Project “Heading to graduation”

An eight-member team, representing Gimnazija (Grammar School) in Kruševac, stayed in Slovenia from March 4th- March 11th, 2018, visiting II Gimnazija in Maribor, within the project “Heading to graduation”. The aim of the visit was to to familiarize with the Slovenian model of National Matura (graduation) and learn more about the process itself in order to prepare for the new type of graduation that will be applied in Grammmar schools in Serbia from 2020/21. The project is funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programmme, and the authors are members of the project team from Grammar school in Kruševac.

The principal of II Gimnazija in Maribor, Mr. Ivan Lorenčić, explained the participants the developing process of graduation in the last twenty years, and and Mateja Krumpak, „Matura “coordinator, explained which laws and regulations are essential for the entire process, as well as the sequence of organisational steps.

During their stay the visiting teachers followed the preparations for the graduation and attended the mock exam, held classes, exchanged experiences, observations and impressions from the teaching practice, got acquainted with the culture of Slovenia, visiting the country's artistic and geographical sights and visiting cultural events organized by 2 student theaters in II Gimnazija – EST (English Student Theatre) and Theater Gnozis.

All participants agreed to share their experiences and conclusions with colleagues at teaching staff meetings, sessions and lectures at the Center for Vocational Training.