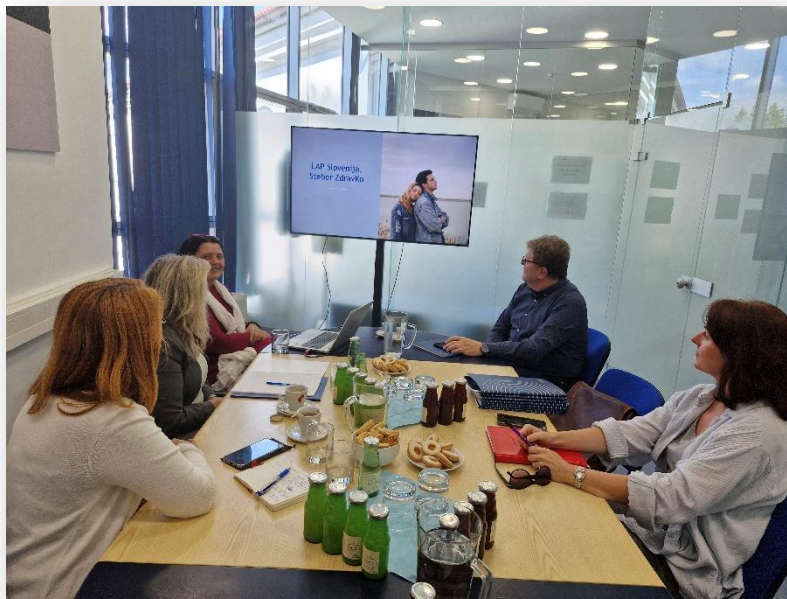


## 3P4SSE NEWSLETTER\_ #3 contribution from RRA Podravje - Maribor



### Successful Start of the Action Plan Implementation - Special Focus on Pillar II

The 3P4SSE project has successfully launched the implementation of the action plan, which includes several key activities aimed at improving social welfare support in the Municipality of Maribor. Of particular importance is the progress made with Pillar II, which focuses on the establishment of a network of social welfare organizations in Maribor. This network will unite providers of various services, ranging from elderly care to support for vulnerable groups, allowing for more accessible, transparent, and effective provision of social services, while strengthening the solidarity economy in the city.

### Establishing the Network of Social Welfare Organizations

As part of Pillar II, a plan was prepared to create a network that connects organizations from various fields of social welfare. The goal of this collaboration is to facilitate access to services for end-users and improve the transparency of social welfare service offerings in Maribor. By including multiple organizations, such as Centers for Social Work, elderly homes, non-governmental organizations, and other social services, the aim is to create a collaborative environment where services are more accessible and better coordinated.



## **Drafting the Cooperation Agreement and Introducing the Questionnaire**

The first step towards the creation of the network was to prepare a draft cooperation agreement which outlines the rules and responsibilities of the members. Additionally, a questionnaire for social welfare service providers was developed to create a database of organizations that will join the network. This questionnaire has already been pre-tested, to ensure a thorough and quality selection process of service providers. The first stakeholders meeting took place on **September 20, 2024**, in Maribor where the participants discussed the draft questionnaire and cooperation agreement for the establishment of the network. They also provided constructive suggestions for improvements.

## **Future Steps and Planned Activities**

The upcoming activities include further meetings with key stakeholders to test the effectiveness of the network and gather feedback from service users. Moreover, the development of the online platform zDRAVko is underway, which will provide easy access to information and connections with various service providers. The platform will serve as a crucial tool for promoting the network and encouraging transparency and efficiency in social welfare services in the region.

The *3P4SSE* project represents a significant step towards enhancing social welfare support in Maribor, with a focus on collaboration, transparency, and accessibility for all residents of the Municipality of Maribor.

