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ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE VALORISATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE:

GIFT IDEAS: UNDER THE ISTRIAN CHRISTMAS TREE #podpiramolokalno

The idea was born within the Local Action Group Istra (LAG for the municipalities of Ankaran, Izola, Koper and Piran together with Coastal Action Group Ribič; leading partner Središče Rotunda), which is a public-private partnership, established in 2015 with the aim of joining forces in the implementation of strategies for local development of the area and obtaining European funds. The idea originated in the desire to be innovative when trying to support local providers of services and products and, in addition, help all those who are having a hard time in finding Christmas and New Year gifts in this »odd« December when many shops are closed.

As you may read on their website: »Around this time last year we enjoyed leisurely strolls through the city, greeting our friends with smiles on our faces and rambling through the Christmas market stalls, searching for a perfect gift in numerous shops in the town centres, but this year everything is...well, different. Smiles are covered by face masks, shops are closed, our movement is restricted to the territory of our municipality. LAS Istra is offering a solution to make this December magical in spite of all limitations.«

Their solution consists in inviting all local growers, wine producers, farmers, fishermen, entrepreneurs and other local craftsmen to present their products and services and spread the information by publishing a list of gathered data on the website www.las-istre.si and in the Facebook profile of LAS Istra.

Proposed products and services are regularly updated and include teas, sea products, chocolates, books, honey, batana boat models, natural cosmetics, olive, linen and hemp oil, salt and spices, wine and “Gift vouchers for Istrian experiences” (Istraterra - Truffles: hunting & cooking & tasting, Seafishing Slovenia): <http://www.las-istre.si/si/pod-istrsko-jelko/>

All members of the MerlinCV project team would like to wish you a very special celebration of all December’s festivities and a happy New Year.

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CONNECTING THE LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS IN THE GORICA REGION

The second wave of Covid-19 pandemics has hit Slovenia pretty hard. In spite of harsh restrictive measures, the number of daily infections remains high. Accordingly, the damage in various economic sectors is rising since many small businesses rely on the period around Christmas and New Year which represents one of the peak selling seasons due to Christmas markets and other similar events. However, there are many initiatives to prove that even in such difficult circumstances it is possible to turn a crisis into an opportunity.

»Lokalno in sr(e)čno.« (“Choose local-Choose with your heart”) is an initiative which is spreading in the regions of Kras and Vipava Valley. It was started by Območna

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obrtno podjetniška zbornica Nova Gorica (Chamber of Crafts and Small Enterprises Nova Gorica), Municipality Miren Kostanjevica and Turizem Miren Kras, with the aim of connecting local growers and craftspeople. The campaign is supported by two media partners: Radio Robin from Nova Gorica and Radio Koper. The campaign aims to encourage consumers to buy their Christmas gifts from local providers of products and services. As part of the project, a website was created (<https://www.lokalnoinsrcno.si/>) to enable the participating producers to present their produce and products. Buyers, on the other hand, have the possibility to purchase a somewhat different, unique present and by so doing, to support the local community.

The selection of products and services to choose from on the website will be updated regularly. The promoters are inviting other small businesses to join this initiative. The final goal is to make this website a meeting point of supply and demand for local products and services. The promoters intend to establish a spot where consumers will easily find information on local supply, including a link to the entire range of products and services offered by single businesses. For more information on how to join the initiative, please go to the website <https://www.lokalnoinsrcno.si/>.

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THIS MERRY DAY OF CULTURE IN PIVKA

The birthday of the Slovene poet France Prešeren on the 3rd December is celebrated each year with an informal event called This Merry Day of Culture. On this day, cultural institutions in Slovenia open their doors to visitors for free, usually organizing various programs, exhibitions, lectures, etc. This year, most of us will be spending the day at home, as we have grown accustomed to due to the pandemic situation, and all events will take place on-line.

In order to celebrate Prešeren's birthday at least in part and to enjoy bits of culture virtually if nothing else goes, the Municipality of Pivka organised a specialist lecture entitled "Ravne Mansion near Pivka - On track of the cultural heritage, the castle library and the archives" as part of the cross-border strategic project MerlinCV, under the Interreg V-A Italy Slovenia programme. The MerlinCV project is linked to the cultural heritage of castles, mansions and villas, therefore the activities of the Municipality of Pivka are centred around the once magnificent mansion of Ravne. The lecture was held by Igor Gardelin who explained how historical records and sources can be used to uncover long-forgotten heritage which, in turn, may be used to bring new life to Ravne mansion by presenting its story.

