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## About us

Slobodna Dalmacija is the largest-circulated daily newspaper in Dalmatia, a historical geographical region located in the southern part of Croatia. The first issue was printed on June 17, 1943.

Influence, reputation, and reader loyalty is something that we have been particularly cultivating for the last 77 years. Dalmatia and the city of Split, where the Slobodna Dalmacija Newspaper is located, embody the true spirit of the Mediterranean, where tradition and loyalty hold a special place. Considering this, we keep striving to play an active role in the society, remaining our readers' first choice.

Slobodna Dalmacija's leap into the future came in 1999 with launching of our Internet portal. The SD portal is among the fastest growing mainstream media in Croatia, exceeding million reads a day, with national reach.

## SLOBODNA DALMACIJA

## Overview



Sudamja is the name of a traditional celebration of Saint Domnius Day, which has been around for centuries and includes organised festivities lasting for nine days. The most important day of the celebration is 7 May, also known as the Saint Domnius Day Festival. That is when Split celebrates its patron saint, the bishop of Roman Salona, executed during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. That event also marks the City of Split Day.

The oldest records of the celebration date back to the Split Statute from 1312. Special provisions on celebration and veneration of Saint Domnius date from the same year.

Throughout the centuries, the holiday celebration was uninterrupted, even during war years.



There are also various sports tournaments, events for children, performances by culture and art associations, a festival dedicated to gastronomy and drinks, the most anticipated raffle, an evening concert at the Waterfront and big fireworks.

These are the days when the city truly comes to life.

In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Saint Domnius Day Celebration was cancelled.





- Promoting responsible behavior during a pandemic and using virtual celebration to evoke positive emotions and good mood
- Providing the sense of safety and alleviating the feeling of isolation caused by the Covid-19 global pandemic
- Sending the citizens a message more important than ever before that Saint Domnius is with them, while promoting the importance of unity by offering varied content about Saint Domnius, reminding citizens that the city's most important holiday actually lives in our hearts and that the hustle and bustle of the celebration will return once again
- Educating younger generations about customs, traditions and history of their city
- Direct contact with readers, fostering a friendly atmosphere and trust



The project took place between 1 and 10 May.

To achieve everything planned, the project required a lot of engagement by the digital and marketing team, but we came through in the end.

In order to add as much various content as possible, we connected with the oldest and most important institutions in the city: the City of Split, the Split-Makarska Archdiocese, the Croatian National Theatre in Split, culture and art associations, the city department of education and sports, schools and kindergartens, all of which gladly accepted our invitation to participate in the project.

The project was supported by the following partners: the City of Split and the Mayor of Split, and HEP (Croatian national energy company, which has been producing, transmitting and distributing electricity for more than a century).

Thanks to such large and important partners, the project went into full swing.

