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Annual 22 Conference



VARAŽDIN COUNTY WHERE EXCELLENCE LIVES

October 2022.



1. Welcome to Varaždin County

2. Development programs

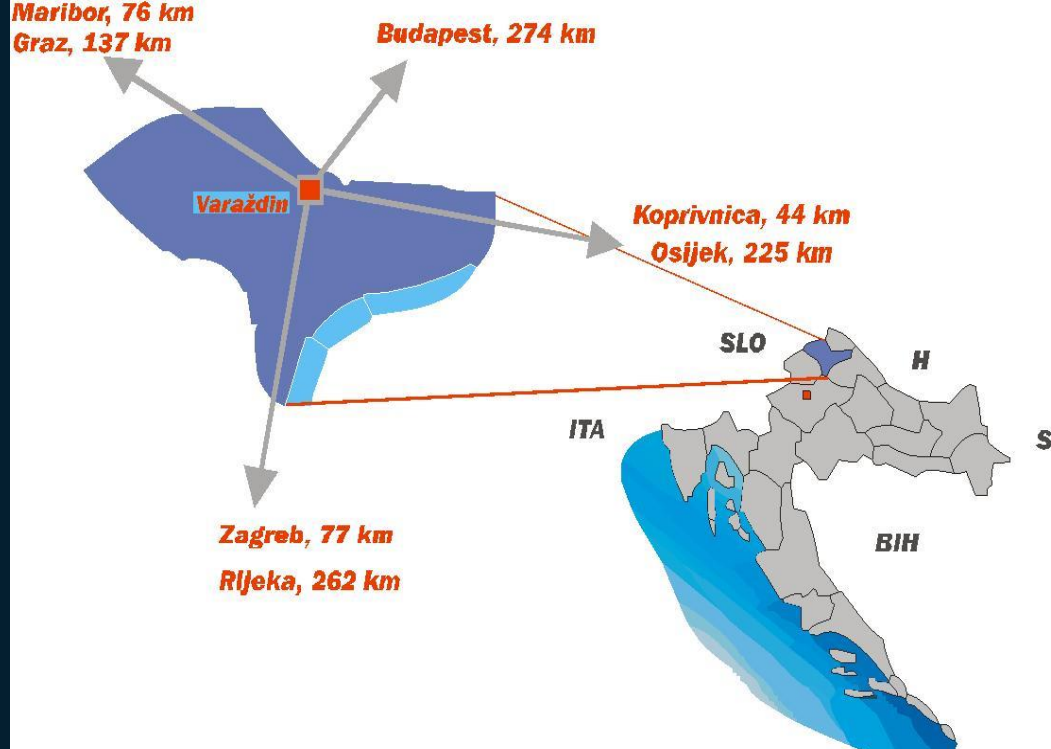
3. Our programme

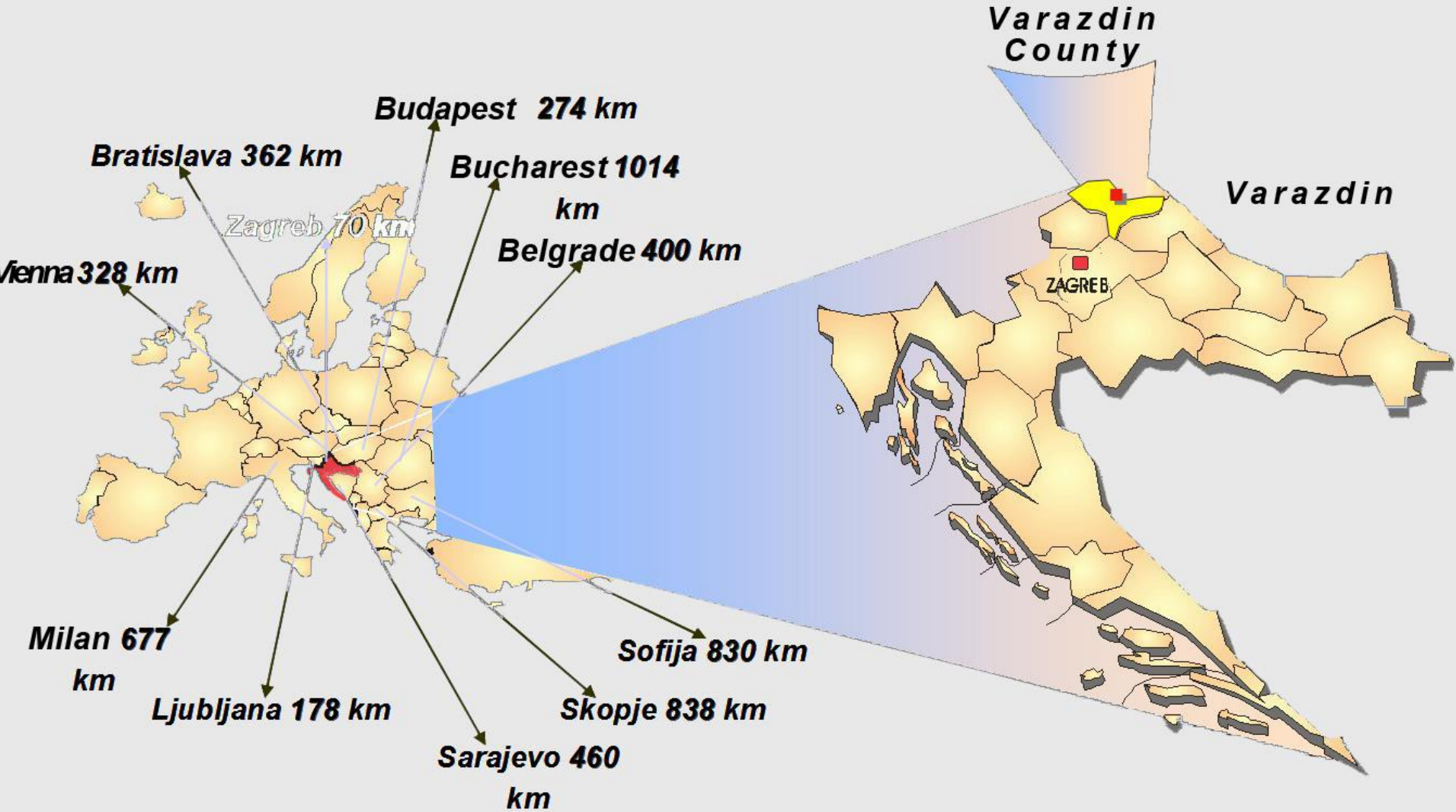


- monument of 0th category
- built in 1772nd by famous architect and builder Jacob Erder and Empress Maria Theresa just for the purpose of regional government
- rebuilt in 2006., first project by Private Public Partnership

Nearby everybody

- **Varaždin County** - north-western part of Croatia
- **Surface:** 1262 km²
- **Population:** 160264 inhabitants
- **Administrative division:** 6 cities and 22 municipalities
- **The seat of the County – Varaždin** (43.999 inhabitants)





Historical/cultural center



- > among the first Croatian counties organized as an administrative territorial unit
- > the Town of Varaždin is one of the oldest Croatian cities
 - 1209 - the first town that gained the status of a free royal borough
 - 1767 - 1776 – the capital of Croatia

People, Education and Careers

- we believe that only long-term investment in education can create competitive advantage and knowledge-based economy
- our economic policies focus primarily on promoting education as a key factor of development

Region's responsibilities



- **Education**
- Health care
- Spatial planning
- Economic development (incl. Support for SMEs)
- Transport infrastructure

