



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

CABLE CAR UČKA, Medveja – Vojak

PROJECT LOCATION

Učka Nature Park is located at one of the northernmost points of the Mediterranean. It covers Učka Mountain and part of the Ćićarija area and connects Croatia's largest peninsula, Istria, with the continental part of the country.

Učka is well known for its specific climate, because of its immediate proximity to the sea, and its lush forest vegetation, meadows and other habitats with many endemic and protected plant and animal species.

This area is linked by the A6 highway to Zagreb via Rijeka and to all other main European traffic corridors. It is linked to Slovenia, Italy and the rest of western and central Europe via Istria by a tunnel through Učka.

The closest airports are Rijeka airport on the island of Krk (47 km) and Pula (93 km), which have low-cost flights. The largest international airport is Franjo Tuđman Airport in Zagreb (184 km).



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The planned construction of a cable car route will connect the Adriatic coast with the peak of Učka Mountain (the Medveja-Vojak route). It is intended to increase the quality of services for the most developed tourist areas of Croatia with a very long tradition (Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Istria Counties).

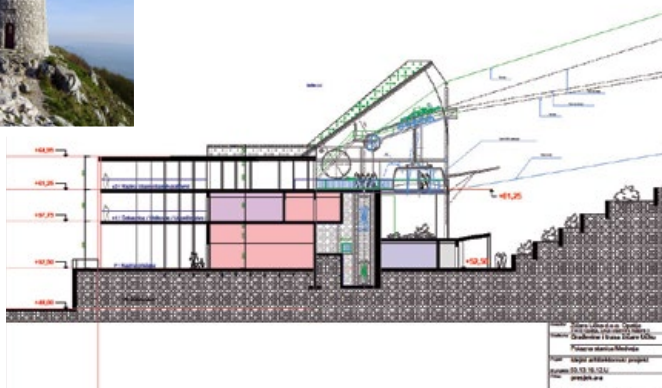
With the extension of the tourist season, this project should contribute to the attractiveness of the wider region since there is no comparable content in the vicinity. The unique location of the cable way could potentially become a global attraction.

Učka is very popular tourist destination. It offers many recreational and sport activities including hiking, mountain biking, free climbing, paragliding and many others. Many international sporting competitions are also held here. The tourism offer includes a wide range of accommodations and

hospitality facilities located in the immediate vicinity of Učka Nature Park and in Istria and the Kvarner region.

This project is the second phase in the realization of a wider project being implemented in three phases:

Phase of realization	Projects	The investment (mil EUR)
Phase I	Visitor center	5.5
Phase II	Cable car	20.2
	Access road	2.8
Phase III	Marina	10.0
	Parking area	1.0
TOTAL		39.5



PROJECT STATUS

The Učka Cable Car is a strategic project of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and has been included in its spatial plans.

The founders of the company Žičara Učka Ltd. are Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Istria Counties; the cities and municipalities of Rijeka, Opatija, Kastav, Lovran, Matulji, Mošćenička Draga and Omišalj and the owners of the land included in the project.

The site permit and several other approvals have been obtained and a conceptual project for the access road has been developed. A pre-investment study, a feasibility study, an elaborate route compliance and an environmental impact study have also been completed. Expert analyses of critical points of the lifts and a tender for the design of the main construction of the project have been prepared. A process to resolve the property-legal relations for the land is underway.

CABLE CAR CHARACTERISTICS

Panoramic cable car	ATW8 SYSTEM
Horizontal length of the route	4,696.4 m
Departure station: Medveja	44.50 m n/m
Incoming station: below the top of Vojak	1,355.00 m n/m
Number of pillars:	5
Column height:	14, 17, 25, 43 and 45 m
Electric starting power:	1,060 kW
Electrical power in operation:	670kW
Highest driving speed:	10 m/s
Driving Speed:	7 m/s
Cabin capacity:	60 passengers
Capacity per hour:	300 passengers
Capacity of panoramic restaurant:	200 seats planned

ESTIMATED VALUE

The estimated value of Učka Cable Car Project is 20 million EUR, of which approximately 12 million EUR will be earmarked for construction. The project company has invested 195,000 EUR through its own equity and the Ministry of Tourism has also funded the project with approximately 60,000 EUR.

TRANSACTION MODEL

The project holder is looking for a strategic partner.

PRIMORJE-GORSKI KOTAR COUNTY

Population (2011): **296,195**

GDP per capita (2014): **12,548 EUR**

Unemployment rate (2016): **13.0%**

Average gross salary: **1,030 EUR**

Average gross salaryt in the sector (tourism): **949 EUR**

Primorje-Gorski Kotar County is situated between Slovenia in the north and the Adriatic in the south. It is comprised of woodland mountains, the sea coast and islands.

A very favorable position at the junction of important road and sea routes were the reasons why inhabitants have focused on maritime affairs and other sea-related economic and tourism activities. As a consequence, the area, and especially the county seat of Rijeka, has developed into a strong transport and maritime center. While Gorski Kotar has remained a traditional forestry and wood processing area, it has also recently developed into a strong tourism region.

Primorje-Gorski Kotar County is considered the birthplace of Croatian tourism, especially Opatija and Lovran, which

previously served as holiday destinations for the Habsburg emperors. These towns have now been high-end and health tourism destinations for more than a century.

The county's education policies mirror its historical ties with tourism, especially nautical tourism. The Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management in Opatija is the only Croatian university fully dedicated to the education of a specialized tourism workforce. In addition, there are two secondary education institutions dedicated to tourism or hospitality education.

The county is also especially attractive for nautical tourism. According to the Ministry of Tourism, there are 11 marinas with a total of 2,747 berths.

The county is well connected with continental Croatia and the neighboring countries. Rijeka is a major ferry port with regular connections to the nearby islands and the southern Adriatic. There are several airports within a 200 km radius (Pula, Rijeka, Zadar, Zagreb, Split, Trieste, Venice, and Ljubljana).

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