



### Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia

# CHAT for Victims – Changing the accessibility of tools for victims

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## PROJECT GOALS

#### **GENERAL GOAL:**

- higher level of assistance to victims and witnesses with disabilities
- online via live-chat service (116-006)
- in person via higher quality of communication competences of employees of institutions (police and judiciary).



#### **SPECIFIC GOALS:**



- establishment of a live-chat service adapted to persons with disabilities
- research with non-governmental organizations and persons with disabilities on providing support via live-chat service
- creation of a manual with standards for providing support via live-chat service
- creation and implementation of training to strengthen the capacity of experts to work with persons with disabilities via live-chat service
- raising awareness of the existence of a live-chat support service for victims and witnesses
- increase the level of knowledge about self-protective behaviour of people with disabilities
- increasing the competence of judges and court employees for communication with victims and witnesses with disabilities.



# WHY??



- NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- recommendations developed through Croatian Legal Center's (CLC) project "ARVID – A Better Approach to Victim's Rights for Persons With Disabilities"
- level of participation of PWDs as victims and witnesses in criminal procedures and the problems they encounter
- seven recommendations
- fourth point the problem of the lack of information PWDs have regarding their rights in criminal procedures
- relevant legal information regarding their rights, financial compensation, criminal procedure or else, emotional support, practical information and contacts of other organizations and institutions.



# **OBJECTIVES**



#### MAIN:

- victims and witnesses with disabilities
  - persons with speech, hearing and intellectual disabilities



#### SECONDARY:

- other groups of victims (victims of gender based violence)
- improve the system of victim support services
- increase awareness and contribute to the very relevant topic of changing attitudes and behavior in regard to the issue of PWDs

## **PARTNERS**



- Victim and Witness Support Service Croatia (VWSSC)
- The Official College of Psychology Madrid (COPM)
- Legal center for the protection of human rights and the environment (PIC) from Slovenia
- Victim Support Europe (VSE) from Belgium
- Validity from Hungary
- Center for Legal Resources (CLR) from Romania
- Ministry of Justice and Public Administration
- Minister of the Interior
- LCPC





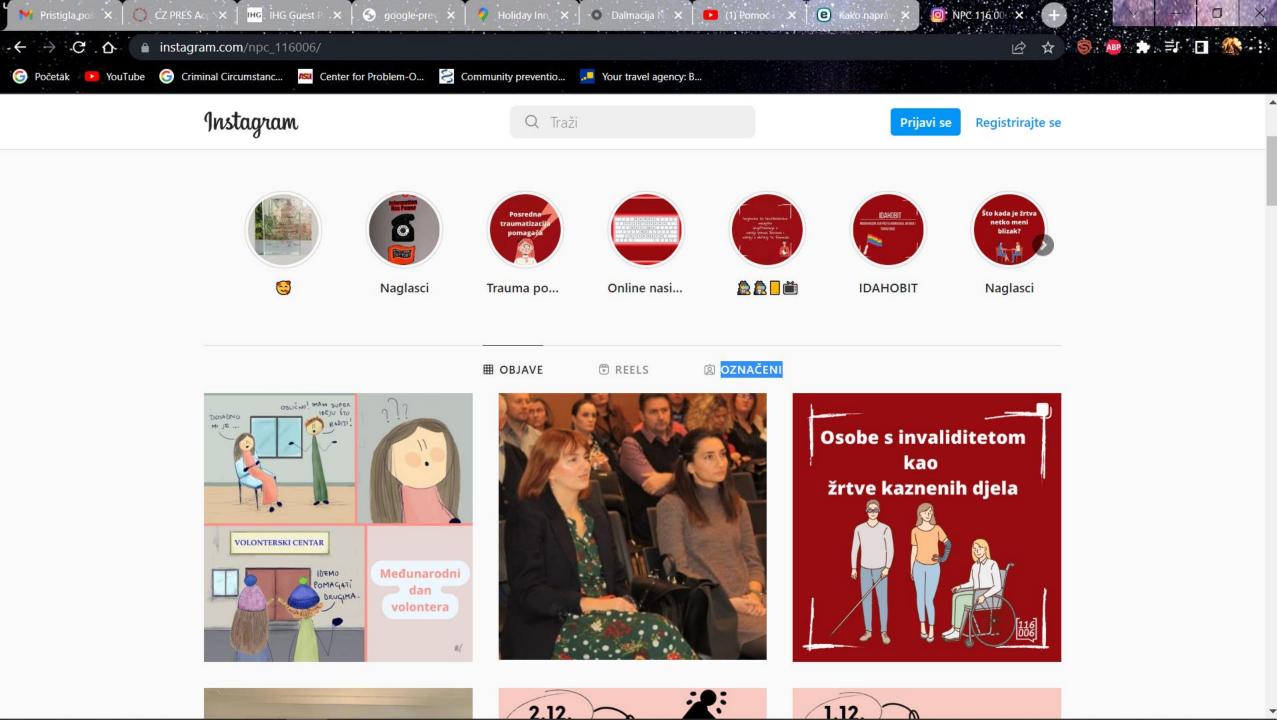


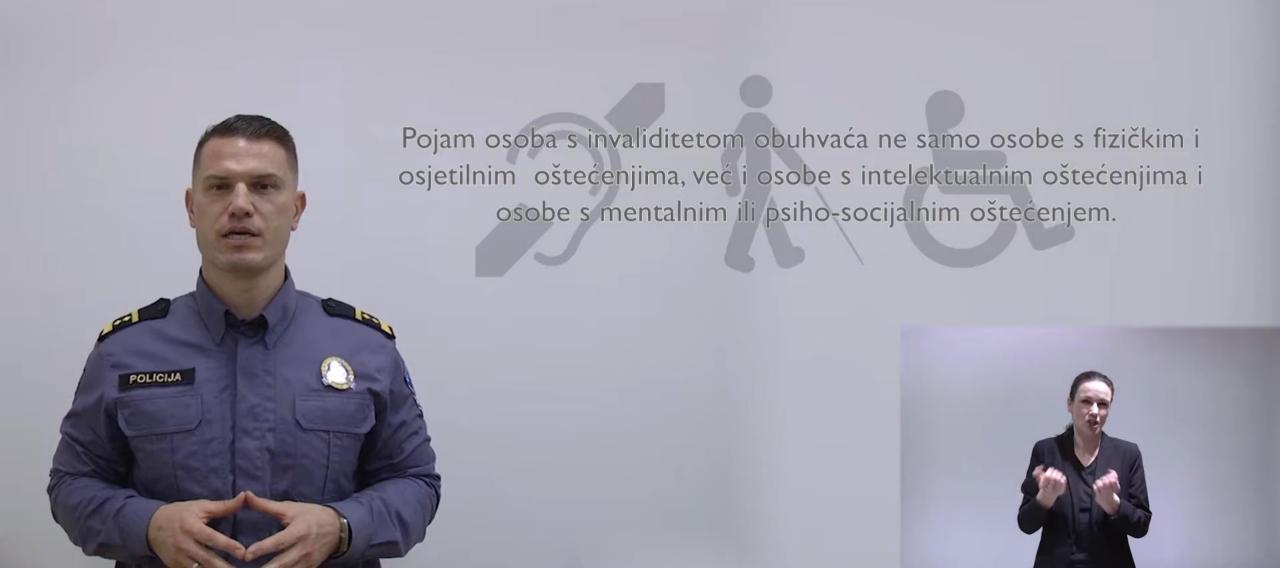














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