The time span discussed in the lecture begins with the De Leo family which owned the mansion in the 17th century and ends in the beginning of the 20th century when

the mansion belonged to the Hohenwart family. In the first part of his lecture, the historian Igor Gardelin of the Faculty of Humanities in Koper presented his research of the Archives of the Republic of Slovenia which hold the inventory of aristocratic bequests of the Hohenwarts and the De Leo families. These documents offer a unique insight into the daily life of the nobles as it was in the past, their dwelling and material culture, economic matters and valuables as well as the material possessions that served to distinguish them for their cultivation. It was shown with the case of the inventory of bequests of Jurij Jakob von Hohenwart (1724-1808) from 1808, how the data from the document may be used to reconstruct the rooms and the furnishings of the Ravne mansion, along with its greatest jewel - the library - and display it in a new, virtual form.

The second part of the lecture was dedicated to the Austrian State Archives which hold the private archives of the Hohenwart family including the archives of the Ravne mansion. The last of the above-mentioned archives contains original documents which cast light on personal stories of members of the Hohenwart and the De Leo families and their domain in Ravne. A selection of original documents from the castle archives was also presented in the course of the lecture, revealing the stories of the noblemen connected with the local and the broader, European context. Among other things, Gardelin showed deeds testifying of the transfer of property over Ravne mansion from generation to generation, the papal charter of the castle oratory (1675), the imperial charter of elevation to the rank of barons (1661) and the rank of counts (1767), an oath in the Slovenian language from the beginning of the 18th century, international recognitions of the renown naturalists Franz Josef Hannibal von Hohenwart (1771-1844) and an autobiography, deeds and photos of the Ravne mansion witnessing of the political and private life of Karl Sigmund von Hohenwart (1824-1899), a Minister-President of Austria, i.e. Cisleithania.

The entire lecture is available on YouTube channel of the Park of Military History Pivka (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91KBrxnv1vw>). You are kindly invited to watch the lecture on-line.

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FILM PASSPORT PROJECT: SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF OTHERS

In this month's Newsletter we would like to present an interesting project of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice: a selection of films which allows us to "travel in our minds" during this holiday season, marked by distancing and restrictions. The Film Passport Project by the Outreach and Recruitment Unit team is inspired by the desire to present the international community of the university through cinema. Fourteen students of different nationalities, age and study fields have each selected a film to tell us about their country, but also share a bit of their story. The booklet produced

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in the project is available on-line in a pdf format and will take the reader to all continents: from Cuba to Taiwan, passing through Colombia, Ghana, Italy, Croatia, Macedonia, Turkey, Armenia, Iran, India, Russia, Singapore and China. Every student has chosen a specific aspect or point of view from which they want us to take a look at their cultural heritage. There are history films, biographies, musicals, telling stories that evolve through decades or concentrate on particular events. Each film can take us on an engaging journey even though we are confined to our own living rooms; they are capable of enriching our world and make us explore other cultures.

The booklet is in English and can be downloaded at the university's website at the following link:

https://www.unive.it/pag/fileadmin/user_upload/comunicazione/cafoscarinews/documenti/Film_Passport_Project_Vol_1_231120.pdf

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67. HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM ASSEMBLY OF SLOVENIA

On Monday, the 7th of November 2020, the Hospitality and Tourism Assembly of Slovenia took place on-line, for the first time in its long tradition. In spite of current situation, the Tourism and Hospitality Chamber of Slovenia decided to organize the event that brings together all the operators in tourism, hospitality and hotel industry.

In addition to organizing specialist lectures, we teamed with our partner Mercator d.d., Cash & Carry to award a prize for Local Cuisine in Hotels. This time the title was awarded to Terme 3000 - Moravske Toplice, Sava Turizem d.d.

When preparing the culinary services for their guests, Terme 3000 - Moravske Toplice rely on tradition and authenticity: they adapt the culinary tradition of Prekmurje by adding a touch of modernity. You will find on their menu many dishes originating from traditional and local recipes, but merged with contemporary flavours of world cuisine. Absolute priority is given to fresh, seasonal and high-quality produce from the local environment. Besides providing local cuisine, they delight their guests with thematic meals, they organize culinary events related to specific themes, arrange packages together with other catering operators of the region, they invent new deserts or meals with a recognizably local character, present superbly arranged plates, they invite their guest on organized thematic excursions:

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- typical Prekmurje breakfast;
- theme-related Prekmurje dinners (Mondays and Saturdays);
- Prekmurje tapas with local cured meats;
- festival of delicacies from Prekmurje;
- traditional Prekmurje deserts;
- Prekmurje pralines, filled with local liqueurs;
- packages to present local food and wine producers (winegrowers - MAROF Cellar, catering services - RAJH Inn, pork butchers - Šunkarna KODILA);
- pillows filled with locally grown buckwheat.

The winner was awarded a plaque worth € 1,000.00.

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Festival of delicacies from Prekmurje

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Prekmurje tapas



Typical Prekmurje breakfast

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