Ministry of Tourism – Secondary School Zabok

Project

Traditional Zagorje Food Fair (Sejem starinske zagorske košte)

We are keeping recipes from slipping into oblivion and preparing food with love!

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Studying the public call



- Students:
 - studied the public call- Promoting and Strengthening of Vocational Competencies for Tourism 2015
 - looked into the Tourism Development Strategy until 2020 more closely
 - wrote homework
 – essays relating to the public call
- Discussions about possible project topic ideas:
 - new products
 - creative workshops
 - making traditional souvenirs
 - landscaping walkways and parks
 - environment protection



Selecting the content and project topic

New tourist products based on:

- Connecting public, civil, private sector and science (development)
- Inclusion of strategically defined special forms of tourismcultural, wine and gastro tourism

Improvement of destination management:

through bringing together tourism destination stakeholders

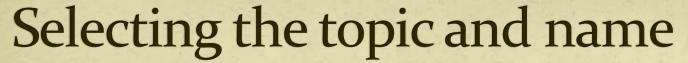
Selecting the topic related to the Strategy

Priorities:

- branding national and regional gastronomic offers;
- development of educational programs and best practices manuals for all wishing to participate in the gastro-wine tourism offer

Other product development activities deal with:

- discussing Croatian regions for the use of eno-gastronomic diversity
- encouraging investments in the events relating to food and drinks





- We have asked ourselves the following questions:
 - Does a town have its tourist product? What is it like?
 - How can students contribute to the development of a tourist product?
 - Why would a tourist visit our town?
- Idea gourmet tourist product?
- Interest expressed by:
 - Zabok Tourist Board
 - Zagorje Tradition Association
 - Krapina Zagorje County
 - Terme Tuhelj and the others
- Project name: Traditional Zagorje Food Fair Sejem starinske zagorske košte"





- Studying old, traditional and authentic recipes and records of Zagorje dishes
- Creating the gastronomic offer for use in the hospitality industry
- Presenting the gastronomic offer to the public and catering facilities
- Holding the event and presenting dishes:
 - · Sejem starinske zagorske košte during 'Mali Gastro'
 - · Sejem starinske zagorske košte during 'Štruklijada'
- Producing a printed brochure with the most interesting dishes

Researching recipes

- Old notes written by our grandmothers and greatgrandmothers
- And moms have contributed
 especially Mirjana Labas
- Literature:
 - Cookbooks and manuals from home libraries
 - Kajkavijana library archives- society for the promotion of Kajkavian culture



Research on our ancestors' nutrition

Literature

- seasonal, modest and rational nutrition prevails
- nutrition of nobility and middle-class families
- foreign influences in shaping local cuisine

Grandmothers and great-grandmothers

- simplicity, rationality and using what nature offers: mushrooms, nettles, cereals,...
- resourcefulness and creativity while preparing dishes: potato dumplings (*luleki*), home-made noodles (*krpice*), cheese-filled pastry (*štruklji*), phyllo strudel (*strepa*), strudels, potatoes and home-made pasta with very little meat

Researching catering facilities' gastronomic offer



Negative examples

- some catering facilities haven't included Zagorje dishes into their offer
- 5-6 Zagorje dishes are offered in about 20 catering facilities
- about 10 catering facilities offer around 15 Zagorje dishes

Positive examples

- family farms
- Vineyard cottage, Bolfan Vinery,
 Vinski Vrh
- Bluesun Hotel Kaj,
 Marija Bistrica
- Restaurant Villa Zelenjak,
 Kumrovec
- Traditional household Majsec's Mill, Donja Stubica

Creating gastronomic offer for use in catering industry







Presenting gastronomic offer workshop 1 - Terme Tuhelj

- A trial presentation for the guests of Hotel Well (4*)
- We prepared 3,000 finger foods
- Tasting of about 10 finger foods on the buffet table: cornmeal cake (*zlijevka*), sweet yeast buns (*buftlini*), Lobor cheese filled pastry (*loborski štrukljeci*), pork rind scones (*krampogačice*), gingerbread cookies, ...
- Guests were asked to complete feedback questionnaires





