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# **Guidelines for spatial development on karstic areas**

### Centre of excellence FABRICA and Lipica case study

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# FABRICA

- Centre of excellence
- Coordinated by the Scientific Research Centre of the SASA



# Highlights

- Sustainable development of the karstic landscape
- Groundwater tracking
- Wind and Sun energy
- Land use
- Building heritage
- Cultural heritage
- Tourism
- Rocks and relief
- Biodiversity
- Migrations
- People and landscape

## **Rocks and relief**

- Various surface karst features dominate
- Gravely truncated water
   system





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# Water

- More than half of water supplies in Slovenia are provided by karst aquifiers
- Extremely vulnerable to various effects of human activities
- Quick pollution spread
  Functioning of the water systems is important







vodni vir, odlok o varovanju ni bil sprejet

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#### slika 62: Raba in varovanje voda na krasu

#### Merilo 1:200.000

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### Land use

- One of the best indicators of the landscape structures and processes
- Finding favourable areas for agriculture and settlements





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# People

- Countryside settlements
   are dominant
- Strong "urbanisation" is present
- Influenced by natural circumstances, geopolitics and the location of traffic routes
- Depopulation





Število prebivalcev v naseljih



slika 5: Spreminjanje števila prebivalcev med letoma 1991 in 2002 Merilo 1 : 200.000

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## Nature

- Biodiversity
- Kras rich with flora, fauna and vegetation
- One of the biodiversity "hot spots"
- Traditional land use is abandoned





V navidez suhi pokrajini brez površinskih voda predstavljajo kali in lokve edina bivališča vodnih in močvirskih, rastlinskih in živalskih vrst na Krasu. Kljub dejstvu, da so kali in lokve antropogeno pogojeni krajinski elementi, je njihovo vzdrževanje in ohranjanje smiselno s stališča ohranjanja vrstne, ekosistemske in krajinske pestrosti; v okviru slednje tudi kot del naravne in kulturne dediščine Krasa.

#### slika 25: Kali in lokve na Krasu

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# **Cultural** heritage

- Architectural heritage
- Radical changes in the last 60 years
- Inconsiderate investment policies
- Large investors in the real estate market
- Reinvention of building
   tradition







# Tourism

- Cave tourism one of the oldest forms of tourism
- Postojna more than 500,000 visitors annually
- Potential burden imposed by tourism
- sustainable tourism









turistična jama

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# Energy

- Energy efficient building
- Use of renewable energetic sources
- Solar energy
- Mapping areas suitable for exploitation of solar energy
- Design of energyefficient buildings







#### slika 35: Primernost prostora za novogradnje

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## Achievements

- Updated records of rural activities and assessment of overgrowing, with a simulation of the future development.
- An assessment of the possibilities for the expansion of cave tourism and its impact on the environment.
- Solar radiation modelling based on current satellite measurements.

# Achievements (2)

- Identification of biodiversity hotspots.
- The analysis of the consequences caused by the neglect of the architectural heritage.
- Updated settlement records and presentation of daily migrations.
- The plan of the underground water system and an assessment of the level of threat.
- The updated picture of the ground composition and relief.



### LIPICA

- Location (Lipica Stud Farm; 1.5 km from I-SLO border)
- Plan (to expand Lipca Golf Course from present-day location toward W)
- environmental report (to evaluate influences of plan on population and environment – SLO and transboundary)
- Scientific Research Centre SAZU (ZRC SAZU)
  - Anton Melik Geographical Institute (9 researchers)
  - Jovan Hadži Institute for Biology (10 researchers)
  - Karst Research Institute (10 researchers)
  - Section for Interdisciplinary Research in Humanities (1 researcher)
  - 4 other researcher

#### Location



#### **Evaluation of plan**

- Ground (soil and weathered karstic bedrock),
- Water (surface and underground),
- Climate,
- Population and human health,
- Cultural Landscape,
- Cultural Heritage,
- Nature (biology, protected areasmonuments, natural values and Natura 2000).

#### **Estimation of plan's efects**

-increased input of mineral fertilizers and pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides),

 increased application of water (shortage of water in the future, washing out of mineral fertilizers and pesticides),

- modifications of landscape (elimination of surface rocks, filling up of dolines, thickening of soil),

- clearing of 120 years old oak forest,
- increased risk for (transboundary) fire,
- there is no registered caves on the plan area.

#### **Conclusions of study**

- plan will have no effects to Slovene and transboundary (Italian) environment if proposed alternatives will be taken into account:

> - a part of old high-value oak forest have to be excluded from the plan due to particularly valuable beetle (*Morimus funereus*) and cultural-natural feature important at state level (underground black coal mine),

- application of mineral fertilizers should not exceed quantity which is used at present-day golf course,

- application of water has to be much lower than quantity that is used at present-day golf course and has to be strictly controlled,

- modification of landcsape must not change karstic nature of landscape,

 cultural landscape and heritage have to remain undamaged or should be mantained better,

- eutrofication of artificial lake with mineral fertilizers must be prevented.

#### **Final proposed spatial distribution of golf courses**

