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A group of five students, accompanied by a teacher, has successfully completed 11-day practical training in Croatia. The mobility, which was funded under the project School4life, took place at the high school »Arboretum Opeka« Marčan and the garden centre Krklec. In addition to expanding their knowledge in floriculture and horticulture, the students also gained knowledge about heating and irrigation systems, foliar fertilization, lighting and shading, and the use of various sowing and planting machinery.

INTERVIEW WITH VESNA (TEACHER)

1. Which subjects do you teach?

I teach winemaking, viticulture and the basics of horticulture.

2. How many students are usually in your classroom?

The number of students varies but it is usually a small class from 8 to 10.

3. Describe a typical day in your classroom.

Lessons are never the same, they always vary. I execute the lesson plan depending on student motivation, which class I am teaching, and the topic to be discussed.

4. Why did you become a teacher?

Becoming a teacher was not something I strived to but it happened more by struck of luck.

5. What do you like most about your job?

I am an agronomist but I really enjoy working with children and that is the part of the job I enjoy. Interacting with students and educating them is priceless.

6. In your opinion, are teachers in Croatia respected enough?

No, I do not think we are.

7. What do you think is the most important thing to consider when teaching teenagers?

I believe that we have to try to understand them and their behaviour. With better understanding, we can be much more successful.

8. What are some of the customs and traditions in this part of Croatia?

This part of Croatia is very well known for Zagorski štruklji and Varaždin cabbage.

INTERVIEW WITH STUDENTS (two girls)

1. Which high school program are you enrolled in?

We are enrolled in the program for the Agricultural technician.

2. Why did you choose this program?

We both live on farms and we enjoy doing the work, that is why we decided to study something that would help us gain essential and useful knowledge about farming.

3. What is your favourite school subject?

Our favourite subject is Practical training. We also enjoy the breaks at school because it gives us an opportunity to interact with other students.

4. What do you plan to do after you finish your studies?

After we finish this program we plan to get employed and work full time.

5. What is the most popular sport in Croatia?

The most popular sport in Croatia is certainly football.

During the winter we rest because there is not that much work on the farm. We start preparing for c
sowing towards the end of winter. During the summer we work in the fields on our farm.

8. What kind of music do you listen to?

We listen to Croatian pop and folk music (Severina etc.).

INTERVIEW WITH A STUDENT

1. Which high school program are you enrolled in?

I am enrolled in the program for the Agricultural technician.

2. Why did you choose this program?

I wanted to become an agricultural machinery mechanic but that was not an option when I was a
to high school so I decided to enrol in the agricultural technician program.

3. What do you plan to do after you finish your studies?

I will work full time at home on the family farm.

4. What do you do in your spare time?

Our farm produces cereals and when I am not at school, I work at home or in the fields.

5. What is your favourite school subject?

My favourite subject is Practical training.

6. Do you do any sports?

No, I do not have enough time due to school and work at home.

7. What kind of music do you listen to?

I listen to Croatian pop and folk music.