Presenting gastronomic offer workshop 1- Terme Tuhelj



- The feedback showed that the best grades were given to:
 - Lobor cheese filled pastry (loborski štrukljeci)
 - sweet yeast buns with plum jam (buhtlini z pekmezom od šljiv)
 - Cornmeal cake with nuts (zlijevka z orehimi)
- There were no negative comments
- The best comment: Traditional dishes should be included into the menus of Terme Tuhelj







Presenting gastronomic offer workshop 2- at school

- Rewarded students and mentors at regional, state and international competitions
- 300 finger foods were prepared
- There were no negative comments



- The best grades were given to:
 - Baked polenta filled with mushrooms
 - Lobor cheese filled pastry (loborski štruklji)
 - Pork rind scones (*krampogačice*)



Presenting gastronomic offer workshop 3- *Mali Gastro* 2015



- 1,000 finger foods were prepared and the best grades were given to:
 - Potato dumplings with barley porridge and mushrooms
 - Home-made pastry -mlinci –baked in cream
 - Gingerbread cookies
- Kindergarten Zipkica an opportunity to be a chef and taste our dishes
- Humanitarian character proceeds from the sale of delicacies were donated to a good cause - fighting cancer





Presenting gastronomic offer workshop 4- The Fair (Sejem) 2015

- Announcement of the event within the 7th Zagorje Štruklijada
- Leaflet printing and sending invitations
- Tasting and presenting approximately 5,000 finger foods
- Sales for charitable purposes- helping students
- Consumer satisfaction survey





Traditional Zagorje Food Fair

- Competition in making štruklji- a duel between our students, Mateja and Filip, and professional chefs
- Mateja and Filip won
- The best-graded dishes were:
 - Home-made pastry mlinci-baked in cream
 - Zagorski štruklji
 - Pumpkin pie









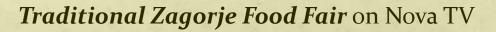




- The project has been presented to the public through:
 - Leaflets and posters
 - Announcements and invitations
 - Radio and TV shows
 - Internet portals: School's website, www.kzž.hr, www.zabok.hr, Oblizeki.hr etc.
 - Social networks FB
 - Local and regional newspapers













- According to the consumer satisfaction survey
 - grade 3 was awarded to our dishes by 8% of consumers
 - grade 4 was awarded to our dishes by 17% of consumers
 - grade 5 was awarded to our dishes by 75% of consumers
 - Some consumers added grades 6 and 10

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1.	Želite li konzumirati tradicijska jela?		DA			NE
2.	Osjećate li uz naše slastice spoj tradicionalnog i ugodnog "doživljaja"?		DA			NE
3.	Željeli bi ste da se starinska jela nude u ugostiteljskim objektima?		DA			NE
4.	Mislite li da ovaj naš projekt o starinskim jelima ima budućnost?		DA DA			NE
5.	Utječe li asortiman tradicionalnih jela u na Vaš odabir lokala?					NE
6.	Smatrate li dobrim da smo starinskim jelima dodali notu suvremenosti		DA			NE
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Project results

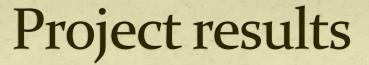
- We have acquired knowledge regarding
 - table culture then and now
 - our ancestors' nutrition
 - the preparation of traditional Zagorje dishes
 - writing reports for the public and the media
 - communication with guests in a foreign language
 - · communication with the media
 - presentation and sales skills
 - humanitarian organizations
 - project applications















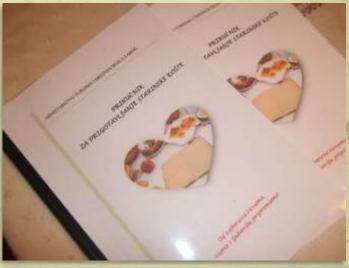




Project results

- The recipes have been made accessible to:
 - the public -more than 100 leaflets
 - around 20 catering facilities (for now) brochures
 - our mums and teachers
 - our peers who kept asking- 'What are you doing???







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- · Adfuttorka

tijeste od navedenih to

- We are proud:
- because we have contributed to the development of a new tourist product
- of the fact that our ideas have been accepted and appreciated by all those whom we turned to for a piece of advice or support
- of the fact that the county prefect personally came to open the *Sejem*, talk about our ideas, express the gratitude, take part in a workshop and taste our *košte*





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- all those involved in catering business who accepted our brochures