# Project content

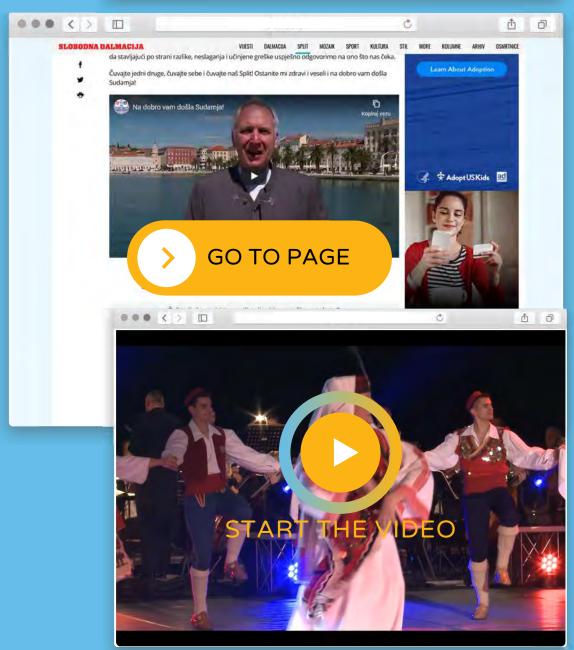
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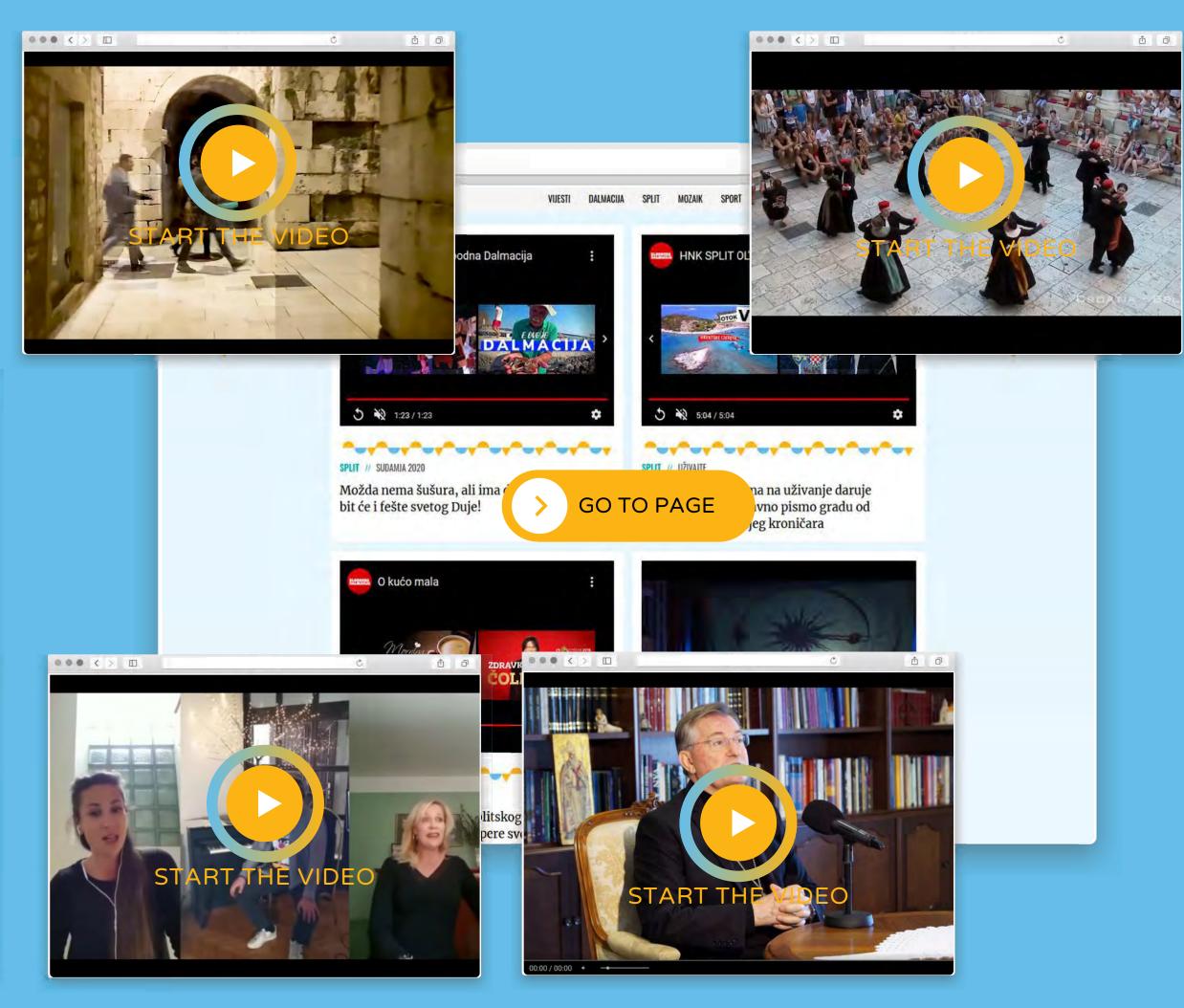
- Video address to the citizens of Mons Marin Barišić, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Split-Makarska Archdiocese and Mayor of the City of Split
- Campaign video "Welcome to Sudamja"
- Arias from the operetta Split Watercolor, sung by opera singers from their homes and the video "Split Wakes Up" in collaboration with the Croatian National Theater in Split
- Cooperation with the oldest Culture and Art Association "Jedinstvo" enabled the audience to enjoy Split folk dances and the final dance from the famous opera Ero from the other world
- Concert by the Filip Dević klapa harmony singing band.

