



*Improvement of career choices process in  
technical and scientifically based VET  
COCO+*

*Good Practice Session*



Erasmus+





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# 1. About the project

*Coco+ = giving young individuals an opportunity to make thoughtful decisions about their working careers*

...in terms of goals (aims)

- strengthen the cooperation between schools and regional economy and business
- preventing early school leaving, “dropout”.
- entrepreneurial way of learning – be creative and innovative.
- evaluate the quality of arrangements and propose modifications
- share the experience of the testing across sectors within countries, transnationally, and within sectors across Europe

...in terms of resources (time, partners)

- project duration: 01.09.2017.–31.08.2020.
- project partners: Norway, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic (Pardubice, České Budejovice), Portugal



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*Vocational education programs have made a real difference in the lives of countless young people nationwide; they build self-confidence and leadership skills by allowing students to utilize their unique gifts and talents.*

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## 2. Impact on the Croatian team

### *Entrepreneurial visits and presentations*

- activity of inviting local entrepreneurs to hold short lectures about their work-ventures
- practical examples of the importance of vocational education in local communities
- example of Mrs. Bernarda Cecelja, the owner of a successful brand of sleeping pillows and mattresses (19th February, 2018)



## *Student presentations and impartment of knowledge*

- the progress of the project, project activities, has been continuously shown through student presentations held in front of the teachers council (e.g. Blended Mobility, Chemnitz, Germany, 17th-23rd September 2018)



- ***connecting Erasmus+ projects*** - our students have also used knowledge collected in another Erasmus+ project ('Robots Boots Skills') and have acted as mentors to students during a project activity held in South Bohemia, Czech Republic (May,2019)
- this only shows how applicable Erasmus+ project knowledge is in various domains

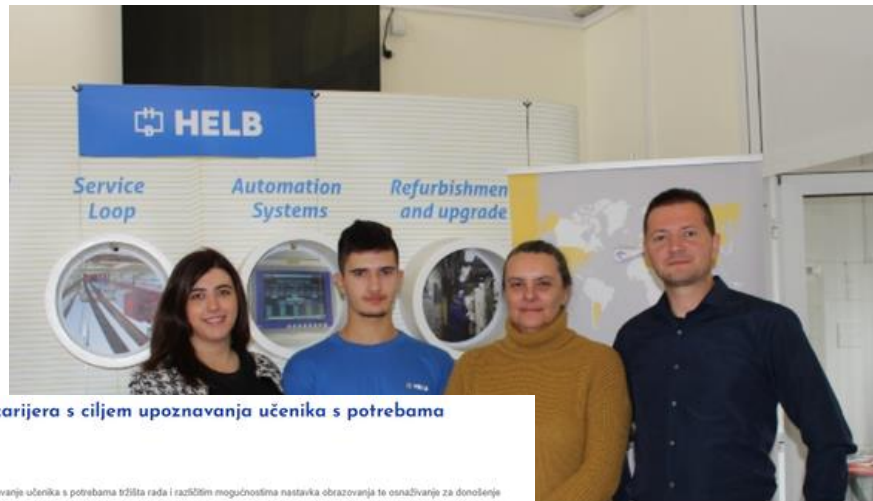
## *Career Day (7th November, 2018 / 13th December, 2019)*

- a fair of local universities, businesses and entrepreneurs who want to introduce their work
- an unique opportunity for young individuals to collect information from multiple sources in order to explore further their options
- the ability of asking questions and finding out how a certain institution (business) functions and whether there is a future educational and/or job possibilities



## Local newspaper reports and bookshop displays

- an article report was published by the town council of Dugo Selo depicting the project activity 'Career Day', held on 7th of November, 2018.
- the article can be found on the following link: <https://dugoselo.hr/u-srednjoj-skoli-dugo-selo-organiziran-1-dan-karijera-s-ciljem-upoznavanja-ucenika-s-potrebama-trzista-rada-i-mogucnostima-nastavka-obrazovanja/>



07 stu U Srednjoj školi Dugo Selo organiziran 1.dan karijera s ciljem upoznavanja učenika s potrebama tržišta rada i mogućnostima nastavka obrazovanja

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U Srednjoj školi Dugo Selo održava se 1. dan karijera organiziran za učenike završnih razreda. Cilj je upoznavanje učenika s potrebama tržišta rada i različitim mogućnostima nastavka obrazovanja te osnaživanje za donošenje uspješnog profesionalnog odabira. Učenicima se tako predstavljaju ustanove iz visokog sustava obrazovanja i tvrtke.

„U Srednjoj školi Dugo Selo Dan karijera održava se po prvi put, a time se obilježava Europski tjedan vještina stečenih strukovnim obrazovanjem i osposobljavanjem koji se ove godine, od 5. do 9. studenoga, održava treći put. Ujedno je i jedna od aktivnosti koje provodimo u sklopu projekta CoCo+“, pojašnjava je ravnateljica SŠ Dugo Selo Danika Svetec.

Tjedan je pokrenut na inicijativu Europske komisije kako bi se strukovno obrazovanje učinilo privlačnijim kroz razna događanja koja se održavaju u cijeloj Europi.

