



Varaždin County on creating a collaborative lifelong learning community

Peer-learning activity, 20-22 April 2022





Objectives

In Varaždin County an adult education is organized within vocational schools and centers of open colleges and implemented in three forms: job training, retraining and general improvement. During the study visit we will present examples of good practice, namely vocational schools founded by Varaždin County that implement lifelong learning programs, Regional centres of competences and Centres of excellence. As Varaždin County pays great attention to lifelong education, providing specific training programmes in the area of giftedness and talent, an adult education institution Public Institution European Talent Centre Croatia - Centres of Excellence of Varaždin County will also be presented via international conference on talent development.

Target: education providers, guidance and support staff and VET (Vocational Education and Training) teachers, education planners, practitioners, professionals in the field of gifted education and policy makers).

Format

The study visit and peer learning activity will consist of a mixture of meetings, study visits, conference, presentations, practical experiences and discussion with relevant stakeholders from the local and regional level and on-site visits at schools and education partners' premises. Participants have an option to choose on-site visits according to their specific interests and on the 22nd they can choose lectures interested to them.

Registration

<https://bit.ly/3J3Fmt3>

Schedule

April 20th: 09:00 - 16:00

April 21th: 09:00 - 16:00

April 22th: 09:30 – optional/depending on a time of departure

Venue

[Varaždinska županija, Franjevački trg 7, Varaždin](#)



Programme

| Day 1: Wednesday, April 20th | | |
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| 09:00 – 09:45 | Welcome and getting to know each other and professional contexts Varaždin County Palace (Županijska palača), Franjevački trg 7, Varaždin https://bit.ly/3KsQUqg | <i>Iva Janežić, Department for Education, Culture and Sport</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short intro/expectations from all partners • Presentation of detailed schedule • Logistic details |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | Visit* to high school Srednja strukovna https://goo.gl/maps/MEEFXE2rpuABuko9 & high school Gospodarska https://goo.gl/maps/28uxPbhJU41Y6svU9 <i>*10 minutes walking distance</i> Presentation of adult education within vocational schools founded by Varaždin County that implement lifelong learning programs and tour of the cabinets and practicums. | Meetings/Discussions with stakeholders: headmasters and head of Adult education Departments Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Director of the Secondary Vocational School Varaždin*</i> <i>Dražen Koščak</i> School has adult education for: carpentry technician - designer, fashion technician, beautician, tailor, hairdresser, baker, butcher • <i>Director of Varaždin's School of Economics Katica Kalogjera Novak</i> School has adult education for seller, waiter, cook, business secretary, administrative officer, hotel and tourism technician/commercialist, economist. |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break | Restoran Palatin http://www.palatin.hr/ |
| 14:00– 15:30 | Meeting and workshop upon how to work with creativity with mr.sc. Robert Kelemen, Assistant Head for development programs and director European Talent Centre Croatia - Centres of | Mr. Kelemen will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can creativity be learned • why is creativity important in education • how to develop the habit of creativity He will also present on-going projects regarding adult education: |

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| | Excellence of the Varazdin County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> program "RITHA Practitioner Croatia" https://bit.ly/3O3Ayaa - an international postgraduate education program for adults working with gifted students The Drone Pilot Academy* https://dronepilotacademy.edu.eu/ specialized program for lifelong learning created in accordance with the needs of the market and tailored to the requirements of the client. transformation the Šaulovec Castle into a European Center for the Gifted - Centers of Excellence of Varaždin County https://www.edutalent.site/ as a place of popularization of science and care for gifted students and their mentors. |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | What's in it for me? Reflection session | Discussion in groups, common exchange |
| 17:00 | Varaždin City Walk | Optional |
| 19:30 | Official dinner in restaurant Verglec | https://gastrocom-ugostiteljstvo.com/restorani/restoran-i-pizzeria-verglec/ |
| Day 2: Thursday, April 21th | | |
| 09:00– 11:00 | Visit* to high school - Elektrostrojarska https://goo.gl/maps/SvWhIyqD7vt4nsBG6 & Strojarska i prometna https://goo.gl/maps/mspeQMmjQyC3ZpbZA & high school <i>*10 minutes walking distance</i> Presentation of adult education within vocational schools founded by Varaždin County that | Meetings/Discussions with stakeholders: headmasters and head of Adult education Departments Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Director of the Varaždin School of Electrical Engineering Igor Kos</i> School has adult education for: renewable energy installers, energy certifiers, CNC operators. <i>Director of the School of Mechanical Engineering and Traffic in Varaždin Snježana Klarić</i> |

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| | implement lifelong learning programs and tour of the cabinets and practicums. | School has driving school offered to public and courses such as periodical training of drivers for COD 95 and driver's training for ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road. |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | TBC |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | <p>Visit to High School "Arboretum Opeka" Marčan, Vinička ul. 53, 42207, Marčan https://goo.gl/maps/zFUiX4js66DcbBP7 & presentation of Regional Centres of competence</p> | <p>Presentation of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) innovative teaching methods and learning models 2) hands-on based learning for more efficient inclusion of the students into job-market 3) recognition and inclusion of students with special needs and other vulnerable minority groups <p>Meetings/Presentation of: <u>"Arboretum Opeka" Marčan in Vinica declared as 'Regional Centre of Competence in Agriculture'</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Director of school Dragan Brkić</i> • <i>Head of the Regional Centre Marina Šmidlehner</i> <p>School has trainings for agricultural technician of plant production, technician gardener, technician phytopharmacist, forestry technician, winemaker, veterinary technician, gardener, florist etc.</p> <p><u>Regional Centre for competence of innovative Health technologies at Varazdin Medical school</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Director of school and Head of Regional Centre Mirjana Grabar</i> <p>School has trainings for professions: Physiotherapeutic Technician, Pharmaceutical Technician, Sanitary Technician, Health Laboratory Technician</p> |
| 19:30 | Official dinner in restaurant Bedem or Trakošćan (TBC) | http://bedem-varazdin.com/ https://trakoscan.hr/ |