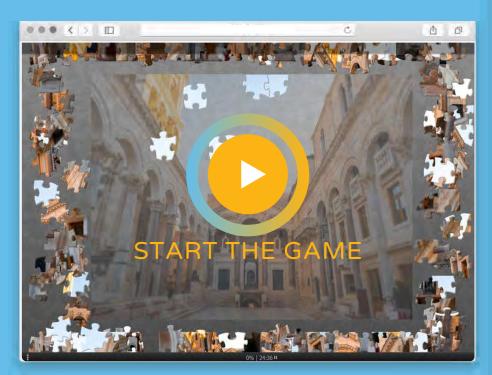


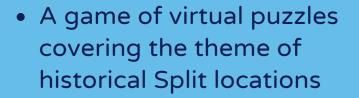




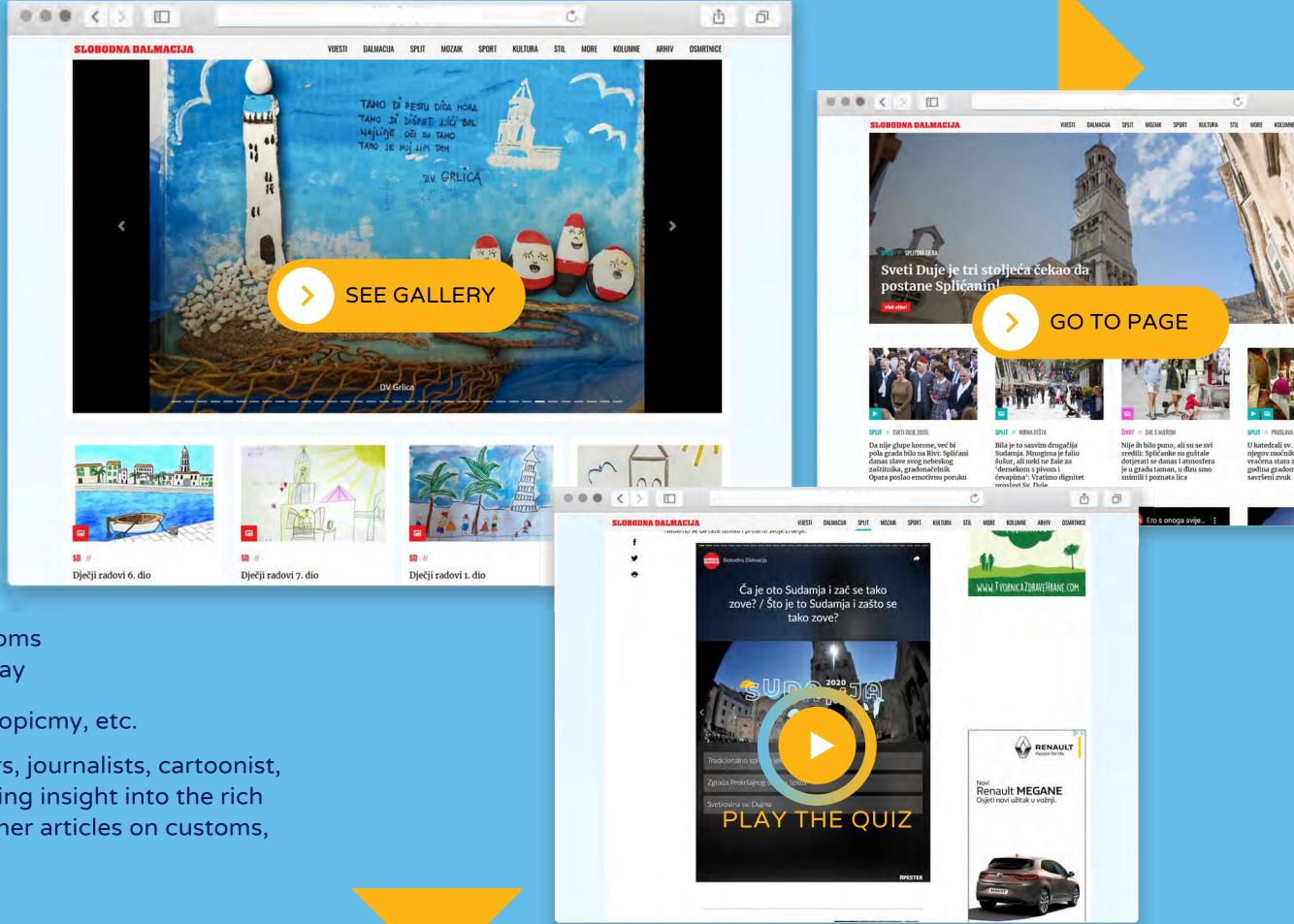


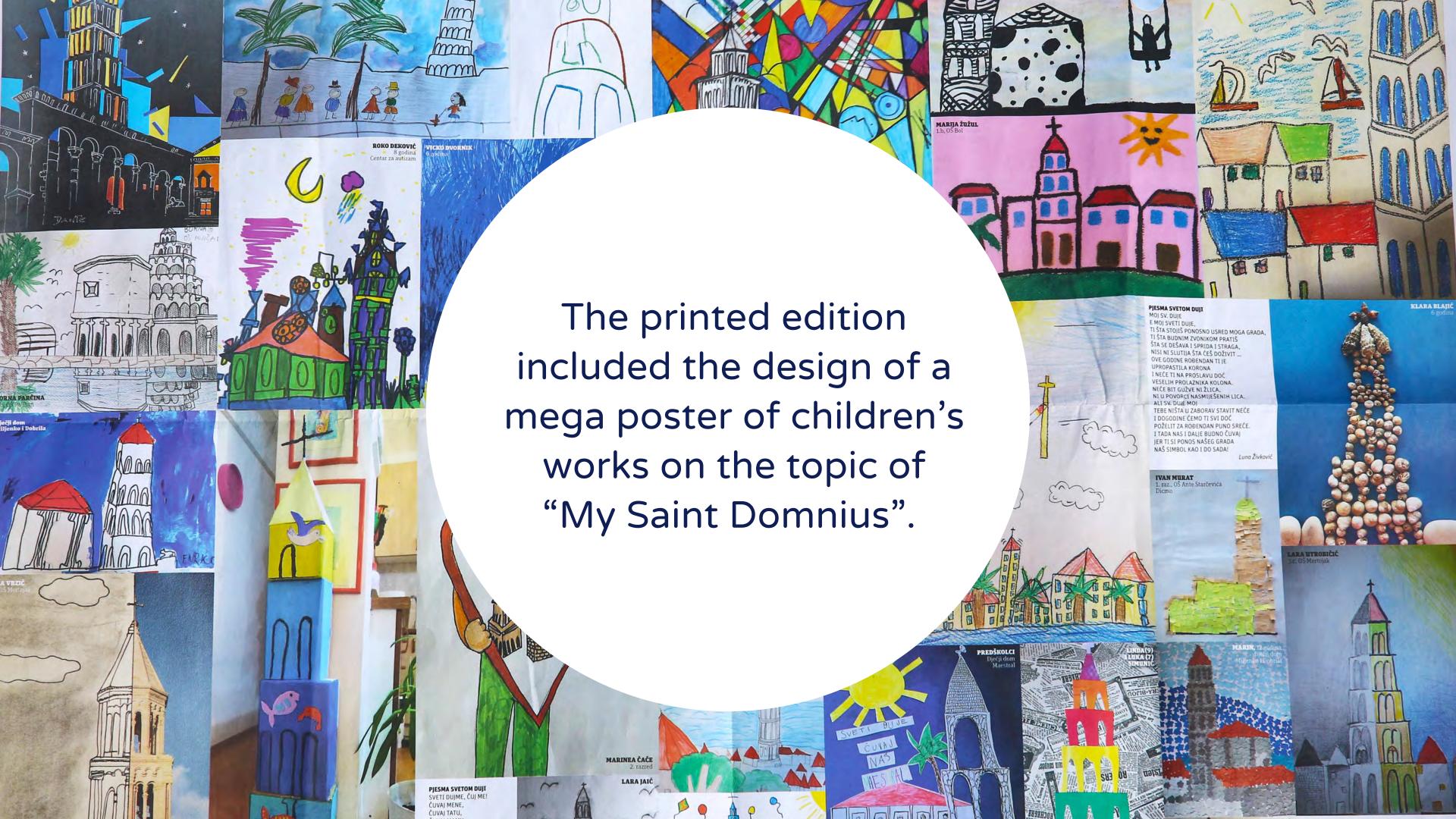






- A quiz about the city of Split and customs characteristic for the Saint Domnius Day
- Gallery of children's art works on the topicmy, etc.
- Series of texts by the historians, writers, journalists, cartoonist, collectors