Okupljene je na otvorenu pozdravio gradonačelnik Nenad Panjan zahvalivši ustanovama i tvrtkama na dolasku. „Izaberite znanje koje ćete voljeti, razmislite što ćete raditi i kako će vaša budućnost izgledati za 10 do 20 godina. Naučite čete puno jer visoke škole i visoka učilišta nude puno znanja koje je potrebno. Nemojte se dokazivati drugima nego sebi, tuđte uporni, družite se međusobno, širite znanja i dobru volju u ovoj državi jer to nam je zadnje što je preostalo. Grad zahvaljuje i učenicima, sada studentima, koji su pohađali ovu školu i oni će vam najbolje reći kako su uspjeli“, ponuho je mladena gradonačelnik Panjan.

Sudionici se predstavljaju putem prezentacija te na izložbenim izstavovima. U 1. Danu karijera u SŠ Dugo Selo: sudjeluju Libertas, Zagrebačka škola ekonomije i managementa, BHV Education, Fakultet organizacije i informatike iz Varaždina, zagrebački Fakultet strojarstva i brodogradnje, Fakultet elektrotehnike i računarstva, Geotehnički fakultet, Visoka škola hvariti Grad, Veleučilište Vukle Gorica, HELB iz Dugog Sela, HERM iz Du Ivan Zelina, AutoZubak Sevesta, CISOK.

Srednjoškolska je dosta zanimljiv FER što je i potvrdio njihov predstavnik. „Zaista je popularan među mladim generacijama, i to ne samo iz Dugog Sela nego iz cijele Hrvatske. Jedan je od fakulteta koji je prvi izbor maturanata, i uvijek se popuni cijela kvota već na prvom upisnom roku. Svi FER-ovci se zaposle i prije nego što završe fakultet.“

Među tvrtkama je i lokalna tvrtka HELB. „Kontinuiranim stvaranjem vrhunskih stručnjaka postat ćemo digitalna inženjering kompanija. Naša snaga su upravo zaposlenici i to je zapravo razlog zašto smo ovdje. Želimo se predstaviti mladim ljudima i pozvati ih da se pridruže našem timu. Kvalificirano zapošljavamo na radna mjesta elektromonteri i inženjeri ispitivači pa ovim putem pozivamo sve zainteresirane da nam pošalju svoj životopis“, pojašnjava je Ivana Mandić, stručna suradnica u ljudskim potencijalima tvrtke.

Zadovoljavno otkriven načinom predstavljanja mogućih poslodavaca, pomoći pri odabiru te mogućnostima daljnjeg školovanja izrazili su i učenici. „Još se nisam odlučio koji ću fakultet upisati pa se nadam se da će mi ova predavanja danas pomoći pri odabiru“, kazao je gimnazijac Luka Katić.



- a Zagreb based bookshop ('Bookara') had displayed a Coco+ banner depicting all of the partners and main goals (introducing the project to a wider community)
- Bookara promotes technology, machines, techniques and skills, believes in the philosophical and artistic foundation of technological advancement and therefore is a partner in the STEAM based project Coco+



## *Project dissemination on different workshops*



*we have never missed a chance to disseminate Coco+ project on both national and international workshops and gatherings*

- our professor Mrs. Božica Posuda has introduced Coco+ on a conference held by 'Carnet' (Croatian academic research network)
- our professor Mrs. Helena Ivanac-Perutka had introduced Coco+ on a conference held in Berlin, Germany called 'Europe on the Move' (29th of May, 2019)



## *TV reportage*

- a short TV coverage was done by the national Croatian TV (HRT) on the 29th of March during which our students and professors gave short interviews introduction elements of Coco+ ('Green Chemistry'-hydrogen and solar car)
- the coverage can be seen on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/223815037967893/videos/422286188580451>



### 3. Our final words

#### *The student point of view*

‘Participating in Coco+ has made me more open to all the possibilities I have as a young individual work-wise. I’m excited to see what’s to come in my future!’

*Monika Sirotković, student*



‘Coco+ has made me open up more. I am very comfortable expressing myself in english through talking to other young individuals. It has made me realize that I have no limits with regards to what I can accomplish!.’

*Alen Polomi. student*

## *The teacher and headmistress point of view*

‘Coco+ has made me work on all fronts: teaching in the classroom, preparing at home but it was never a dull moment and the results have always made it worth it!’

*Mario Mišić, professor*



By taking part in Coco+, or in Erasmus+ projects in general, ‘Dugo Selo’ high school continues to expand learning experiences from inside the classrooms to outside the borders of our respective country. The fact that so many students have shown such a level of motivation for taking part in this project, only proves that a steady will to better themselves is present from the earliest ages and should be continuously encouraged in this fashion. There is still much to do, room for improvement is ever present and therefore we are very excited to possibly continue with our partners into new similar projects!

*Darinka Svetec, headmistress*

# 4. Conclusion

- Coco+ has proven fruitful on many levels; from students to teachers and even local communities (businesses, schools)
- the project was recognized locally (with the possibility of nationally as well)
- the possibility of creating horizontal ties (connection between two projects)
- the benefits depicted in this presentation only scratch the surface of what it meant to be a part of such a team (project)



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**Thank you for your  
attention!**

