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GENERAL INFORMATION

Grant beneficiary: ZAVOD INSTITUT ZA ELEKTRONSKO PARTICIPACIJO (INePA) - Institute for Electronic Participation

Project title: Co-creating digital policies in Slovenia Phase II - (CODIS 2)

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PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objectives of the project

Please briefly list the main objectives of your project - MAX 500 characters spaces included.

The project aimed at monitoring the implementation of the Slovenian National digital decade strategic roadmap with focus on assessing and monitoring the selected measures relating to an inclusive digital transformation, engaging citizens into informed civic discussion aiming at identifying recommendations to the National strategic roadmap update and rising public awareness of the national roadmap by project outreach and dissemination.

Project's activities and target groups engaged

Please summarise the activities carried out and the groups targeted and involved in the project activities - MAX 1500 characters spaces included.

The following project activities were carried out:

- Collecting data on implementation of the Slovenian National digital decade strategic roadmap with focus on measures relating to digital inclusion progress;
- On-line visualization of data collected;
- Creating briefing reports on data assessment and monitoring;
- Organizing on-line workshop for civil society organisations on the National strategic roadmap update;
- Organizing experts panel addressing the governance of the National strategic roadmap;
- Preparing shadow report on National strategic roadmap implementation with proposals to the roadmap update;
- Sending proposals to the National roadmap update to the Ministry of Digital Transformation and presenting them to the European Commission;
- Organizing CSOs press conference presenting shadow report on National strategic roadmap and proposals to the roadmap update;
- Dissemination project results via social media, websites, press release and videos.

Groups targeted and involved in the project activities included: citizens, CSOs, experts, journalists, academics, media, local municipalities, digital transformation stakeholders, government officials, National and EU policymakers.

Results, impact, and lessons learned

Please briefly describe the results, achievements, impact on target groups, and lessons learned of your project - MAX 2000 characters spaces included.

The main project results

- Proposals for the National digital decade strategic roadmap update prepared as part of civic dialogue process addressing digital inclusion, digital citizenship, digital rights and principles;
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility principles incorporated into the national roadmap update proposals;
- pilot methodology for gathering data and monitoring public policy measures in the field of digital transformation established;
- the first shadow report on implementation of the National digital decade strategic roadmap created;
- Ministry of digital transformation provided feedback to 11 out of 14 proposals to the

update of the National Strategic Plan for the Digital Decade;

- 6 proposals identified were fully or partially included by the Ministry of digital transformation into the draft Action Plan of the Digital Slovenia 2030 Strategy (updated National Strategic Plan for the Digital Decade) including the principles of technological neutrality and digital sovereignty, external evaluation of the results and impact of digital inclusion actions, the revision of the national baseline for the share of the population with at least basic skills and a corresponding revision of the existing national trajectory for reaching the target of 80% of the population with at least basic digital skills by 2030, support to NGOs policy networks projects in the field of digital competences, update of the guidelines for the development of government IT solutions for the use of open source approaches and open standards and the update of the participation of Slovenia in the implementation of the European Digital Infrastructure Consortium (EDIC) for Digital Commons multi-country project.

Significant project achievements

- Established analytical capacities of NGOs for monitoring digital decade policies;
- Information and open data on digital decade goals organized and available at a national level;
- Improved collaboration among NGOs and academic sector in reflecting national digital policies;
- Possibility to upscale the monitoring of the implementation of National strategic roadmap in other national contexts (Member states);
- Recognition of the project by the European Commission as an example of good practice of civil society in helping with monitoring National roadmap implementation.

Impact on target groups

- Enhanced watchdogging and advocacy collaboration role of NGOs in the field of digital inclusion;
- Better awareness about CSOs positions and efforts relating to an inclusive digital transformation among decision-makers / government officials and other stakeholders;
- Improved understanding, knowledge and awareness about digital policies measures among general population;
- Opportunity created for the Ministry of Digital Transformation to improve measures and actions in National roadmap relating to DEIA principles.

The main lesson learned

Democratic governance at the national level represents a key precondition for an accountable and meaningful progress toward achieving of the European digital decade goals. Currently, there is a significant lack of democratic governance in the area of digital transformation policy-making in Slovenia.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY (DEIA)

DEIA cross-cutting addressed in project activities

Please briefly describe any DEIA priorities addressed throughout your project. Please use max. 1 or 2 sentences to refer to any related activities and results (you will have the opportunity to provide more information in your final technical report on the project).

DEIA priority	Activity	Result/indicator
Gender equality	<p>Monitoring included gender equality in the area of digital skills</p> <p>Ensuring gender balance of speakers at the experts panel</p>	<p>Measure “Pilot training for women in ICT” implemented in 2023 was monitored.</p> <p>2 female experts were among 5 experts participating at the experts panel.</p>
Anti-bias/anti-discrimination or active inclusion	<p>Civil society organisations and individuals addressing anti-discriminatory and inclusive digital transformation participating at CSOs on-line workshop</p> <p>CSOs preparing recommendations on updating the National strategic plan actions and measures relating to active inclusion</p>	<p>5 representatives from civil society organisations representing elderly, addressing digital inclusion of persons with various forms of disabilities and working with socially vulnerable social groups took part at on-line workshop</p> <p>Several recommendations relating to active inclusion of population were highlighted by the CSOs</p>
Accessibility	<p>On-line dashboard accessible for people with disabilities (following W3C web standards)</p> <p>CSOs on-line workshop accessible to different target groups</p>	<p>Datawrapper on-line visualisation tool was used which is compatible with accessibility standards</p> <p>On-line workshop used open source video conference system https://jitsi.org/ which is user friendly and accessible</p>

Diversity in representation	Monitoring included digital inclusion of elderly	Measure related to digital skills training for older people with the mobile unit (“Mobile heroes”) was monitored. No reliable evidence were identified on how it contributed to the “significant improvement” of digital skills of the elderly as claimed by the Ministry of Digital Transformation.
	Civil society organisations and individuals addressing different topic of digital transformation such as digital inclusion, digital accessibility, digital literacy, open source, digital public services and open data.	6 civil society organisations and individuals contributed proposals addressing digital inclusion of elderly, digital accessibility of people with special needs and digital literacy of people from rural areas
	On-line dissemination of proposals for actions and measures relating to vulnerable and underrepresented groups	4 web articles included proposals for actions and measures relating to vulnerable and underrepresented groups. 7 social media posts highlighted issues relating to digital inclusion of elderly, digital transformation tailored to the needs of the people and digital democracy.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Please list the deliverables of your project and provide any publicly accessible link if available.