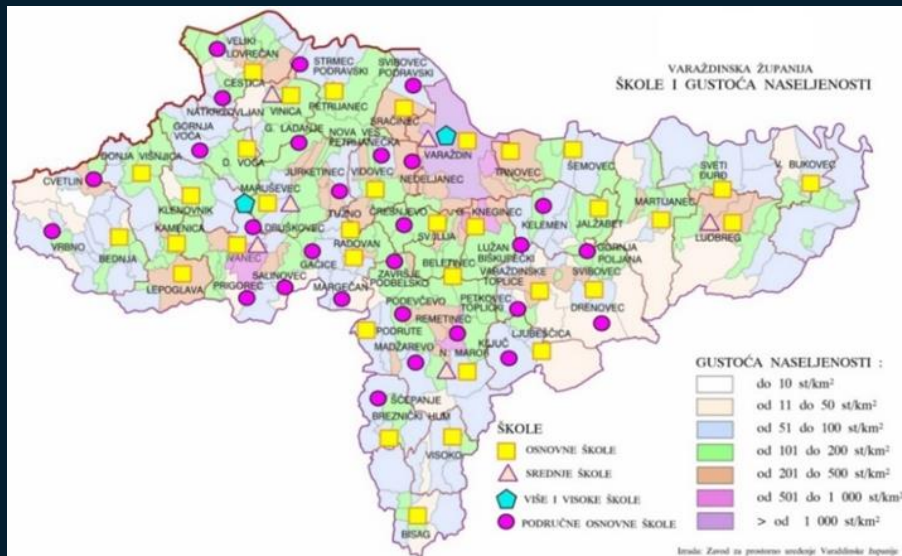


Our beginnings



- › School **founding rights gained in 2001.**
 - › 2001- 2002: formation of the administrative management system
 - › 2003 – 2004: analysis and development of models for improvement
- › **Analysis of the educational structure/Analysis of legal acts** - Problems:
 - › unfavorable structure of education in the working population
 - › Higher and higher education: 8.36%/Average of the Republic of Croatia 11.89%, City of Zagreb 22.48%
 - › low income of employees due to low level of education

Our school network



- **77 schools**
 - 14 high schools (12 vocational!)
 - 33 primary schools and 30 district schools
- Primary education: 10.433 students, 621 classes, 1.610 employees
- Secondary schools: 7.890 students, 395 classes, 1.247 employees

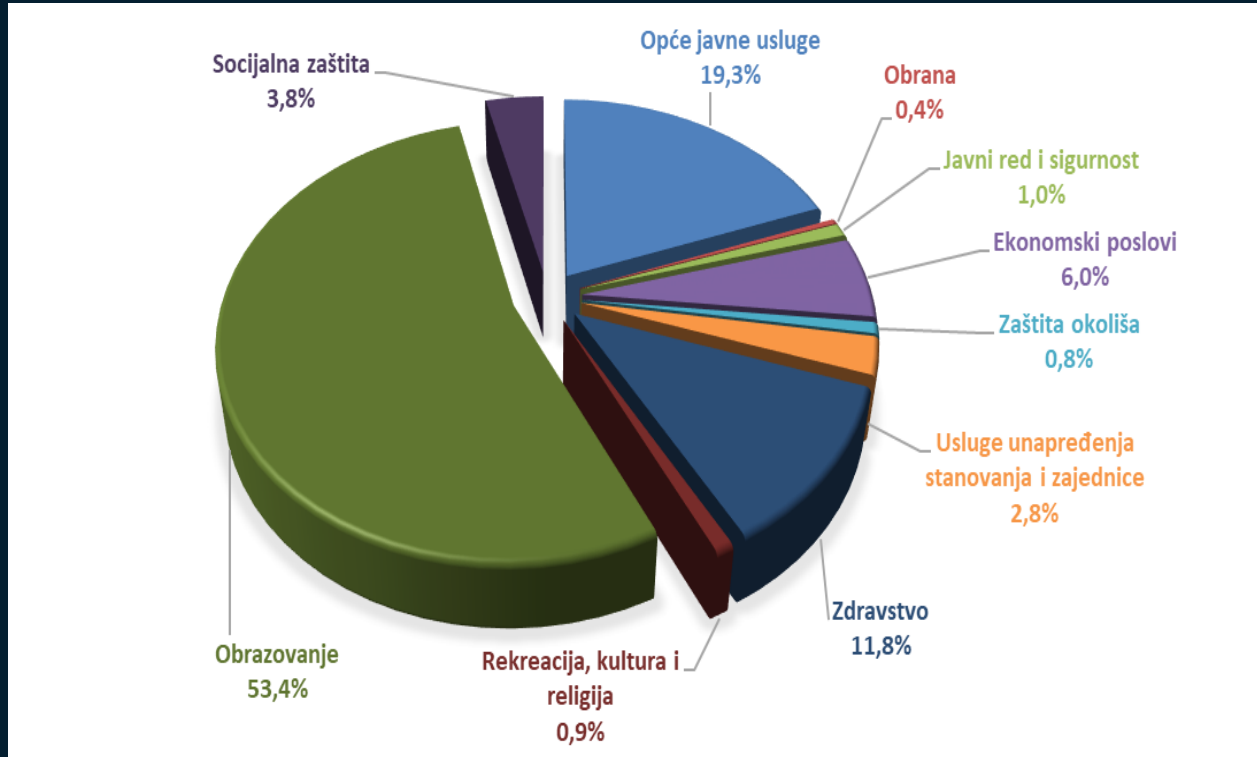
Goals

- › **equal social standards - system of equal chances**
 - › free nutrition, student transport, free textbooks, scholarships and loans, transformation to one-shift teaching in schools (educational programs after classes, hall rental - raising the quality of life)
- › **equal pedagogical standards**
 - › energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy/one-shift schooling
 - › 32 schools built through the PPP model/



Education in focus

- › 53,4 % of whole region's budget goes into education



Where we are now?

