croatia show **very high satisfaction** with the topics, workshops and lectures during the third meeting of NEF Croatia.

Graphic presentation 2. Satisfaction with topics, workshops and lectures

QUESTION: How satisfied you are with topics, workshops and lectures during your meeting?

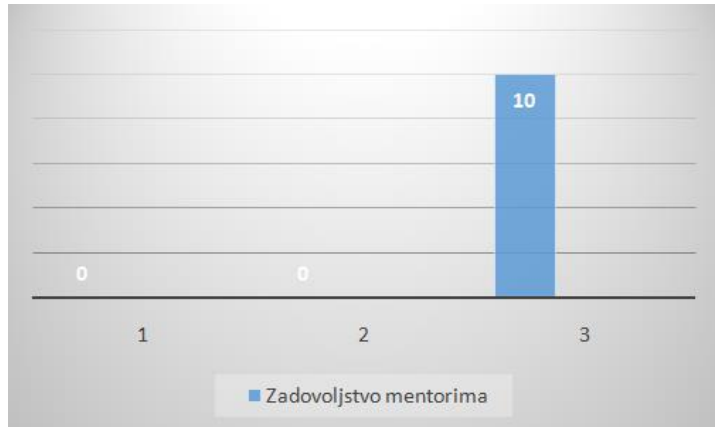




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CONCLUSION:

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Emil Paravina Award for Children’s Achievements in the Field of Active Children’s Participation and Children’s Rights

After the evaluation, members of NEF Croatia participated in making a film about elections for the 2nd convocation of NEF Croatia, and 3 members of NEF Croatia participated in choosing the winner for the award of Emil Paravina with the Madam Borić, PhD from Faculty for Educational rehabilitation.

Emil Paravina Award for Children’s Achievements in the Field of Active Children’s Participation and Children’s Rights

For the first time, the Public Call for the Emil Paravina Award for Children’s Achievements in the Field of Active Children’s Participation and Children’s Rights was opened. This is the first



annual award for children's rights and active children's participation, and the special feature of this award is that it is awarded to primary school children. The award is founded and initiated by the Union of Societies "Our Children" of Croatia in honor of dr. sc. Emil Paravina, pedagogue, humanist, promoter of children's rights and longtime secretary of the Union of SOC Croatia, whose work has affected the well-being of thousands of generations of children and parents.



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