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ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS IN BORGO CASTELLO (Gorizia)

Work on qualification of the Borgo Castello Museum Gardens was completed in April 2021 with the exception of some completion and beautification interventions that needed approval from the Superintendent's Office regarding architectural definition.



The Superintendent's Office, meanwhile, obtained the report on the archaeological findings that occurred at the site. These findings slowed down some project activities but demonstrate the historical significance of the site, which was already populated in the early Iron Age.



VeGAL PROMOTIONAL TOURS IN THE EASTERN VENETO

Between the end of April and the end of June, VeGAL carried out several actions aimed at the promotion of the WALKofPEACE project through the organization of tours related to

the places of the Walk of Peace, in its area of competence and beyond.

On the one hand, five local promotional tours were organized in the area of Eastern Veneto dedicated to tourism operators, with the aim of actively involving them in the promotion of this particular tourism product; on the other hand, a cross-border educational tour for bloggers was carried out, in order to make WALKofPEACE and some of its main points of interest known through the participants' narration to their followers.

The five local promotional tours covered the following areas: San Michele al Tagliamento with Villa Biaggini Ivancich and the other sites related to the wars of the 20th century; the Via dei Forti in Cavallino Treponti by bicycle; San Donà di Piave and the Museo della Bonifica, to be discovered through a bicycle itinerary; Noventa di Piave and the Lower Piave Valley on the traces of World War I; and the Lido di Venezia, with a stop at the Ossuary Temple and Batteria Rocchetta, by bicycle. The tours, each lasting half a day, involved subjects in various capacities involved in promoting the area: tour operators, agencies, consortia, tourism companies, local authorities and operators.



The cross-border educational tour, on the other hand, took place from Friday, May 6, to Sunday, May 8, and involved four bloggers who, through Instagram stories and dedicated posts on social networks, recounted their visit experience.

The tour planned to visit, in three days, some outdoor places and museums related to the events of the Great War along the Peace Trail, between Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Slovenia, dedicating a different day to each territory.

On the first day, participants visited two sites in eastern Veneto: in the morning, the Via dei Forti in Cavallino Treponti with a guided tour of Batteria Pisani and a themed lunch at Batteria Radaelli; in the afternoon, Villa Biaggini Ivancich in San Michele al Tagliamento. The second was the tour of the Gorizia region with a visit to the Great War Theme Park in Monfalcone and the Mount San Michele Museum.

Finally, the third day was dedicated to the Slovenian side with a visit to the Peace Monument in Cerje and the new museum area on Mt. Sabotin.





EVENT: Landscapes of Litoranea veneta

Last June 17, at the B20 Craft Brewery of Caorle in the locality of Brussa, was inaugurated the photographic exhibition "Landscapes of the Venetian Coast".

The event, organized as part of the project WALKofPEACE (Interreg Italian-Slovenian cooperation project funded by the ERDF - European Regional Development Fund), was

an opportunity to tell and describe from a historical point of view the Venetian coast, particularly in the stretch between the Venice Lagoon and the river Tagliamento. The curator of the exhibition, the architect Francesco Finotto ("La Litoranea veneta: a landscape to be known and valued") and the historian Vincenzo Gobbo ("Episodes of history along the Venetian coast road") were present. The photographic works on display, about 50, were made by Stefano Ciol, Edoardo Cuzzolin and Francesco Finotto

It is a collective that reinterprets a modern key of the Landscape of the Venetian Coast from the environmental and landscape point of view. This important historic inland waterway





network, which originates in the Venice Lagoon after a route of about 120 km flows into the Gulf of Trieste at Punta Sdobba represented, during the events of the First World War, an infrastructure to support military operations throughout the north - east sector.

The exhibition is open every day (except Mondays), until 1 July, from 11.00 to midnight.

ZRC SAZU

ŽELJKO CIMPRIČ'S MONOGRAPHY ON THE MEMORIES OF SOLDIERS DURING WW1



During the last period of the WalkOfPeace project, ZRC SAZU employees focused on the online exhibition of the post-war reconstruction of Primorska after World War I (slo/ita version), which will soon be available online.

More emphasis has also been placed on completing the editorial part of Željko Cimprič's monograph on the memories of

soldiers during WW1, which will be published in both Slovenian and Italian.

