

Letter of Support

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have been informed by empirica GmbH of the call for proposal of the European Commission on: DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-SKILLS-06-WOMEN, and their intention to submit a proposal for a project under the name SheShines "Supporting Education, Skills, and Careers Enabling Girls and Women to Succeed in the Digital Professions"

The call addresses topics and issues of major interest to our organisation, Croatian Association for Open Systems and Internet (HrOpen).

We herewith would like to declare that we are interested in and willing to support the work under this service contract project through our knowledge and expertise and within the boundaries of our capacities should the consortium of partners led by empirica GmbH be selected for funding.

More specifically, we express our intention to support the project by:

- Acting as member of the project's Advisory Board, which will be informed regularly about the project's progress and invited to discuss and help finalise key outputs;
- Helping the project engage a broad range of stakeholders and encourage active participation in (a) the SheShines Forum and Communities of Practice, (b) identification of best practices, (c) input to development of policy recommendations;
- Helping the project in disseminating outputs by using our established communication channels;
- HrOpen will include and represent women involved in free software and open source in the region and EU.

Yours sincerely,

Svebor Prstačić, PhD

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President of HrOpen