Day 3: Friday, 22nd April

2nd INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC CONFERENCE ON TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Friday, 22nd April 2022, 10 AM
at Conference Hall in Hotel Turist
Aleja kralja Zvonimira 1, 42000 Varaždin

Hybrid Event

<https://www.edutalent.site/>

PROGRAMME

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| 9:30 - 10:00 | Participants Registration and Press conference/Media statements |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Opening Ceremony |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Graduation Ceremony RITHA Practitioner Croatia 2021 (incl. a photo moment) |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Professor Lianne Hoogeveen: 'Talents That are in Hiding: How do we Find Them?' Programme Director Radboud International Training on High Ability (RITHA), Radboud University, the Netherlands, President of the European Council for High Ability (ECHA) |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Pause and Refreshments |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Prof.dr. Albert Ziegler: 'Role Models in Gifted Education' , Friedrich-Alexander Erlangen University, Nürnberg, Germany (virtual presentation) |
| 1:45 - 1:30 | Professor Margaret Sutherland: 'High-quality Teaching and Learning: Embedding Principles across Career-long Professional Development' Glasgow University, Scotland (virtual presentation) |
| 1:30 - 2:15 | Lunch Break |
| 2:15 - 3:00 | Professor Heidrun Stoger: 'Self-regulated Learning' , University Regensburg, Germany (virtual presentation) |
| 3:00 – 3:45 | Professor Mojca Juriševič: 'How did COVID-19 Pandemic Affect Gifted Students? Empirical Findings and Implications from Slovenia' University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (virtual presentation) |



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| 3:45 - 4:30 | Dr Csilla Fuszek: 'Talent Development in Hungary, Experience of European Talent Centre Budapest' Director European Talent Centre Budapest, Hungary, Secretary ETSN |
| 4:30-4:45 | Pause and Refreshments |
| 4:45 - 5:30 | Dr Balazs Klein: 'Modern ability tests in talent identification' , Director Testar LLC |
| 5:30-6:15 | Dr Szilivia Fodor: 'Wellbeing and high performance at school' , Assistant Professor, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary |
| 6:15- | Closing Ceremony |

Venue:

Meeting point will take place at [Varaždinska županija, Franjevački trg 7, Varaždin](#)

Getting to Varaždin:

As a city located close to the capital city, but also close to the borders with Slovenia and Hungary, Varazdin is very well connected to multiple cities in Europe. By far the quickest way of getting to Croatia from other country's is by air, [via Zagreb airport](#). There is no direct bus from Zagreb Airport to Varaždin. However, there are services departing from Zagreb Airport and arriving at Varaždin via Zagreb. From [Zagreb Airport every 30 minutes](#) a bus goes to Zagreb driving to Zagreb Bus Station from where you have to take another bus for Varaždin. You can buy tickets for buses departing from Zagreb Bus Station [on a website](#).

As Varaždin is located 80 km North of Zagreb, the best way to get there is by car. Cities are connected with the highway, so it's a nice one hour drive from Croatia's capital.

Depending on time of arrivals, there is a possibility to organize a shuttle bus.

Suggested Accommodation

[Hotel Turist](#), easily accessible by walk: from hotel to a meeting place: 8 minute walk. Aleja kralja Zvonimira 1, 42000, Varaždin. Another option is Park Boutique Hotel <https://www.hotelpark-split.hr/about-us>.

Participants book accommodation on their own. You are welcome to consider other hotels for your booking.

Health and safety precautions

Please make sure that you check travel restrictions for Croatia (also available on

the EU portal ReOpenEU) to see what rules apply before coming to Varaždin in April. If possible, we encourage you to take out COVID-19 travel insurance / opt. for flexible booking arrangements. Varaždin County will ensure that health and safety precautions are taken throughout the study visit by regularly airing the room, providing hand sanitisers etc.

More information

The tap water is drinkable in the whole of Croatia.

County call number: +385 42

Emergency: +385 112

Bus information: +385 42 350 325, www.ap.hr, www.flixbus.hr

Coronavirus call center – 113

[Coronavirus related information](#) - +385 42 653 178 and +385 99 2529 495 (Monday till Friday - 08-20h, Saturday and Sunday - 08-12h)

Epidemiological service number for Varaždin County - +385 99 211 9802

Civil Protection Headquarters of Varaždin County - phone number: +385 42 390 590, email stozericz@vzz.hr, every day from 7:30 until 16:00 hours

Tourist/Gastro info

<https://www.tourism-varazdin.hr/en/>

<https://www.turizam-vzz.hr/en/>

Varaždin is the city of baroque, young people, music, flowers and bicycles. „Little Vienna“, located in the North of Croatia on the southern bank of the River Drava, is a must see destination. With 46.946 inhabitants and the average annual temperature of 10°C, the city of Varaždin is one of the most attractive destinations to live in or to visit in Croatia. It is the tourist, cultural, economic, educational and sporting centre of North-western Croatia. What makes Varaždin special is its unique monumental and historic heritage preserved in the intact and opulent Baroque architecture of the historic City core that stages numerous events throughout the year.

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