The database of the fallen soldiers is also being implemented, where we have sorted out some more details related to the identification of each enlisted soldier. The transcription of the records of the fallen soldiers, which is being entered especially intensively by the



staff of the Walk of Peace Foundation - the ZRC SAZU staff obtained data on the fallen/buried in the Karst and Trnovsko-Banjška planota plateau through archival work in Vienna - will contain the following information: Name / Father / Mother's Name / Date of Birth / Place of Birth / Parish Place of Residence / Municipality / District of Residence Country / Status, Profession, Children / Date of Conscription / Date of Death / Place of Death / Cause of Death / Place of Burial / Rank / Division and Subdivision of Military Units / Other Information / Resources / .



Posoški razvojni center

**GUIDE TRAINING FOR
A UNIQUE
EXPERIENCE ON THE
WALK OF PEACE
TRAIL**

Within the framework of the WALKofPEACE project, the lead partner of the project, the Soča Valley Development Centre, in cooperation with the project partner Walk of Peace Foundation, conducted a training for specialised tourism providers and guides for the creation of new tourism products under the brand "Walk of Peace".



The training, which took place partly at the Foundation's premises and partly at the Kobarid Museum and the Kolovrat outdoor Museum, was attended by nine guides from the North Primorska region and a guide from Italy. The organisers have, with the support of Nea Culpa, the Agency for Development and Marketing in Tourism, already conducted the theoretical part of the training for the registered participants in March and April, followed by two field trainings in May.

The only thing left to be done before the end of the project is the implementation of the test programme developed during the training. This is a full-day experience that will allow the trainees to get to know the Soča front through the eyes of a World War I soldier. The programme, which includes an experiential guided tour, will start at the Kobarid Museum. Here, they will be presented in an attractive way the historical background of the front, as well as the soldiers' preparations before going to the front, the "Battle of Caporetto" (Kobarid), the tools and weapons used on the front, etc. In front of the Gregorčič Memorial, they will then get to know the poet Simon Gregorčič and listen to the dark prophecy in his famous poem "Soči". This will be followed by a themed banquet at the Jelenov Breg tourist farm below Matajur, and then they will head to Kolovrat. Here, they'll learn about life at the front and experience first-hand living in tunnels and caverns in an outdoor museum with audio and video content. They will then descend into the valley, where they'll be





confronted with the consequences of the war. In Kobarid, they'll visit the Italian ossuary, where they will be called to reconciliation and peace.

This is an interesting, interactive, modern and, above all, transferable model of guiding that can further enrich and exploit the potential of the Walk of Peace in an original and experiential way.

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Photo: Archive Walk of Peace Foundation

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OPENING OF THE OUTDOOR MUSEUM OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR VINIŠČE



On 17 May, the new World War I memorial park, Vinišče, was inaugurated above Renče. The opening was attended by the Mayor of Renče-Vogrsko, Tarik Žigon, and the Slovak Ambassador to Slovenia, Peter Zelenak.

A walk among the cleared trenches, bunkers and caverns in Vinišče offers a glimpse of the Austro-Hungarian army's line of defence. Until the breakthrough of the Soča front in



October 1917, Vinišče was the first rear area just behind the front line, where various commands, recruiting stations, and the units that made up the divisional reserve for this front section were sheltered.

At the cavern at the top of the hill, where there is a corner with a table and benches, the Slovaks erected a bell tower (six-metre wooden tower) in memory of their soldiers. Instead of the usual bells, it has empty bomb shells at the top, and the structure is made of red spruce, a special and very rare long-lived wood brought from Slovakia. It is the fourth such bell tower erected by the Slovaks in the territories where their soldiers fought during the First World War. The bell towers are a reminder of all the fallen soldiers of the First World War, and by ringing their bells we can pay tribute to their memory.

The Memorial Park was created with the financial support of the Interreg project WALKofPEACE in cooperation between the Municipality of Nova Gorica and the Municipality of Renče-Vogrsko.

The Walk of Peace in Soča region Foundation also participated as an expert institution in its development. The park has become one of the open-air museums on the **Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic**.



