



Gospodarska škola
Čakovec



DEAR COMENIUS PARTNERS,

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL, TOWN AND COUNTY!

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Our school is an agricultural and vocational school. It consists of several educational fields within which it offers several four-year and three-year courses: agricultural technician, florist, gardener, textile and leather clothing technician, logistic and freight forwarding technician, road traffic technician, motor vehicle operator, shoemaker, pedicurist, beautician, sign painter, hairdresser, assistant tailor and assistant florist.

The school was founded in 1994 and in 2006 we moved to a new, more modern and much bigger building, which gave us more space and more opportunities for new courses and programmes.

We have more 551 students divided into 28 classes, and 82 employees, out of which 70 are teachers, 10 are administrative and support staff. We also have an educationist and a librarian.

Our school owns a **model farm** where we provide practical (hands-on) vocational training for our students (agricultural technicians, gardeners and florists) which means that we make sure our students are well prepared for the world of work and that they have the cutting-edge knowledge and skills needed. We grow vegetables there, such as peppers, potatoes,



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onions, cabbage, carrots, beet-root (cikla), green salad, rocket (arugula), sugar beet (šćerna repa), wheat (pšenica) and barley (ječam).

We have one big greenhouse, one greenhouse where we have hydroponics (the cultivation of plants in a nutrient solution rather than in the soil, the plants are floating in the nutrient solution), and two smaller improvised greenhouses.

We also grow dendro plants, flowers (chrysanthemums are used in flower arrangements sold before All Saints' Day), ornamental shrubs and trees.

We have our own **vineyard and a wine cellar** and we produce several sorts of wine. A couple of years ago we participated in a project the aim of which was launching a wine trademark together with a couple of eminent vintners from Međimurje region. The project resulted in a successful brand name Pušipel. We have participated in numerous projects in which we either had the leading role, or we took part in them as partners.

In our orchards we grow pears, apples, peaches and cherries.

The Town of Čakovec

Čakovec is an important political, industrial, economic and cultural centre of Međimurje. It is situated between two rivers: the Mura, in the north, and the Drava in the south.



It has about 17,000 inhabitants.

The inhabitants are proud of the historic Old Town that belonged to the famous Zrinski family in the 16th and the 17th century. The Romans built the first settlement in the area of today's Čakovec and they called it Aquama („the wet city“) because the area was marshland. Čakovec was named after count Dimitrije Csaky who built the wooden fortress in the early 13th century. Today there is a museum and an art gallery in the Castle. The Castle is surrounded by one of the most beautiful town parks in Croatia.



The centre of the town is full of attractive town houses, restaurants and cafes. People like going to the Municipal Library and the Cultural Centre. St Nicholas Church dominates one of the two main squares in the centre.

Čakovec has three primary schools and six secondary schools.

Međimurje

Međimurje is the northernmost county in Croatia. It is situated between the two rivers, the Mura (in the north) and the Drava (in the south).



Despite being the smallest Croatian county by size, it is the most densely populated one (not including the City of Zagreb). The county seat is Čakovec which is also the largest city of the county.

The county borders on Slovenia in the north-west and Hungary in the north-east, with about 30 kilometers of Slovenian territory separating it from Austria. The south-eastern corner of the county is near the town of Legrad and the confluence of the Mura and the Drava.

The Croatian capital of Zagreb is about 90 kilometers south-west of Čakovec.

Međimurje is roughly divided into two parts The Upper Međimurje and the Lower Međimurje. There are slopes of the Alpine foothills (obronci) in the north-western part of the county, the Upper Međimurje, making it suitable for vineyards. The highest hill, Mohokos, is 344 metres above sea level. The south-eastern part of the county, the Lower Međimurje, touches the flat Pannonian Plain. The flat parts of the region are also largely used for agriculture. Of the county's total area of 729,5 km², around 360 km² are used in agriculture.

REGIONAL CUISINE

CVIRKI – ČVARCI - GREAVES - Greaves are produced by first cutting and then frying bacon. Their golden yellow colour is achieved by adding some milk at the end and their form by squeezing them in a press which helps get rid of excessive fat.



The only thing that is added is salt.

MESO Z TIBLICE – Cured roast pork in minced bacon kept in a pottery or wooden dish.



TUROŠ - dried or cured cottage cheese seasoned with cayenne pepper and salt in the form of a cone. Upon shaping, the cheese is left to dry in smoke or sunlight over a few days.

Cakes like **MEDIJURSKA GIBANICA** (a layered pastry with poppy seeds, walnuts, apples, raisins and cottage cheese fillings), *zlevanka* (pudding) and *krapci* (a kind of zlevanka pudding with grated zucchini on the top).



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Good morning!	Dobro jutro!
Good afternoon!	Dobar dan!
Good evening!	Dobra večer!
Hi! / Hello!	Bok!
Please	Molim
Thank you	Hvala
You are welcome	Nema na čemu
Excuse me ...	Oprostite...
I apologize	Ispričavam se
Nice to meet you	Drago mi je
How are you?	Kako si?
Can you help me?	Možete li mi pomoći?
I need help	Trebam pomoć
How much?	Koliko?
How much does that cost?	Koliko to košta?