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Secondary school Topusko

School for graphic design, design and media production
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Public call

PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF COMPETENCES OF VOCATIONS IN TOURISM 2017.
General objectives of the project:

- encouraging employment in the municipality of Topusko through the promotion and development of all-year cultural tourism

- raising the awareness of the local community about the importance of cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage and the need for its preservation and protection
Specific objectives of the project:

- improving the tourist and gastronomic offer of the municipality of Topusko through the organization of historical stage performances with the presentation of the lifestyle, diet and entertainment in the Roman period, the medieval Cistercian period and the Habsburg period of the 19th century

- educating the local community, present and potential future tourist workers about the importance of cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage

- informing the general public about the cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage of Topusko as part of a local tourist offer through video material, social networking, brochures, leaflets etc.

- development of entrepreneurship and project thinking of students and their recognition of projects as a way of obtaining an investment
Activities of the project:

1.) informing the local community and all business entities working in tourism of the project and the planned activities

2.) study and research cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage of Topusko
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3.) marking cultural and historical monuments with information boards

4.) conducting gastronomic workshops with historical review for students, tourist and hospitality workers and the interested public
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5.) historical stage performance of everyday life in selected historical periods

6.) creation of promotional material (video content, web content, cultural history guide of Topusko, brochures, leaflets)

7.) final manifestation and presentation of project results
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- Informing the local community and business entities about the project and studying and exploring the cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage of Topusko

In the course of these activities, a number of stakeholders were involved: Tourist Bord of Topusko, Tourist Bord of Sisak-Moslavina County, Municipality of Topusko, Sisak-Moslavina County, Karlovac Historical Museum, Conservation Department of the Ministry of Culture in Sisak, Department of History of the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb, Top-Terme Topusko, Topusko Health Resort and private accommodation owners in Topusko.

Numerous meetings were held and research conducted under the guidance of the project team.

The general public was informed about all events through regular social media announcements.
Marking cultural and historical monuments with information boards

In cooperation with the relevant experts, an information bord on the Roman votive altar from the 2nd century AD was created. The board is set on the very historic site.
Performing open public gastronomic workshops and stage presentations of everyday life through selected historical periods

Through the gastronomic workshops, dishes from selected historical periods important for Topusko (Roman period, Cistercian period, 19th century) were made. For preparing dishes, locally grown food was used in cooperation with the Association of producers of Sisak-Moslavina County.

Presentations of everyday life were performed by school students at specific historical sites. The Roman period was painted in the locality of the votive altar, the cistercian period at Opatovina park site, and the 19th century on the site of the terrace and promenade at the foot of the Nikola hill.

To carry out this continuous activity, replica clothing was used from every historical period. Part of the clothes were made during this project, while part are the donation of the Dvorska lepeza Association which stopped working.
Creation of promotional material

With an aim of presenting the results of the research, a brief brochure containing information on the cultural and historical sights of Topusko in selected historical periods was made.

Brochure content has been agreed with relevant experts, richly illustrated and greatly contributes to visitors and local community information.
The brochure also contains numerous quotes, and the most interesting is the fragment from Diary by Dragojla Jarnević, Croatian writer, teacher and intellectual, a member of the Croatian National Revival in the 19th century. The section describes one of the visits of Ban Josip Jelačić to Topusko.
The closing event was held on June 15th, 2017. The event attracted the attention of numerous visitors, both locals and visitors from wider surroundings and tourists. All project stakeholders, as well as the highest representatives of local and regional government participated. The event was recorded by local and regional media.

The results of the project and the historical stage performance were also presented during the manifestation "The Imperial City - Opatija" on 16th of July 2017. We also plan to participate in the European Heritage Days on 25.09.2017. and Night of the Museum on January 26, 2018, with the topic of Cistercian and Topusko Abbey as a sequel to the project.
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