WALK OF PEACE CONFERENCE *LET'S CREATE A PATH TOGETHER*

On 5 May, the WALKofPEACE Interreg conference Let's create a path together took place at the Convention center in the Old Port of Trieste. The conference was organised by

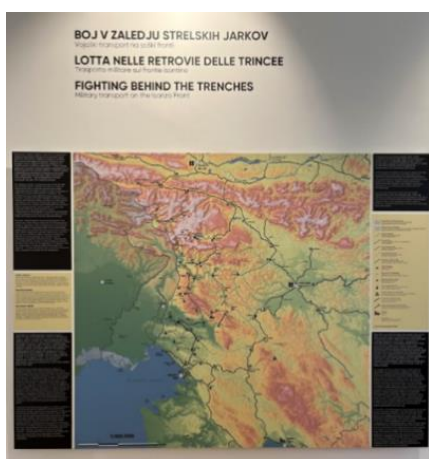
PromoTurismoFVG, in cooperation with The Soča Valley Development Centre and The Walk of Peace in the Soča Region Foundation. After the opening greetings of the distinguished guests, a speech by Jernej Šček from the University of Trieste followed The Walk of Peace between Value and Value. Then, Maša Klavora from The Walk of Peace Foundation presented the main activities and results of the project, and Vesna Kozar from The Soča Valley Development Centre (lead partner) presented the investments made. Tadej Koren (The Walk of Peace Foundation), Nicola Revelant (PromoTurismoFVG) and Cinzia Gozzo (VeGAL) presented the Walk of Peace tourism product, the guidebook under development, the route of the Walk of Peace and the tourism offer along the route. Katja Sivec presented the new website www.thewalkofpeace.com, which contains descriptions of over 400 points along the Walk of Peace. It will be produced in English, Italian and Slovenian. In the second part of the conference, Alberto Conte (Movimento Lento, Camino di Oropa) presented "Slow" tourism, a comprehensive offer for hikers on the trail and the example of the Cammino di Oropa. Participants were also involved in the discussion with their questions and opinions.

After the successful event in Trieste, PromoTurismoFVG, in cooperation with The Walk of Peace Foundation, organised four "world cafe" events in Italy and Slovenia - on 10 May in



San Pietro al Natisone and Kobarid, on 11 May in Redipuglia and Cerje. The aim of the meetings was to present to tourism professionals and operators the new features of the Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic (new route, website, promotional leaflet, guided tours, upcoming guidebook, etc.) and to find new ideas for the development of the cross-border offer on the Walk of Peace. The event was moderated by Alberto Conte.

JAVNI ZAVOD ZA UPRAVLJANJE DEDIŠINE IN TURIZEM PIVKA NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITION OPENS AT THE PARK OF MILITARY HISTORY



On 7 April a small ceremony took place in the Park of Military History, thus opening the new exhibition Fighting Behind the Trenches with the subtitle Military Transport on the Isonzo Front, which was prepared based on an extensive study on transport during the First World War as one of the closing activities of the project “WALKofPEACE - The Sustainable Development of First World War Heritage Between the Alps and the Adriatic”.

Transport and military logistics are two fields that are often overlooked when discussing the First World War and have not yet been given a complete museum presentation. That is why the Park of Military History decided to analyze this extensive chapter of the war and bring it to the fore as part of the project. The new permanent exhibition of the Park brings a complete insight into military transport of the Austro-Hungarian Army on the Isonzo Front, from building and setting up new transport



systems on roads, cableways and railways to the logistical execution of the unimaginably large and swift movements of military units as well as the transport of enormous amounts of weapons, ammunition and everything else required to wage war on the Isonzo Front. A particularity in terms of transport was the great need for fresh water supply on the Karst battlefield and the extremely difficult supply of units in the high mountains.

CONFERENCE ON MILITARY TRANSPORT ON THE ISONZO FRONT IN THE PARK OF MILITARY HISTORY PIVKA

A conference entitled “Fighting Behind the Trenches” which took place in the Park of Military History on 20 April 2022 saw experts discuss and analyze military transport on the Isonzo Front from multiple angles. This event represented an addition and complementation to its namesake permanent exhibition which opened in the Park at the start of April and offers visitors an insight into military transport of the Austro-Hungarian Army on the Isonzo Front from setting up new transport systems on roads, cableways and railways to the logistics of transporting military units and enormous amounts of weapons, ammunition and other material.



