Dr. Iva Žegura
Biography

Iva Žegura is a licensed university specialist of clinical psychology and PhD candidate. She has background in gestalt integrative therapy, cybernetics of psychotherapy, and sexual therapy. Žegura works at the University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče in Zagreb for 20 years.

She was a trailblazer of LGBTIQ+ affirmative practice in Croatia and region. She initiated development of legislative and health care for transgender and gender diverse people according to the WPATH SOC in Croatia. She is a member of the National List of Experts for the Health Care of Transgender People.

Zegura is a member of the several national, European and international professional societies and associations. She holds leadership roles in the Croatian Psychological Society (CPA) and the Croatian Psychological Chamber (CPC). Žegura represents CPA on the European Federation of Psychologists Associations' Board on Cultural and Ethnic Diversity, APA's Ipsy Net. She is member of Advisory Board of Global Network of Psychologists for Human Rights. Currently, she is president-elect of the European Professional Association for Transgender Health- EPATH.

She is the recipient of several professional certificates of appreciation and awards, including the Marulić Social Award: "Fiat Psychologia" for special contribution to Croatian applied psychology (2011) and the Certificate of Distinguished Contribution to the Croatian Psychological Chamber (2020), and the APA Division 52- International Psychology Global Citizen Psychologist Citation 2022 Award for exceptional volunteer professional engagement and contribution to increasing visibility and strengthening the availability of psychological scientific and practical knowledge both in the local and international community related to LGBTQ+ mental health. In 2024, she was awarded the Ramiro Bujas award by the Croatian Psychological Association for a particularly valuable achievement in the social affirmation of psychology.