- 2010. Regional Competitiveness Index: Varaždin region - rank 1
- 2010, 2013. The **best quality of public schools**
- 2010, 2013. The **best quality of mathematics and science education**
- 2010, 2013. The **largest investment in education**
- In 2021, the **number of students doubled compared to 2007**
- 2013 - 2021 **12% - 14% of high school students come from other counties**
- **Biggest education budget allocation per capita in Croatia**

Redni broj	Županija	Broj stanovnika 2011	Izdavanja za obrazovanje 2020	Izdavanja za obrazovanje po stanovniku za 2020
1	Varaždinska županija	175.951	504.215.149	2.865,66
2	Krapinsko-zagorska županija	132.892	360.092.011	2.709,66
3	Bjelovarsko-bilogorska županija	119.764	320.122.438	2.672,94
4	Požeško-slavonska županija	78.034	207.037.863	2.653,18
5	Međimurska županija	113.804	276.230.776	2.427,25



Development programmes

- › **12 Centres of excellences** - work with gifted children and students
- › mathematics, informatics, biology, chemistry, physics, Croatian language, robotics, astronomy, national history, entrepreneurship, visual arts and chess
- › 900 students a year, 145 mentors
 - › from 2017 until today 3,5 mil. euro have been invested
 - › students travel to Varaždin every Saturday for classes in selected fields
 - › all students have transportation and food provided

› **Centres of Vocational Excellence for mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, textile & leather, tourism**



› **Public institution European Talent Center Croatia**

- › educates teachers and educators to work with gifted children
- › since 2016, European Gifted Point, and since 2018 the European Gifted Center
- › one of the 25 in the world and the only one in Croatia

› **EU funded projects**

› **Regional centers of competence** - Secondary school "Arboretum Opeka" Marčan and the Varaždin Medical School

- › to align the education system with the needs of the labor market and to introduce a dual model of vocational education.

› **Lifelong learning programmes**

› **Erasmus plus projects**

Future Regional centre of competence for medicine



Future headquarter of the European Center for the Gifted - Centers of Excellence of Varaždin County and a place for the popularization of science, giftedness, culture and tourism



Future Regional centre of competence for agriculture



EARLALL's projects



EARLALLs project

RegALE: Regional Capacity for Adult Learning and Education

project aims at setting up or reinforcing networks of adult education organizations and creating synergies with regional and local authorities in order to increase their impact and sustainability. This will be achieved by increasing the partners' capacity (and of their networks, stakeholders, partners and members at their level of action) to respond to their challenges, build cooperation structures, and promote an adult education culture in communities, cities and regions.

> YESpecialists: Youth Entrepreneurial Spirit Specialists

- > Project aims at building local ecosystems focused on promoting and enabling youth entrepreneurship with a local perspective can help in tackling these challenges, with teachers and youth workers as key enablers to promote innovative entrepreneurial models in a lifelong learning context.

#S4stride: Stride for stride for skills anticipation/adaptation in European regions

The #S4stride partnership comprises 6 regional authorities, a local authority, a research institution and two VET centres, but a whole range of actors will be involved in the exchange of best practices.

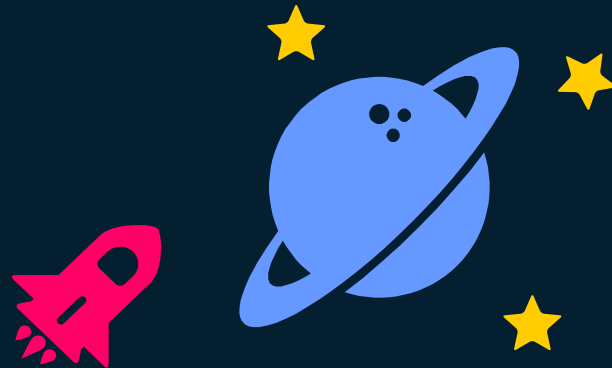
Is the color of blood, and because of this it has historically been associated with sacrifice, danger and courage.