This expert discussion organized as part of the project “WALKofPEACE - The Sustainable Development of First World War Heritage Between the Alps and the Adriatic” hosted esteemed museum professionals, historians, archaeologists and professors.

As experts of the discussed subject matter, they presented to the expert public the lesser known aspects of this vast chapter of military history. The opening speech was made by the Park's director M.Sc. Janko Boštjančič who expressed his delight over the invitation extended by the Walk of Peace Foundation to collaborate on the project which allowed the Park to give an often-overlooked subject of

military transport on the Isonzo Front its time in the spotlight.

The expert part of the conference was opened by Mihael Uršič from the Walk of Peace Foundation with his presentation of the foundation's mission in the field of preserving First World War heritage. The string of lectures was continued by the curator of the Kobarid Museum M.Sc. Jaka Fili with a presentation of transport in the Upper Soča Valley during the First World War and M.Sc. Ivan Gardelin who gave an overview of the Austro-Hungarian military transport network for the supply of the Isonzo Front.

In his piece, Dr. Gregor Antoličič, a fellow at the Milko Kos Historical Institute of ZRC SAZU (Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts) and lecturer at the Department of History of the Faculty of Arts in Maribor, presented the context of setting up the Command of the Southwestern Front and some of the logistical challenges in the



First World War, while professor Vinko Avsenak presented the Predil Tunnel (“Štoln”) as an innovative solution of the Austro-Hungarian Army to supply the battlefield in the Upper Soča Valley. Dr. Uroš Košir, lecturer at the Department of Archaeology of the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana, then presented military transport on the Isonzo Front from a different perspective in his lecture on Vršič as the rear of the Isonzo Front. In the final part of the event, the Park’s director M.Sc. Janko Boštjančič placed military transport in the context of the local environment and presented the role of Št. Peter na Krasu (present-day Pivka) during the First World War, which became an important logistical centre due to its significant strategic position in the rear of the front.

The discussion was thematically concluded by M.Sc. Grega Žorž, a fellow at the Cultural Heritage Directorate of the Ministry of Culture, with a lecture on the use of surface laser scanning data, historical maps and online search engines of the Cultural Heritage Register for the purpose of researching the Isonzo Front. Participants continued the lively debate at the casual gathering after the conclusion of the formal part of the event.



MESTNA OBČINA NOVA GORICA NEW INNOVATIVE MULTIMEDIA CENTRE WITH MUSEUM COLLECTION

On the 14 of April, on Mt. Sabotin, we celebrated the opening of the Sabotin Visitor Centre - Park of Peace in one of the two facilities of previous border guardhouses. This is an innovative multimedia centre with museum collection, presenting to the visitors Sabotin as a central reference point on the Walk of Peace, from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea, as well as the history of the battles of the Isonzo Front and Mt. Sabotin natural attractions. In addition to representatives of the City Municipality of Nova Gorica and Municipality of Brda as well as both tourism institutes; the Public Institute for Tourism Nova Gorica and the Public Institute for Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports Brda, the Walk of Peace Foundation, the Soča Development Centre and Bogdan Potokar, an excellent connoisseur of Mt. Sabotin, a high number of visitors, veterans of the Slovenian War of Independence, mountaineers and other fans of Mt. Sabotin, a hill that impresses every visitor with its fauna and flora, took part at today's opening of the Visitor Centre and a thematic route Brda Walk of Peace.

In addition to the multimedia centre, which will be open on Saturdays and Sundays as well as on festive days at first, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., food and drink will be provided to visitors in an adjacent establishment



PROJECT

The project "WALKofPEACE" concerns the enhancement of the heritage of the First World War between the Alps and the Adriatic. It is co-financed by the Interreg Italy-Slovenia Programme 2014-2020 (ERDF), Italian national funds and Slovenian private funds. It has a duration of 42 months and will end at the end of April 2022.

With the project "WALKofPEACE" aims to protect and promote this heritage, through shared cross-border activities, aimed at implementing its use, also through a rich carnet of cultural events for history lovers.

A Walk of Peace (Path of Peace) brand will be proposed, to strengthen the identity of this particular tourist product and to promote its promotion and marketing

There will also be an important work of museum restyling, the renovation of exhibition spaces, new installations including multimedia and the creation of new thematic paths and info-points.

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