

SHEEP WOOL

... WHEN YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU ARE WEARING

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In Slovenia...

SHEEP WOOL plays an important role again



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Protected area Natural Park Kolpa



...in South-Eastern part of Slovenia, near border with Croatia, plays important role in protection of natural and cultural heritage





Promotion and protection of traditional
knowledge often starts in
open-air museum Šokčev dvor Žuniči

Šokčev dvor Žuniči – where the story begins



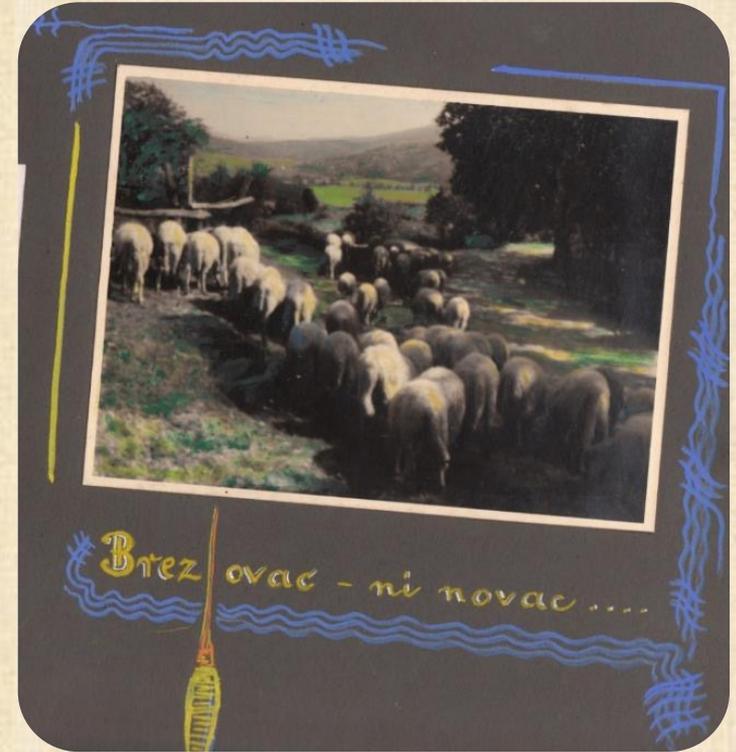
Traditional knowledge associated to wool processing in the area of Natural park Kolpa in region Bela krajina can benefit local community



BELOKRANJSKI ŽENIN IN NEVESTA
ŠTRK Poljanci ŠTRK
Kola Ivan



Božo Račič – Kume, superintendent in small village Adlešiči, near Kolpa river, as early as 1919 wrote a folk proverb:



*“Small ammount of Sheep, small ammount of Money,
lots of sheep, lots of Money...” ☺*

We breed 4 autochthonous...



1. Jezersko solčavska

and
2. Bovška Sheep

... belong to the group
"Stone" (Steinshafe) sheep.
They are raised in
similar - alpine conditions
with different purpose of use
(meat, milking)





3. Belokranjska pramenka

and

4. Istrska Pramenka sheep

...well adapted to the karst area.

Have some similarities,
but breeds are genetically very distant.



The most widespread breed in Slovenia is the Improved Jezersko Solčavska Sheep (JSR)



It preserves the majority good properties of JS, the Romanov breed significantly improves its fertility...



We shear on the field



Shearing wool has a beneficial effect on the well-being of sheep.



- ...where we have possibility of:
- electricity,
 - solid foundation,
 - clean wool collection

There is a big difference in fleece / fiber quality in our breeds

Bela Krajina Pramenka Sheep fleece



Groba volna

Lana grossa



Fina volna

Lana fine

Jezerško - Solčavska Sheep fleece

Wool processing at home requires a lot of time and patience



But: starting with raw material...



raw, dirty, greasy
sheep's wool

washed and
cleaned wool

carded wool

yarn!

...and with help of sheep breeders, artisans and workshops



Let's go on, sing & play together with Slovenian artist,
performer, singer **Zvezdana Novaković** and
multinational **Saxophone Quartet Roya** in old
Bolgarian song: **MITRELE**



...use of sheep's wool in Slovenia improved

... also in XXL size 😊



XXL? ...it's easy. All you need is WOOL





... and some more space for
(XXL 😊) knitting

... also a huge
tool for
PODRITNIK
XXL crocheting



While Wool became popular for our young fashion creators...



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insulation, produced
from Slovene sheep's
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Sheep Wool came back
to our homes. BIO WOOL insulation
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degradable in nature and does not burden
nature.



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Sheep Wool is used as insulation
- wooden glamping tents
at Kolpa River
in roof and bottom



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BICKA – Wool boutique, from Solčava



Bicka is a Sheep. And Bicka is a flute association of women,
from whose hands artificial wool products are created.
...since 2005

autochtonous Jezersko – Solčava Sheep ...BICKA



...on the mountain Strelovec (photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

BICKA association...when we spin, knit, weave, felt,... we walk historically intertwined paths all the time.



Our work means not only creating our own, but also preserving a tradition that is thousands of years old.



...we do not work only for our soul, because in doing so we embody the work of our ancestors and pass on the tradition to future generations.

Wool boutique BICKA...



SOLČAVA – SLOVENIA
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It's simple. It's cosy. It's **SHEEP WOOL.**



Zvezdana Novaković and multinational **Saxophone Quartet Roy** filmed a videospot on the sheep farm Vučji ogrizek, with indigenous people from Natural Park Kolpa (March, 2021)



Thank You! Greetings from SLOVENIA:



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