WHERE EXCELLENCE LIVES

26./27.10.2022.

EARALLAL's Annual meeting program



Day 1



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Annual Meeting 2022 Programme

Varaždin County – where excellence lives!



WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

09:00 – 09:30

Meeting place:

Small Hall

Varaždinska županija

Franjevački trg, 42000,

Varaždin

Registration, practical information and welcome coffee at
Varaždin County palace

09:30 – 10:00

Institutional welcome by county prefect mr. Anđelko Stričak
and Head of the Administrative Department for Education,
Culture and Sports of Varaždin County dr.sc. Miroslav Hušek

10:00 – 11:00

BOARD MEETING

11:00 – 11:30

BREAK

11:30 – 13:30

EARLALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

13:30 – 14:30

LIGHT LUNCH AT HOTEL BOUTIQUE <http://www.park-boutique-hotel.eu/en/>

14:30 – 16:00

School premises of Prva

Gimnazija high school*

*5 minutes walking distance

Intro to Varaždin County's Centres of Excellence framework
Keynote speeches by:

- "Varaždin County – where excellence lives", mr.sc. Robert Kelemen, Assistant Head for development programs and director of European Talent Centre Croatia - Centres of Excellence of the Varaždin County
- "Building lifelong networks of excellence – case study of robotics case", Ivica Kolanč, mentor and head of the Robotics Program at the Centre of Excellence, teacher of technical culture and informatics, an expert in robotics

Tour of the Centres of Excellence in Computer Science, Biology and Chess

- Janja Banić, Head of the High school "Prva Gimnazija Varaždin" and head of ICT Centre of excellence for high school students
- Martina Vidović, head of the centre of excellence for biology

16:00 – 17:30

Varaždin guided city centre walking tour

20:00 – 22:00

Meeting place: parking of

hotel Turist at 19:30

*15 min drive with bus

Zlatne gorice, Banjščina

104, Varaždin Breg

RECEPTION/COCKTAIL/DINNER AT ZLATNE GORICE
<https://www.zlatne-gorice.eu/en/>

Day 2



THURSDAY, 27th OCTOBER

9:30 – 13:00

On-site visit to high-school Centre of excellence campus*
*10 minutes walking distance

Guided tour around vocational schools founded by Varaždin County that implement lifelong learning programs and are headquarters of Regional centres of competences and Vocational Centres of excellence.

Meeting place:
Varaždinska županija
Franjevački trg, 42000,
Varaždin

- *Presentation of different types of education within vocational schools founded by Varaždin County that implement lifelong learning programs*
- *Tour of the cabinets and practicums*
- *Meetings/discussions with stakeholders: headmasters and head of Adult education Departments*
- *Q&A*

9:30 TOUR OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATHEMATICS AND THE VOCATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

- guests are welcomed by Snježana Klarić, the director of the school and/or head of the Centre of Excellence Branko Topić
 - o *Address: Varaždin Mechanical and Traffic School, Hallerova aleja 3a*

10:30 TOUR OF THE OBSERVATORY AND CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR PHYSICS, ROBOTICS, ASTRONOMY, CROATIAN LANGUAGE AND THE VOCATIONAL CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE FOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND VISIT TO FIRST SCHOOL TELEVISION

- guests are welcomed by Igor Kos, the director of the school and some heads of the Centre of Excellence
 - o *Address: Varaždin Mechanical and Traffic School, Hallerova aleja 3a*

11:30 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 A.M. – 12:15 A.M. TOUR OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR FINE ARTS AND STRUKOVNA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR TEXTILES AND LEATHER

- guests are welcomed by Dražen Koščak, the director of the school director and/or head of the Centre of Excellence Fine Arts – Nikolina Vlahek Canjuga
 - o *Address: Vocational School Varaždin, Božene Plazzeriano 4*

12:00 TOUR OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- guests are welcomed by Jasminka Kelemen, the director of the school and/or head of the Centre of Excellence Iva Vukotić
 - o *Address: Economic School Varaždin, Božene Plazzeriano 4*

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH AND GOOD BYE

Restoran Palatin
<http://www.palatin.hr/>

14:30

Departure to Zagreb via mini bus - ALL

Meeting place: parking of hotel
Turist

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THANKS!

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