



ZNI
INSTITUTE
FOR
NEW AGE
EDUCATION



WHO WE ARE

ZNI-Institute for New Age Education is a private organisation from Maribor, Slovenia. It is a non-governmental organisation (NGO), a non-profit and voluntary organisation.

The ZNI Institute was founded by Mrs. Maja Kumperščak in 2005 with the purpose of encouraging the participation of individuals in the society as well as motivating them



to connect and cooperate with each other. The managing director of the Institute is Ms. Sonja Markič, who has many years of experience with European projects. Members of our team are also two project coordinators: Mr. Goran Kovijanić and Ms. Linda Berčič.

Due to understanding that changes are necessary on all levels and that it is vital for people to connect with others regardless of their cultural, national, religious and language diversity, our programme has a multicultural and global focus.

- Our methodology places great importance
- on the individual, meaning that they are the
- focus of the project. By actively participating
- in various programmes the participants
- discover themselves, their advantages, skills
- and constraints. Such individual is the basis
- for shaping healthier, happier and more
- successful community.





METHODOLOGY AND POLICY OF ZNI

At ZNI we developed a special, innovative approach to activities BEFORE candidates start the mobility programme and AFTER they complete the mobility programme. This goes for both, outgoing and incoming candidates.

The preparatory period is very important for the ZNI projects. The participants familiarise themselves with the wider meaning and purpose of the EU programmes of mobility. Moreover, they are given advice and instructions on how to benefit from this experience.

To meet these objectives ZNI staff actively integrate the participants in our daily tasks during the preparatory period and enable the individuals to:

- Discover themselves, their personality traits, their skills & abilities,
- Meet, connect and cooperate with various groups of participants at work. They all come from different cultural backgrounds, are of different age, have a multitude of different kinds of experience and professional skills.





ZNI AS INTERMEDIARY / HOSTING ORGANISATION



ZNI staff begin searching for your work placement after receiving all necessary documents, which comprise a signed booking form, your Europass Curriculum Vitae and a Motivational Questionnaire. On average the work placements for incoming candidates are found within 4 weeks.

ZNI assigns a volunteer to meet with the participant upon their arrival and help them get settled in their place of residence. Each incoming candidate is assigned a mentor from ZNI, who provides professional and moral support and monitors the candidate's progress. Mentoring meetings take place every two weeks.

Candidates spend the first week of mobility on preparations with the ZNI team. They actively participate in our daily tasks and familiarize themselves with our programmes. As an important part of the preparation period for candidates, we organize cultural and language programmes where the basic Slovenian phrases for communication and integration in the community are learnt. Our volunteers introduce the candidates to the ZNI staff and help them with organizing off-work activities.

The participants are requested to write weekly reports in which they express their thoughts, encounters and

any significant experience they have made. At the end of the mobility programme an evaluation meeting is held with the objective to reflect on the experience and recognise its benefits as well as to assess the programme itself. We also share experiences with new participants, who are beginning their mobility programme at the time. ZNI offers guidance and support to every individual through all the phases (stages) of the programme and ensures that all the objectives of the programme are met.

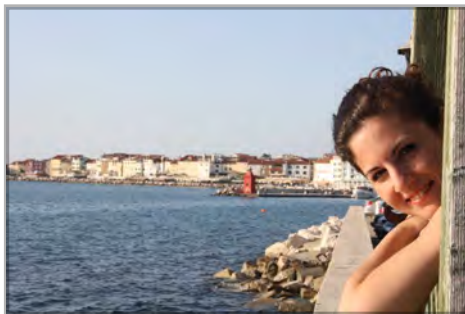


OPPORTUNITIES IN SLOVENIA

There are countless possibilities for mobility in Slovenia, depending firstly on your needs, desires and fields of interest and secondly, on your knowledge, skills and motivation.

We are specialized in the Leonardo da Vinci Mobility Programmes for people on the labour market (employed or unemployed) and organise work experience in an enterprise or working organisation in Slovenia. We also organise programmes for students and recent graduates from different schools who come to Slovenia for work experience for a certain period of time.

ZNI acts as an intermediary organisation and is able to provide the complete service for you: the placements are being hosted by our Maribor based partners active in the areas of business, IT, marketing, media, culture, tourism, science and the like. We arrange work placement for participants based on their interests, educational background, work experience and English language skills. We also provide accommodation, language, cultural and work preparations and assign you a mentor, which helps you with your integration in the new environment.





MARIBOR 2013 EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL



The European Youth Capital (abbreviated EYC) is the title awarded to a European city for the period of one year, during which it is given the chance to showcase through a multi-faceted programme its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development. The European Youth Capital aims in promoting intra-European co-operation between young people. Among the most important aspects of the institution is the improvement of everyday life of the youth in the city selected as youth capital, not just for the duration of the festivities, but in the long term. The city holding this prestigious title carries out a number of important events. In 2013, this honour goes to Slovenia's second largest city Maribor.



European Youth Capitals have a tradition of including volunteers in the event and the European Youth Capital MARIBOR 2013 will be no exception. There will be numerous opportunities for volunteers, who will be involved in the organisation and implementation of events, i.e. seeing to the needs of artists, informing and directing the visitors and assisting in the protocol and promotion, etc. Volunteers will also be able to creatively influence the project's contents, keep a blog on their voluntary work, document the contributions of other volunteers, organise events to promote volunteering and much more.

