SOPOT MEETING POINT

Educational panels on Sopot culture
Vinkovci Vocational School and School of Wood-Processing Technology Vinkovci have applied to the Public Call of the Ministry of Tourism to Vocational and Art Schools to strengthen the competences of vocational professions through the development of tourism projects:

Project objectives

• raising and creating positive attitudes of the population on tourism,

• improving the tourist offer with additional content - arranging educational paths through interpretation of cultural and historical heritage,

• ecological orientation of the project presupposes the rational use of available resources and promotes healthy life related to walking or cycling along the Bosut River
Specific objectives of the project

• Students of the Vinkovci Vocational School, participants in the educational programme a Tourist Gymnasiun and a Tourist-Hotelier Commercial, collected the materials about the Sopot culture, created booklets on the educational path, and promoted the Sopot Meeting Point as a new tourist product.

• The students of Wood-Processing Tecnology School, the Wood-Processing Technician and the Wood-Processing Designer have made a table and souvenirs on the topic of Sopot culture.
Carried out activities

- collecting data on Sopot culture - field teaching, visit to the City Museum
- going to the promenade - studying the terrain, marking locations for setting up educational panels
- drawing of educational panels - drawing of diagrams, drafts, conceptual design, construction
- poster design - based on the collected data, the students proposed the conceptual solutions of the visual appearance of the educational panel
Carried out activities

creating educational panels
creating a presentation brochure
making souvenirs
**SOPOTSKA KULTURA**

Sopot je lokalitet po kojemu je cijela kultura dobila ime (eponimski lokalitet), a nalazi se 3.600 metara jugozapadno od Vinkovaca, uz šetnicu duž Bosute. Sopotska kultura poznata je stručnjacima već više od 100 godina. Mijenjala je imena, no Stojan Dimitrijević, poznati arheolog, od 1971. godine naziva ju sopotskom kulturom.

Sopotska kultura pripadaški je tipične sjedileštke poljoprivredne zajednice, koja je obitala na našem prostoru tijekom srednjega i kasnoga neolitika (mladega kameno doba), odnosem tijekom 5. tisućljeća prije Krista (od oko 5300. – 4000. g. pr. Kr.).

Uniformnost sopotske kulture prepoznajemo u na različitim područjima rasprostranjenja: stican izbor lokacija za izgradnju naselja, gradnja nadzemnih kuća, izrada građevinskih kamenih slojeva, redoviti kameni keramički posude (bez prisutnosti kislina), uzgoj biljaka i životinja. Naselja sopotske kulture podizala su se na prirodnim uzvišenjima uz obale rijeke, potoka, te u ravnici, uz danas isušene, manje vodotoke. Najveća koncentracija sopotskih naselja je uz rijeku Bosut i Vuku, gdje ih je dosad otkriveno oko 50.

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**SOPOT CULTURE**

Sopot is the eponymous site (the whole culture has been named after the site itself) located 3600 meters southwest of Vinkovci, along the walking trail along the river Bosut. The experts have been aware of the existence of this culture for over 100 years.

The name of the culture changed over the years and it was Stojan Dimitrijević, the archeologist, who gave it the present name in 1971. Sopot culture belongs to the typical sedentary agricultural community which had populated this area during the times of Middle and Late New Stone Age, i.e. during the 5th century B.C. (5300 – 4000 B.C.).

The uniformity of Sopot culture is well recognized in all areas: similar choice of locations for building the settlement, polished stone tools, pottery (no oxygen in baking), farming (crops and cattle).

The settlements used to build on both naturally created elevations along banks, streams and on plains along boggy land. Sopot settlements were most densely built along rivers Bosut and Vuka. It is in this area that around 50 settlements have been found.
Carried out activities

making clothes the Sopot people used to wear

assemblying of educational panels
**EPONIMNI LOKALITET SOPOT**

Eponimni lokalitet Sopot nalazi se 3,6 km jugozapadno od Vinkovaca na desnoj obali Bosute, a 1902. godine rođeni Vinkovčanin Josip Brunšmid otkrio je Sopot kao lokalitet. Tipično sopotsko naselje činile su kuće, sagrađene jedna blizu druge. Kuće su u prosjeku bile od 24 do 35 m².

Krov je bio na dvjema vodama načinjen od trske ili slame, a unutarnji i vanjski zidovi bili su izvedeni od isprepletene pruća ili dasaka premazanih blatom. Zemlja za premazivanje zidova iskopana je u neposrednoj blizini kuća, a jame koje su pritom nastajale kasnije su služile kao spremišta ili otpadne jame. Ukopani manji ili veći prostori služili su kao radni prostori koje je koristila ojela zajednica. Naselje je imalo obrambeni sustav s dvama opkopima ispunjenima vodom i drvenom ogradom, koji su prstenasto okruživali naselje.

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**EPONYMOUS SITE SOPOT**

Eponymous site Sopot is located 3.6 kilometers southwest of Vinkovci, on the right bank of river Bosut. The site was discovered in 1902 by archeologist Josip Brunšmid, native of Vinkovci. The typical settlement of Sopot culture consisted of houses, built closely to one another, usually 24 to 35 m² in size.

Gable roof was usually made of reed or straw. Inner and outer walls were built using twined twigs or planks both coated with mud. The settlers used the soil in the vicinity of their houses to make mud, and the holes left after digging were used a storage pits or waste trenches. Dug-in areas of different sizes were present around the settlement and were used as working areas for the whole community.

The settlement was surrounded by defense system – two ring shaped trenches filled with water and a wooden fence.
If you expand your mind every day, you will be happier!

Make the most of a beautiful day. Take a walk or ride your bike to Sopot, bring your whole family, friends or guests and make a stop at the instructive panels about Sopot culture, made by the students of the Secondary Vocational School and Carpentry Technical School in Vinkovci.

These instructive panels talk about Sopot culture and the life of Sopot people, their city, work and period in which they lived as well as about their beliefs. History never dies, it is here. Since history is all about experience, the present is also history.

You will find out that Sopot people built above-ground houses, made polished stone tools, used reddish reactive hunting to make ceramics, and were involved in growing crops and animal farming. Sopot culture settlements were built on natural elevations near river and creek shores and in lowland. The people of Sopot lived in bright above-ground houses, the dimensions of which were sufficient for one family, which points to the fact that Sopot people lived in very advantageous conditions.

River Bosut is rich with fish and river shellfish, and the remains of thick oak forests are present today still, and the large arable lands were located around the settlement. The thick forest areas were home to wild bears, aurochs, deer, boars, brown bear and other scavengers. The basis of Sopot agriculture consisted of cultivation of plants such as wheat, barley, rye and flax. The diet was supplemented with wild fruits and weeds. Fabrics were made of flax for different purposes. Sopot people mostly bred pigs and cattle, and also small ruminants such as sheep and goats.

The past and the present intertwine. They were grateful for everything nature has given them, and we should be thankful to the people who left us a huge world that we are able to explore with our knowledge and experience. People have been living here for millennia.

Make the most of a beautiful day. Learn something about Sopot culture, because we have to know what we have and we should use because time or human factor cannot take your knowledge from you.

Become the best promoters of your city’s culture and history.
Project Promotion Activities

- Leaflets and invitations with project information were printed
- Promotional materials were distributed at the school premises
Project Promotion Activities

Presentation of the Public Project - June 13, 2017
June 28, 2017

Presentation of the project at the expert meeting of the County Expert Council, Subsector Economy;

Counties: Vukovar-Srijem, Brod-Posavina, Osijek-Baranja
Presentation of the project at the expert meeting in the Ivan Domac School of Economics, Vinkovci
Media

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