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Proposal Title:	The geography of non-normative sexualities in Croatia
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Abstract:	The aim of this research is to gain a deeper knowledge about the lived experiences and everyday lives of individuals who live in small towns and rural areas outside of larger Croatian cities and identify as LGBTIQ or practice non-normative sexualities. This research will examine the different ways these individuals express and make sense of their sexual subjectivities and identities. It will contribute to a better understanding of how economic, social and cultural structures, such as informal social networks, family life, living arrangements, local institutions and employment opportunities in rural and small town spaces and broader social discourses of non-normative sexualities in Croatia have shaped the perceived experiences and opportunities of these individuals. More specifically, this research will investigate the prevalence of and reasons for either “coming out” or refusing to, and the specificity of the experience of revealing ones sexuality to other family and community members.
Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?:	Yes