**Cross-border Cooperation of the High Schools**

**that were Established by the Empress Maria Theresia**

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The Initiative of Professor Jože Gričar on Cross-border Cooperation, which launched several successfully implemented activities, was accepted in July 2017. And these activities are:

1. On 6 October 2017, a meeting was held in Karlovac and was attended by representatives of the two high schools, city libraries, archives, music schools, Franciscan monasteries, museums, tourist boards and chambers of commerce from Novo mesto and Karlovac. In the working part of the meeting, numerous forms of co-operation with related institutions have been agreed.

2. By the end of 2017 there was a working visit of the delegation of the Novo mesto Grammar School to Gimnazija Karlovac as well as the return visit.

3. The Advent concert in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Karlovac was held by the students of Gimnazija Karlovac, the Karlovac Music School, the Novo mesto Grammar School and the parish choirs, as part of the cooperation between the schools and the Franciscan monasteries of the two cities. The concert was on December 17, 2017.

4. At the end of January 2018, twenty students and two teachers from the Novo mesto Grammar School participated in the event of the *Night of the Museum* at Gimnazija Karlovac. They organized two workshops and participated in fifteen other workshops with the theme of sports that were organized by the host school - Partner of the Karlovac City Museum in the mentioned state event.

5. The schools have signed the cooperation project of the grammar schools founded by the Empress Maria Theresia (Erasmus-K2) and are awaiting the results.

Collaboration between the two schools is not yet an eCooperation, but we will try to make progress in that direction, too. We do believe that developing partnerships is a traditional way of praising valuable co-operation that promotes and inspires humanistic values.