# **SPELEO KUĆA** znanstveno edukacijski centar

The Centre is focused on the education of all age groups and raising awareness of the value of this region, and it primarily aims to motivate the youngest ones from the entire Istria County to spend time outdoors and explore their surroundings.

In this respect, the Centre has already conducted specifically designed activities, however, each new idea is welcome, therefore we invite all potential partners to contact

## EDUCATIONAL AMENITIES



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Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in visiting the Speleo House or doing research work in nature!

ZEC Speleo House is located in the center of the Istrian karst just six kilometres away from the Slovenian border, in an area that is sparsely populated and developed, but surrounded by pristine nature. Content of the Science and education center Speleo House is designed in a way that all target groups are motivated to use the facility and further development of their activities aimed at protection and improvement of the karst area.

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### SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### SCIENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER SPELEO HOUSE

The facility is located in the center of the Istrian karst just six kilometres away from the Slovenian border, in an area that is sparsely populated and developed, but surrounded by pristine nature.

The total area of 390 m<sup>2</sup> (three floors of the old local school) is fully equipped with the necessary furniture and other technical and laboratory equipment ensuring the possibility of an extended stay of a large number of people (22 beds) and their work in the Science and education center Speleo House, which meets the needs of all identified stakeholders - research groups, universities, non-governmental associations and organizations, and educational institutions such as kindergartens, primary and secondary schools.

The Center is intentionally located away from large urban centres and bigger towns, but offers the possibility of accommodation and all necessary technical conditions for several days use by future users. In this case the isolation, along with the possibility of using modern technology, is a winning combination or a guarantee of a productive, creative and uninterrupted work.

The provision of adequate amenities for a longer stay is necessary for the intended use of the Speleo House because field research

### not be carried out

in one day, and certainly not in the case of foreign expeditions coming from distant countries. Also, the faculties are planning multi-day field studies in groups of 20 students under the guidance of teachers and assistants.

The purpose of the Science and education center Speleo House is to design a meaningful use of the facility and thus contribute to the development of science, attract scientists and young people to the poorly developed and uninhabited area of Ćićarija, and stimulate the development of the region and a greater recognition of the outstanding natural value of the karst area! The Science and education center Speleo House in its future work intends to ensure the sustainability of the conceived concept of interdisciplinary work between several scientific and professional institutions at the international level.

Directing various institutions and associations dealing with karst, environmental protection, and other social and socio-economic activities, to the border region of northern Istria, is considered the greatest success among the projects implemented so far and the foundation for further work of the Science and education Center Speleo House.



The goal of the Science and education center Speleo House is gaining new scientific knowledge by providing a venue and equipment to various scientific and other groups with the ability to multi-day stay and work in the facility.

We welcome any suggestion for the development of new projects with existing and new partner and associate institutions, with the aim of improving the quality of life in the border region.

Please contact us if there is interest in the use of our facilities or if you have some ideas about the possibility of working together on some new projects with scientific or other professional content.



# ) ECOTOURISM

We can enrich the stay of various interested groups of visitors by providing professional tours to the additional facilities of the Centre such as the karst presentation area on the ground floor, by organizing walks in the enchanting landscapes along the marked hiking trails, and the youngest visitors of the Center will certainly look forward to a colourful playground.

Please contact us if there is interest in the use of our facilities by a group of visitors or if you have an idea about the possibility of working together on some new projects with the aim of promoting eco-tourism.



This area has an extraordinary natural potential which we want to present not only to all visitors of Istria, but also to the local population, through specially designed programs that emphasize the beauty of the surrounding nature and the need for its adequate protection and preservation for future generations.