## **Republic of Croatia - location**

- location: Central Europe, Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean
- bordering Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro
- long maritime border with Italy in the Adriatic Sea
- 1,185 islands The land of thousand islands
- population of about 4.3 million people
- the official language is Croatian



## **Republic of Croatia**

- became an independent country on 25 June 1991
- a member of United Nations, the Council od Europe, NATO, The World Trade Organization and CEFTA
- a candidate for the European Union membership (July 2013)









## ZAGREB



- The largest and the capital city of Croatia is Zagreb
- a population about 800,000
- It is a political, cultural, economic, transport and sports center of the country











- The main population centres next to Zagreb are Osijek, Rijeka and Split
- Some of other well known towns are Dubrovnik, Poreč, Rovinj, Pula, Opatija, Zadar and Šibenik

#### Plenty of natural and historic beauty







- eight national parks
- National Parks **Plitvice lakes, Park** Krka and the Kornati Islands are the most famous and the most popular among tourists that visit the country



### Did you know?







Did you know... That Nikola Tesla was born in Smiljan,



## Međimurje County Croatia's flower garden

- Placed in the north of Croatia between two rivers Mura and Drava
- Međimurje has a beautiful countryside with hills and alluvial plain and it is therefore divided into two main parts – Upper and Lower Međimurje





## Vineyards

- Most of the population works in agriculture
- a tradition wine region with many wine cellars and traditional culinary specialties
- You can taste excellent white wines - Sauvignon, Moslavac, Chardonnay, Welschriesling, Rhine Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Traminer, Green Silvaner, Yellow Muscat...
  - ...and some red wines Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon ...





### Urbanovo

- wine days in Međimurje
- traditional Urbanovo manifestation and Festival of Pušipel
- Pušipel is a local variety
- county wine brand





# Čakovec

- the biggest town in Međimurje
- population of about 26,000 people
- the Town of Zrinski family





#### Gospodarska škola Čakovec

- the Vocational School in Čakovec is a secondary school
- more than 600 students aged 14 -18
- about 70 teachers

















- Programmes :
- agriculture
- transport
- personal services and textile
- after graduating from our school, some students can start to practice their trade immediately
- others can take the Nationwide Leaving Examination and enroll in a university

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