

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[[[Razvojno informacijski center Bela krajina] ([RIC BK])
PIC number:	[891209326]
Project name and acronym:	[Without the Schengen border, by creating cultural content, we would encourage stronger connections among the citizens of both countries across the border and create a shared cultural space] — [JURKA 24 - 25]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[2]		
Event name:	[Activity supporting cultural exchange in Črnomelj/Slovenia]		
Type:	[workshop]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Slovenia], [Črnomelj]		
Date(s):	[Saturday, October 12, 2024]		
Website(s) (if any):	https://ric-belakrajina.si/sl/aktualno/drugi-dogodek-v-okviru-projekta-jurka-24-25/		
Participants			
Female:	56		
Male:	42		
Non-binary:	-		
From country 1 [name]:	Slovenia (total 49)		
From country 2 [name]:	Croatia (total 49)		
From country 3 [name]:			
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Total number of participants:	98	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, we held the second event within the JURKA 24–25 project, co-funded by the European Union through the CERV program (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values). The project is based on collaboration between partners from Slovenia and Croatia, including RIC Bela Krajina, the Municipality of Črnomelj, the City of Karlovac, and the Karlovac County Tourist Board.

The event was organized in the square in front of the Church of the Holy Spirit with presentation of typical food in the wine cellar in old town of Črnomelj (SLO). The event is organized during the European Heritage Days 2024.

The program began with the welcome speeches by Mr. Andrej Kavšek, Mayor of the Municipality of Črnomelj, and Mrs. Kristina Medarić, Vice President of CIOFF International and President of the Matija Gubec folklore group from Karlovac (Croatia). Mr. Kavšek emphasized the importance of cultural diversity and its unifying effect between the communities of Slovenia and Croatia. He expressed his joy over the successful collaboration between the partners and the importance of preserving and promoting cultural heritage through projects like JURKA 24–25.

Mrs. Kristina Medarić highlighted the richness of Croatia's intangible cultural heritage and the importance of passing it on to new and younger generations, as well as the exchange of cultural practices and traditions between the two countries.

Following the opening remarks, the Matija Gubec folklore group from Karlovac showcased their traditional dances, while Mrs. Medarić presented the intangible cultural heritage of Karlovac County, including folk customs and performances on traditional instruments. Mr. Miro Kirinčić demonstrated the local craft of embroidery on linen garments, and together with Mrs. Medarić, they also presented traditional Croatian folk costumes from the Karlovac County region. Visitors participated in a dance workshop, engaging more closely with Croatian folklore heritage.

In the second part of the program, there was a presentation and tasting of typical Croatian cuisines and wines, presented by the Pečaver winery in the Črnomelj wine cellar.

For all program participants, was organized a guided tour of the old town of Črnomelj. The event concluded with an analysis of the survey results conducted among the visitors. Initial results show that the presentation of Croatian cultural heritage, combined with the workshop, had a significant impact on the visitors' experience. The survey results will be published in the final report at the end of the project.

The second event of the JURKA 24–25 project was successfully carried out, further strengthening the bonds and cooperation between the partners. The next event will be organized in April 2025 in Vinica (Slovenia).

A survey was conducted for the visitors with the following content:

Dear visitors,

Thank you for attending the event "Celebrating Diversity – Folklore is our cultural DNA." To better understand how today's content impacted your experience, we kindly ask you to complete a short survey. Thank you for your time!

How would you rate your overall experience at the event?

- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Dissatisfied

Did you gain new knowledge about Croatian folklore heritage at the event?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, some
- No, I didn't gain any new knowledge

Which part of the program impressed you the most?

- Demonstration of local crafts

- Presentation of Croatian folklore heritage and costumes
- Demonstration of playing traditional Croatian instruments
- Croatian dance workshop
- Presentation of typical Croatian cuisine
- All equally

Did today's presentation of Croatian heritage give you a better understanding of Croatian culture?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to attend similar events in the future?

- Yes, very much
- Maybe
- No

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for improving the event?

Key Findings from the Visitor Survey (Sharing of insights: Reflections on the experience):

The feedback from visitors to the event "Celebrating Diversity – Folklore is our cultural DNA" indicates a high level of satisfaction and engagement. Here are the key findings:

- The majority of visitors reported being very satisfied with the event, indicating a positive overall experience.
- A significant number of attendees stated that they gained a lot of new knowledge about Croatian folklore heritage, highlighting the educational value of the event.
- Visitors especially enjoyed the presentation of Croatian folklore costumes and the dance workshop. These elements of the programme were frequently mentioned as the most impressive parts of the event.
- Some visitors expressed a desire for more events like this one in the future. They also suggested more activities for kids, demonstration and participation of traditional games.

Description of the programme, Črnomelj (SLO), October 12 2024:

9.00 Participants arrival from CRO to Črnomelj (SLO) and registration, welcome coffee

10.00 Welcome speech and introduction of programme

- Mr. Andrej Kavšek, Mayor of Črnomelj

- Ms. Kristina Medarić, Vice President of CIOFF International and President of the "Matija Gubec", folklore group from Karlovac

10.15 Workshop: Importance of preserving cultural heritage and tradition as a means of safeguarding cultural diversity and fostering community pride

Programme »Celebrating diversity - Folklore is our cultural DNA«

- Sharing experiences by folklore group from Croatia:
- Presentation of Croatian dances - traditional folk dance and music demonstration,
- Demonstration of the local craft,
- Traditional folk costume presentation,
- Interactive activity – Dance Workshop,

- Presentation of typical food and tasting,
- Distribution of workshop materials,
- Old town guided tour

15.00 Lunch

17.00 Sharing of insights

Conclusion of the event

About second event with photos: <https://ric-belakrajina.si/sl/aktualno/drugi-dogodek-v-okviru-projekta-jurka-24-25/>

<https://www.crnobelj.si/sl/o-obcini/projekti-in-investicije/2024070210202912/jurka-24-25>

About project: <https://ric-belakrajina.si/sl/projekti/>;

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).