

Centre of Excellence for School Effectiveness and Management (Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Youth, Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion)

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Project timeframe: November 2014 – November 2024.

Project goals:

The Scientific Centre of Excellence for School Effectiveness and Management was a national research project aimed at improving the quality of education in Croatia. The project was implemented in two five-year cycles - 2014-2019 and 2019-2024. Its activities were focused on studying the factors which influence school effectiveness, student educational achievements, and the development of effective educational management. Renowned researchers from the fields of sociology, pedagogy, philosophy, psychology, economics, and educational sciences contributed to the Centre's long-term research goal: to develop scientifically based models of school management which would allow for greater balance as well as quality of educational processes, at the national level. Numerous empirical studies in schools were implemented, with resulting analysis of data on students, teachers, school leadership, and educational policies. Some of the results of this ten-year long networking projects are: - a developed empirical model of school effectiveness; a large number of research articles and books; fostered international cooperation and expert debate through forums and conferences; established network of researchers and institutions; concrete recommendations for educational policies.

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