

Dear Participants,

eTwinning Professional Development Workshops »**Natural Sciences & eTwinning**« in Ptuj is approaching and that is why we have prepared some useful and practical information.

TRANSPORTATION

Transfer from and back to the airport will be organised by us. There will be transfer waiting for you at your arrival to the airport. You will pay the transportation cost directly to the driver at your arrival (approximate cost of the transfer is 20 EUR/one way).

How to get to Ptuj?

- Airport Jože Pučnik Ljubljana (Ljubljana, Slovenia) – Ptuj (90 minutes by shuttle bus)
- Zagreb airport (Zagreb, Croatia) – Ptuj (70 minutes by shuttle bus)
- Graz airport (Graz, Austria) – Ptuj (70 minutes by shuttle bus)

ACCOMODATION

Accommodation has been booked in two hotels:

Hotel Mitra - <http://www.hotel-mitra.si/en/Home>

Hotel Primus - <http://www.term-ptuj.si/vsebina.php?n=gh&ln=eng>

WORKSHOP VENUE

Seminar will take place mainly in Gymnasium Ptuj, which is in walking distance (15 minutes) from hotel Mitra and 20 minutes from hotel Primus. Transfer from hotels to the Workshop venue will be **provided by us**.

<http://www.gimptuj.si>

INFORMATION ABOUT SLOVENIA, PTUJ AND ITS SIGHTS

Slovenia is the only country in Europe that combines the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Plain and the Karst. The changing landscape is constantly surprising, time and again. You can have one eye on the sea, then look in the other direction and be surrounded by high mountains. Heading up into the forests, you can see the green plains below you. This proximity of opposites and contrasts is a hallmark of the country.

Ptuj is the oldest town in Slovenia. It dates back to the Stone Age and was settled by Celts by the Late Iron Age. Today it represents an area with a history of several thousand years marked by natural beauties, and by rich cultural and ethnological heritage.

Ptuj is the centre place of a ten-day long carnival in the spring, an ancient Slavic pagan rite of spring and fertility, called “Kurentovanje” or “Korantovanje”. Kurent is believed to be the name of an ancient god of hedonism - the Slavic counterpart of the Greek Priapos, although there are no written records.

<http://www.slovenia.info/>

<http://www.ptuj.si/en>

<http://www.term-ptuj.si/home.php?ln=eng>

OTHER PRACTICAL INFO

Weather in Slovenia

The autumn in Slovenia can be quite nice, the temperatures being between 10-15 degrees. You should, however, check the forecast before your arrival on <http://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/en/> or other similar web sites available in English.

Currency

The official Slovenian currency is Euro. Other currencies can be exchanged in banks, exchange bureaux and at the Hotels.

Automatic Cash Dispensers

Automatic cash dispensers accepting Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, American Express credit cards and Maestro are situated at all main banks in Ptuj.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards, such as American Express, Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops.

Electricity

Electricity in Slovenia is 220 V, 50 Hz. Continental Europe 2 pin plugs are used.

Drinking Water

Tap water is safe to drink.

Time

European summer time, 1+ Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

