

CABLE CAR UČKA

PROJECT LOCATION

The Učka Nature Park is located at one of the northernmost points of the Mediterranean and connects Croatia's largest peninsula, Istria, with the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County. The location (Kvarner Bay) has been a famous tourist destination for more than a century. Its combination of mountains (Učka) and the coastal part (beaches in Opatija and Medveja) make it ideal for a healthy and dynamic vacation. In the last 5 years, the Primorje - Gorski Kotar County has recorded a 21% increase in overnight stays, with a tendency for further growth. It is therefore expected that construction of a cable car will definitely contribute to further development of the Kvarner area and the whole country. The top of Učka offers a 360 degree view that includes the Croatian inland, the shores of Italy (Venice and Trieste) and a wonderful view of the Kvarner Bay.

Furthermore, the area is very well connected to Zagreb with the A6 highway via Rijeka and to all other main European traffic corridors. It is connected to Slovenia, Italy and the rest of Western and Central Europe via Istria by a tunnel through Učka. The closest airports with low-cost flights are the Rijeka airport on the island of Krk (47 km) and Pula (93 km). The largest international airport is Franjo Tuđman Airport in Zagreb (184 km).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Učka Cable Car is a strategic project of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and as such has been incorporated in the spatial plans. The founders of the SPV company Žičara Učka Ltd. are the Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Istria counties; the cities and municipalities of Rijeka, Opatija, Kastav, Lovran, Matulji, Mošćenička Draga, Kršan, Krk and Omišalj, and partly the owners of the land included in the project. 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.

CURRENT STATUS

The location permit and other approvals have been obtained and a preliminary design for the access road has been drafted. A pre-investment study, a feasibility study, a route compliance report and an environmental impact study have also been completed. Expert analyses of critical points of the lifts. A main project is already contracted and is currently being drafted. Upon the completion of the main project a building permit for the construction of lifts will be obtained. Procedures are underway to resolve property-legal relations for the land.

The estimated value of the Učka Cable Car Project is 20 million EUR, of which approximately 12 million EUR will be earmarked for construction. The project holder is looking for a strategic partner.

CABLE CAR CHARACTERISTICS			
Panoramic cable car	ATW8 SYSTEM	Electrical power in operation:	670kW
Horizontal length of the route:	4,696.4 m	Highest driving speed:	10 m/s
Departure station:	Medveja 44.50 m n/m	Driving Speed:	7 m/s
Incoming station:	below the top of Vojak 1,355 m n/m	Cabin capacity:	60 passengers
Number of pillars:	5	Capacity per hour:	300 passengers
Column height:	14, 17, 25, 43 and 45 m	Capacity of panoramic restaurant:	200 seats planned
Electric starting power:	1,060 kW		

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20 million EUR