European Youth Capital: MARIBOR (promo video)



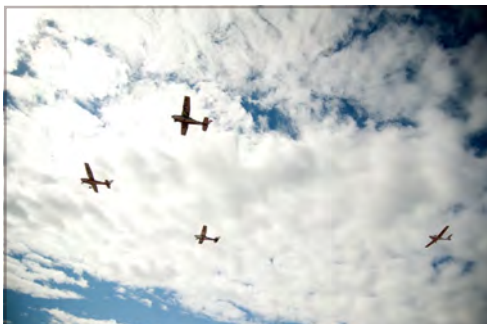


The title of European Capital of Youth will be an enrichment of Maribor's current status of **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE (2012)** and will bring along excellent opportunities for those who wish to discover their inner potential, develop new skills and competences and upgrade their professional knowledge.



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Maribor 2012
Maribor / Pohorje





MAJOR SPORT EVENTS IN 2013

THE FIBA EUROBASKET 2013 - EXCITEMENT, EXPERIENCE AND EUROPEAN

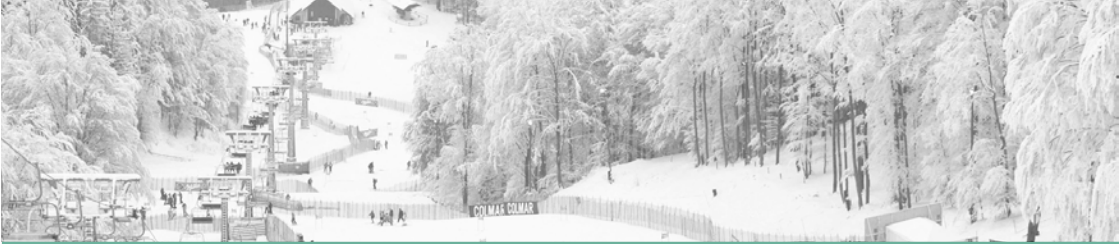
The FIBA EuroBasket 2013 will be the 38th edition of the EuroBasket championship that is organized by FIBA Europe. It will take place from 4 September till 22 September 2013 in Slovenia. The number of participating teams will be 24.

“Our goal is not just to do a good event, our goal is to do the top event, for the teams, the hospitality, the volunteers, the spectators, for everyone involved. We have the knowledge and the ability to do it,” Ales Kriznar, the EuroBasket 2013 Event Director, stated.

The biggest sport event in the independent Slovenia got its first volunteer. We are talking about Marko Milić, the legendary Slovenian basketball player, who will be acting as the ambassador of the volunteers.

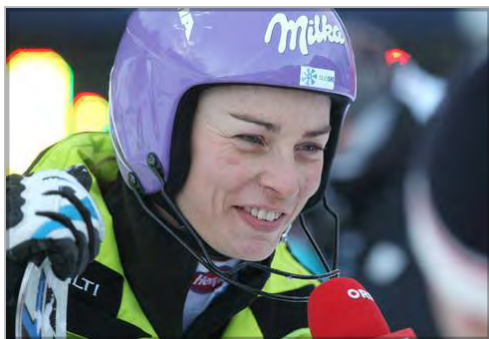
“I’ve played as a part of the Slovenian team on six European and one World championship, and I remember that the “dot on the i” were always the people working there.”





GOLDEN FOX EVENT

Experience the unforgettable atmosphere that accompanies the annual Golden Fox event, a classical women's competition for the World Cup! In the Snow stadium below Mariborsko Pohorje excitement grabs each and every one in the crowd of some 20.000 spectators when the world's best women skiers compete in the slalom and giant slalom races.



Mariborsko Pohorje boasts the largest number of skiers in Slovenia, the longest downhill night run in Europe and as the best ski centre in Slovenia.

When: 26. 1. - 27. 1. 2013 / **GOLDEN FOX**

VITRANC CUP

It is due to the Alpine ski world cup that the winter resort of Kranjska Gora has become so famous far, far away from our borders.

- Every winter the steep slopes of Vitranc
- are the venue for slalom and giant slalom
- competitions where top skiers from all over
- the world compete against time and against
- each other.

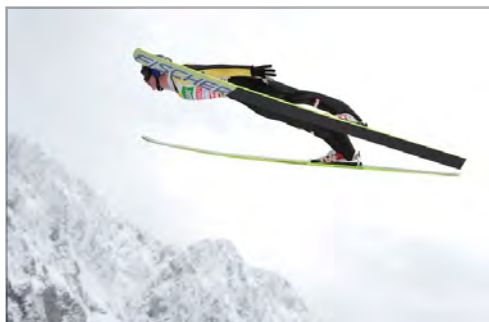
- In addition to the skiing competition, visi-
- tors can enjoy the concerts and animations
- organised as part of the event.

When: 9. 3. - 10. 3. 2013 / **VITRANC**

PLANICA - FIS SKI FLYING WORLD CUP EVENT

- Planica is a legend amongst world ski jump-
- ing venues with a history stretching back
- to the 1930s. It was the venue for over 30
- world record breaking jumps - and one of
- the most recent world records by Bjoern
- Einar Romoeren of 239m in 2005.

When: 21 .3. - 24. 3. 2013 / **PLANICA**





Alessandro's Experience

Alessandro Kostis, ZNI's Leonardo da Vinci Mobility participant from Italy was the first international volunteer working on the project European Capital of Culture.



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"So, guess my surprise when I discovered this big office full of people of my age, maybe younger too, working all together around a big table crowded with laptops. You could not find a similar scenario in Italy (that is the country I come from, by the way), at least not within such a big and important project as the European Capital of Culture. Italians who are in the position of decision makers, don't seem to have any trust in young people and, consequently, it's practically impossible to see someone under the age of forty years having some real responsibilities."
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This is Alessandro's first blog entry in which he describes the benefits of mobility in another European country.

*On behalf of the ZNI Institute for
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thank you for your time and attention.*

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