

# **ADULT EDUCATION**

## **IN CROATIA**

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# LEGAL FRAMEWORK

## The Law on AE

- in **2007**
- in **2021**

## Regulations:

- Standards and norms for the implementation of AE programs
- Public documents in AE
- Content, forms and methods of managing and keeping the andragogic documents
- Records in AE



- Ministry of Education
- Agency for Vocational Education and Training

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# WHAT IS ADULT EDUCATION IN CROATIA?

FORMAL EDUCATION

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

INFORMAL LEARNING

# WHAT IS ADULT EDUCATION IN CROATIA?

## INFORMAL LEARNING

- experience
- unorganized activity

## NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

- Workshops
- Courses
- Trainings
- Seminars

## FORMAL EDUCATION

- Vocational education and training
- High-school
- Retraining
- Foreign language programmes
- Elementary school for adults

# TRENDS IN ADULT EDUCATION IN CROATIA



## Digital and green skills

- A need for the development of digital and green skills of adults.
- Developing digital and green educational programmes



## Voucher system

- Croatian Employment Office and Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy
- co-financed AE programmes for employed and unemployed
- digital and green skills



## Quality in AE

- the new Law on AE in 2021 and the Regulation
- guidelines for internal and external evaluation
- external assessment of learning outcomes
- recognition of acquired skills and knowledge



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# ADULT EDUCATION IN DANTE

# WHO ARE WE?

- founded in 1991- first acknowledged language school in the city of Rijeka
- programs verified by the Ministry of Education
- we promote lifelong learning
- around 350 adult learners a year
- 12 staff members





# WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?



**LANGUAGE  
COURSES**



**HIGH-SCHOOL  
AND RETRAINING**



**VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING**




**NON-FORMAL  
PROGRAMMES**

# LANGUAGE COURSES

- German, Italian, English, Spanish, and Croatian for foreigners (A1-C2)
- organised in a winter and summer semester
- our learners apply based on their:
  - self-assessment
  - result in the initial exam available on our website
- outdoor activities, mobilities, school events
- final exam includes written and oral exam





dante **VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING**

- programmes within more than 10 educational sectors
- micro-credentials
- financing with vouchers (digital and green programmes)
- cooperation with employers at the local and regional level
- motivation for applying:
  - personal need
  - job requirement
  - unemployed

The background image shows a classroom or study area. In the foreground, several young women are seated at desks, looking at books and papers. One woman in a red sweater is pointing at a document. In the background, a woman in a striped shirt is also working. On the wall, there are several educational posters. One is a green board with the title 'SONO / VADO...' and various photos with labels like 'al ristorante', 'a Rijeka', 'in camera da letto', 'in centro', 'al bar', 'in cucina', 'in Europa', 'al mare', and 'a Vežica'. Another poster is titled 'EDULINGUA' and features a grid of small photos. A third poster on the left is titled 'ESPRESSIONI CON VERBO AVERE'.

# HIGH-SCHOOL AND RETRAINING

- Our programmes:
  - Web design
  - Logistics and Forwarding Technician
  - Physiotherapy Technician
- persons who can apply:
  - people with finished high school older than 17 (*retraining*)
  - people with finished elementary school older than 14 (*high school*)
- recognition of prior learning
- defining distinctive subjects

# NON-FORMAL PROGRAMMES

- developed through EU projects or designed according to the need of an employer
- topics: *digital skills, communication skills, language courses, soft skills, transversal skills, career guidance*
- age 14 to 65+
- mostly free
- organised as part of national events such as Lifelong Learning Week or Erasmus days



# CHALLENGES

**Reaching out to  
low-qualified  
persons to  
apply for  
vouchers**

**Motivating  
citizens to  
attend non-  
formal  
programmes for  
free**

**Reaching out to  
marginalized  
groups of  
people**



A group of ten diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and posing for a photo. They are arranged in two rows, with some standing in the back and some sitting or kneeling in the front. A large, semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "ANY QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?". The background is a light blue wall with some faint text visible on the right side, including "AZOVANJE" and "U".

**ANY QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**



**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION!**

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