of oral folk treasures providing insight into the rich history of the city, and a handful of other articles on customs, gastronomy, etc.



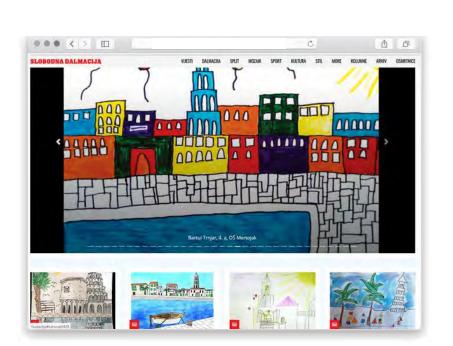


We invited children aged 3 to 14 to draw or write an essay or a poem and send them to our address. We cooperated with kindergartens and schools to provide additional motivation and despite the lockdown and online classes, teachers were happy to participate. Newspaper's Culture section was tasked with the most difficult job - the selection of 37 works to be included into the children's collection.

We used these works to design a mega duplex poster.



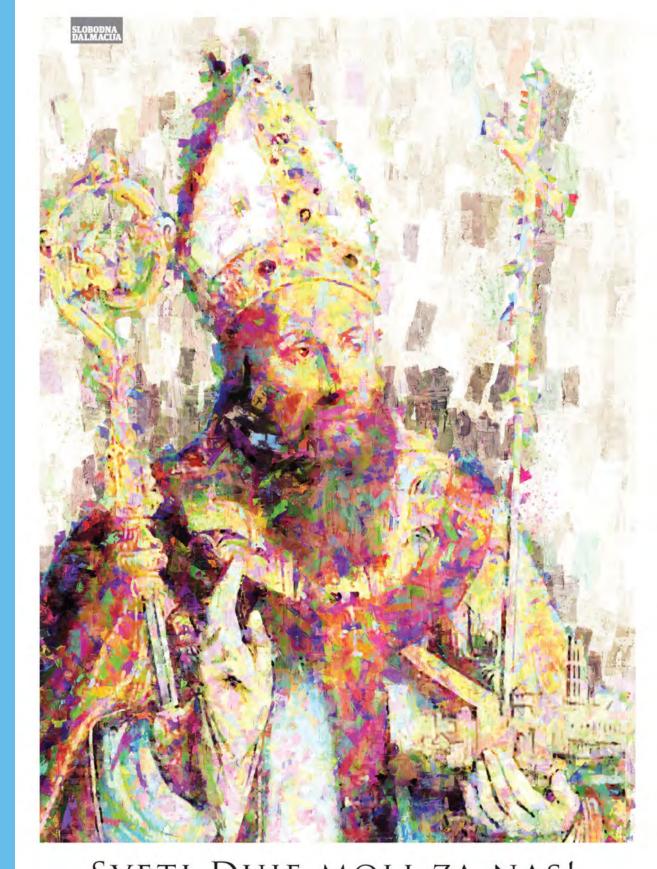
The whole newspaper edition was "dressed" in children's art.