Deliverable name	Short description	Webpage link (if applicable)
On-line visualisation dashboard for monitoring the implementation of the National strategic roadmap for digital	On-line data visualisation on the progress of implementation of 13 actions and corresponding financial allocations in the Slovenian National strategic	https://www.inepa.si/2024/07/10/vizualizacija-ukrepov-nacionalnega-strateskega-nacrta/

decade	roadmap for digital decade relating to an inclusive digital transformation. Documentation on digital dashboard is available in English language.	
Briefing reports on inclusive digital transformation progress	3 briefing reports joined in a shadow report on the monitoring of the implementation of selected actions of the National strategic roadmap for digital decade (digital skills, digital infrastructure and general objectives / multi-country projects). Reports include separate section on monitoring the implementation against the recommendations from the ECAS Guidelines on digital transformation available in English language.	https://www.inepa.si/2024/09/15/sencno-porocilo-o-doseganju-ciljev-digitalnega-desetletja-slovenije-na-podrocju-digitalne-vkljucenosti/
Experts recommendations on improving the governance the National strategic roadmap	Experts recommendations on improving the governance of the National strategic roadmap based on conclusions of the moderated discussion. Recommendations address the following areas of an inclusive digital transformation: Internet as a public good, Competences for living in a digital environment, Security and privacy on the internet, The right to a healthy analogue lifestyle and Democratisation of decision-making on digital transformation. The summary of recommendations is available in English language.	https://www.inepa.si/2024/10/03/zakljucki-interdisciplinarnega-strokovnega-panela-o-vkljucujoci-digitalni-preobrazbi-slovenije/
CSOs recommendations on updating the National strategic roadmap with focus on inclusive digital transformation (digital inclusion)	Civil society organisations and individuals contributed proposals addressing digital inclusion of elderly, digital accessibility of people with special needs and digital literacy of people from rural areas. The summary of recommendations is available in English language.	https://www.inepa.si/2024/10/30/spletna-delavnica-dopolnitev-nacionalni-strateski-nacrt-za-digitalno-desetletje/

<p>Press release presenting key takeaways from Shadow report on National strategic roadmap</p>	<p>Press release presents key takeaways from the Shadow report (findings from monitoring the National digital decade strategic roadmap implementation and proposals for roadmap update with focus on digital inclusion). The press release is available in English language.</p>	<p>https://www.inepa.si/2024/11/15/od-privatizacije-k-demokratizaciji-digitalne-preobrazbe-slovenije-pomeri-cloveka-in-skupnosti/</p>
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PROJECT RESULTS AND KPIS

Please list your project results and related Key Performance Indicators attained.

Result	Indicator of achieved result
National digital decade strategic roadmap measures and actions progress monitored via on-line data visualization dashboard	13 measures and actions data collected, visualised and monitored including data on financial allocations that contribute to overall digital objectives
Briefing reports on the monitoring of the implementation of selected actions and measures of the National digital decade strategic roadmap	3 briefing reports
On-line workshop for civil society organisations on the National digital decade strategic roadmap update	11 CSOs and 1 policy-maker participated in on-line workshop. 8 proposals with focus on inclusive digital transformation for the National digital decade strategic roadmap were identified and agreed among CSOs
Experts panel addressing the governance of the National digital decade strategic roadmap	18 citizens attended the experts panel. 29 proposals in 5 thematic areas for the National digital decade strategic roadmap update were identified during the panel. 47 citizens followed on-line stream of the panel (117 views of the on-line stream in total). 141 views of two video recordings of the panel published on YouTube. 52 views of video statements from the experts panel on YouTube until the end of the project.
Shadow report on National digital decade strategic roadmap implementation with proposals for roadmap updates	Shadow report (20 pages) distributed to 150 policy-makers / government officials and 250 stakeholders via e-mail
Two CSOs meetings with the National and the EU policymakers	14 proposals for the National digital decade strategic roadmap update were sent to the Ministry of Digital Transformation and presented to

	the Contact point for Slovenia for the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030 (European Commission, DG CONNECT)
CSOs press conference presenting Shadow report on National digital decade strategic roadmap	9 people attended press conference. 12 people following on-line stream (72 views of the on-line stream in total). 41 people watched video recording of the press conference published on YouTube. 72 people watching video statements of press conference speakers published on YouTube. 3 mass media reported on press conference. 1 press release prepared and disseminated. 100 press conference engagements reached via social media profiles (X, Facebook, LinkedIn) until the end of the project.
Project results' dissemination	110 policy-makers / government officials, 290 stakeholders, 201 CSOs, 92 media, 42 local municipalities, 123 academia / university received information on project results. 7 web articles were published on INePA web site and 2 articles on Network NVO-VID web site. 38 social media posts created on INePA and Network NVO-VID social media profiles. 162 engagements reached via INePA and Network NVO-VID social media profiles (X, Facebook, LinkedIn) until the end of the project.