

## PUBLIC AREA

### NATIONAL FORUM, CROATIA

Croatian National Forum was organised on 22<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in Krapina, Croatia with the purpose to stimulate debate, exchange of information, know-how, experiences and share examples of good practices related to labour market – matching of skills supply and demand, career and lifelong learning process development. National Forum in Croatia implemented in collaboration with 5 different institutions: Croatian Employment Service, Regional Office Krapina; Centre for Human Resources within the Croatian Chamber of Economy; Chamber of Trades and Crafts Krapina Zagorje County; College Hrvatsko Zagorje Krapina and Family Centre Krapina Zagorje County. Each of them presented their activities in matching supply and demand in the labour market. National forum was implemented also in co-operation with 2 companies who presented their good practices. 28 participants of the forum identified weaknesses (rapid changes in the labor market, inertia of government in passing legislation related to education, poor economic conditions, lack of interest in companies and others) and strengths in matching of skills and forecasting needs (awareness of the need for lifelong learning, a desire to match knowledge and skills with the labor market, etc.). They agreed that it is necessary to increase the collaboration and networking of all stakeholders in the labor market and human resource development, strengthening education and training, and also promoting social inclusion of less employable in the labor market.



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