The collection was also published in digital form.



Saint Domnius poster was also added as a gift to readers



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# Communication PRINT WEB SOCIALS THE RADIO

CAMPAIGN DURATION: 17 APRIL TO 7 MAY 2020

To increase the impact and numbers of visitors to our online portal, the project was accompanied by a large-scale printed, digital and radio campaign via various channels.

In addition to the specified communication methods, we wanted to bring the project closer to our readers using traditional methods as well - by speaking directly to them. This means of communication in the times of digital connectivity may sound unusual, but since our readers value tradition and since conversation among people especially at this time, is an integral part of life where we learn, share and transfer information, establishing further connections, we decided to call our partners, associates and readers, talk to them, listen to their wishes and record their reactions.

That enabled us to connect more with our readers as well as to mix online and offline spheres, resulting in appreciation for the project by our readers and partners.

## Reach & Result

#### PRINT

25+ ads in 2 different newspapers REACH: 1 296 000















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#### WEB:

slobodnadalmacija.hr (regional news portal) Microsite pageviews 108,310

Display campaign in 2 different news portals IMPRESSIONS: 1 734 028

Clicks: 2589

#### SOCIALS:

3 + Slobodna Dlamacija Facebook and Instagram posts

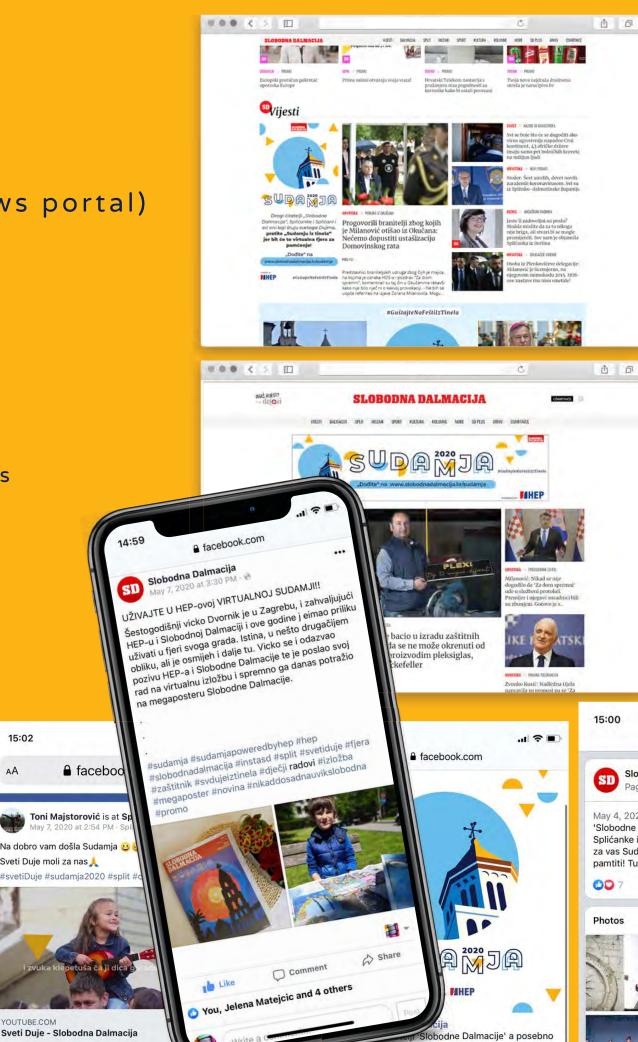
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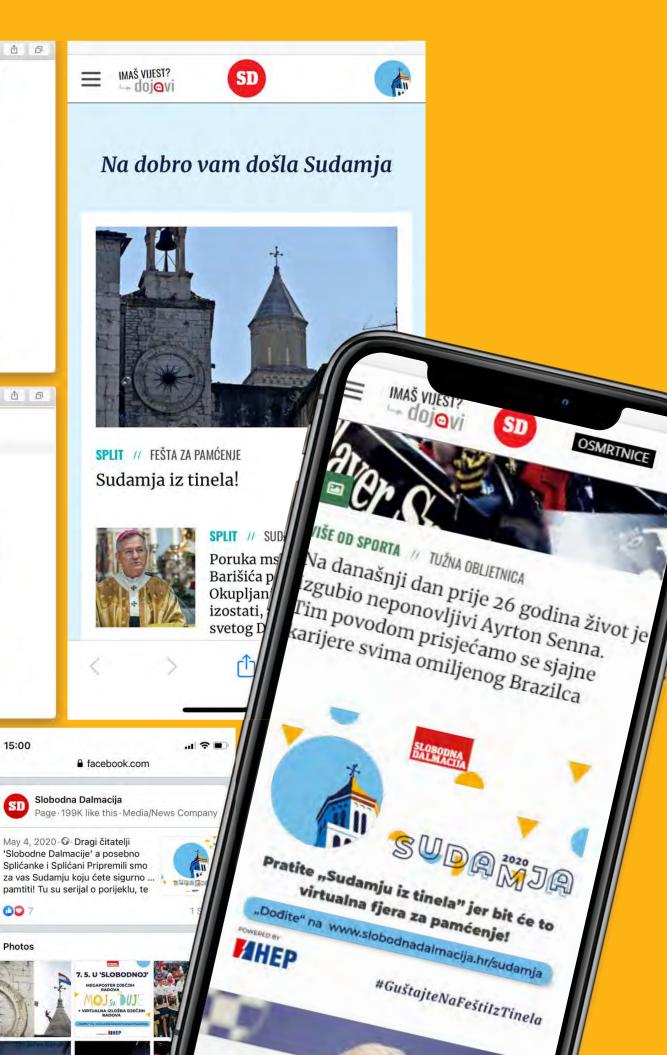
#### RADIO

Broadcasting a radio spot on the 5 top rated

radio stations in Dalmatia 75 broadcasts / REACH: 681 750

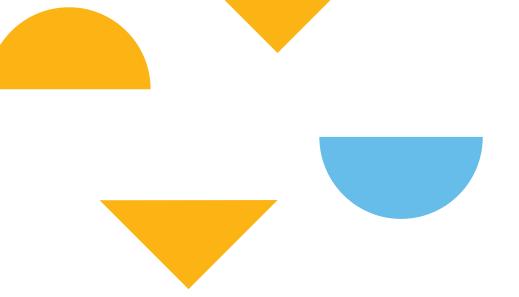






# Follow up





#### WE SUCCEEDED - WE KEPT THE TRADITION GOING

An extremely high reader feedback was achieved. Numerous calls and positive feedback served as validation of project objectives. Readers, viewers, parents, grandparents, and children, as well as school institutions, loved the fact that children were invited to take part in the project in a creative way. Judging by our readers' comments, the result was the most beautiful cover page.

Readers asked for videos for their private archives, and colleagues on other portals asked for permission to share content.

The project received acknowledgment though confirmation from our partners as well as the involved city institutions and associations that they would like to keep the digital form of the project in the future, regardless of the pandemic.

We believe that we managed to connect with the readers, that we brought music, fun, a sense of celebration and positive emotions into their homes, and that was the most important goal.

