**Zgodovina in prihodnost Glavnega trga v Novem mestu**

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*Povzetek*

Novomeški Glavni trg lociran v težišču okljuka reke Krke že skoraj dva tisoč let predstavlja osrednjo javno, tržno, komunikacijsko in družabno površino na katero so vezani nastanek, rast in razvoj naselbine in od leta 1365 pravega mesta, ki danes predstavlja kulturno, izobraževalno in gospodarsko središče JV Slovenije. V času prve obsežnejše prenove javnih mestnih površin po Mušičevi prenovi v 60-tih letih 20. stoletja s sprotnimi arheološkimi raziskavami odkrivamo pomembna nova dejstva o njegovi zgodovini. Za zdaj se je potrdilo, da se je trg, kot javna površina oblikoval že v 1. stoletju našega štetja, v času Rimskega cesarstva. V poznem srednjem veku se je ob priznanju mestnih pravic formirala prepoznavna lijakasta oblika trga. Nedavno odkrito tlakovanje Glavnega trga iz 16. do 18. stoletja potrjuje tudi domneve, da je po njem ves čas potekala glavna prometna in trgovska pot ter da se je na njem trgovalo, ob njem pa živelo in delalo. V zgodovini Glavnega trga se njegov namen ni spremenil vse do danes, ko nanj z novo ureditvijo vračamo življenje s sodobnimi oblikami (nemotorizirane) mobilnosti, v njegovem podzemnem ustroju pa se vzpostavlja hrbtenica, centralni živčni sistem sodobne infrastrukture. V širšem pomenu je Glavni trg v Novem mestu že dva tisoč let najvitalnejša osrednja linija celotne regije. Tako bi moralo biti tudi danes in tako bo po prenovi javnih površin mestnega jedra tudi v prihodnje.

**History and the Future of the Novo mesto Main square**

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Abstract

Novo mesto Main Square (Glavni trg) located at the center of the Krka River bend has been the central public, market, communication and social area for almost two thousand years, which is related to the origin, growth and development of the settlement and from 1365 recognizable city, which today represents the cultural, educational and economic center of the SE part of Slovenia. At the time of the first major renovation of public urban areas, after Mušić's renovation during the 60s of the 20th century, with contemporary archaeological research, important new facts about its history are being discovered. For now, it has confirmed that the market, as a public area, was formed already in the 1st century AD, during the Roman Empire. In the late Middle Ages, at the time of the recognition of the Novo mesto urban rights, a recognizable funnel-shaped market formed. The recently discovered pavement of the Main Square, dated between 16th to the 18th Century confirms the assumption that on that spot the main traffic and trade route was constantly active, and that it was traded, lived and worked alongside it. In the history of the Main Square, its purpose has not changed until today, when upcoming new urban design brings back life on the square with modern forms of (non-motorized) mobility. In the underground structure of the square, the central nervous system, the backbone of modern infrastructure is established simultaneously. In the broadest sense, the Main Square in Novo mesto has been the most important central line of the whole region for two thousand years. This should be the case today and in the future, after the renovation of the public areas of the city center.