



SOBRA

7. INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF DEFENCE, SECURITY, PROTECTION AND RESCUE

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SOBRA 2018 HAS CONCLUDED AN ALLIANCE OF DEFENCE, SECURITY, PROTECTION AND RESCUE

"At the end of this year's, already 7th Sobra Fair in fifteen years, I can express my satisfaction and gratitude. Satisfaction because we succeeded to bring to the crossroads of four countries four of the most important institutions that provide security for us, and 110 exhibitors looking for opportunities for economic cooperation in the field of defence, security, protection and rescue, and over 20,000 visitors, especially young people. The institutions that did not merely present themselves in their exhibition space, but carried out numerous activities, dynamic presentations, advice and competitions deserve credit. Despite the fact that preparations at the fair took place at a time when Slovenia was forming a new government, institutions such as the Slovenian Armed Forces, the Police, the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief and the Firefighters Association of Slovenia prepared presentations with excellent programs and content, which indicates that these security institutions are doing an excellent job.

This year's SOBRA placed a special focus on firefighting, since firefighters competed during the last two days of the fair for the title of the best in the country, which was also reflected in visits to the fair and exhibitors of firefighting equipment.

I am convinced that this year's Sobra Fair contributed to the recognition of institutions that are taking care of our security and that greater recognisability will also have practical effects in ensuring a larger slice of the budget. In that case, also exhibitors and the economy in general can hope for better results. This year's SOBRA Fair is therefore, a great send-off for the SOBRA 2020 fair."

Janez Erjavec, President of the Pomurski sejem Management Board at the closing of the SOBRA Fair 2018

SOBRA IDENTIFICATION CARD

Number of exhibitors: 110

Number of participating countries: 11

Exhibition space:

Halls 5.000m²

Outdoor exhibition space 11.000m²

Presentation polygon, demonstration area, competition area 35.000m²

Number of visitors: 22.000

AN ALLIANCE OF INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMY, VOLUNTEERS AND CITIZENS

SOBRA, the 7th International Fair of Defence, Security, Protection and Rescue, from 20 to 23 September on the crossroads of Slovenia with Austria, Croatia and Hungary, presented equipment, know-how and the most important institutions providing defence readiness, citizens' safety as well as protection and rescue in the case of natural and other disasters. The alliance of trust and cooperation linked professional, duty and voluntary organizations and ensured the transfer of knowledge and experience from a mature generation to the younger generation. The fair was intended for all those who are already professionally or voluntarily involved in the defence, security, protection and rescue systems, those who are involved professionally or business-wise in these areas, or those who wish to provide security and protection for their families and property. In addition to the latest equipment for defence, security, protection and rescue, this year the fair placed special focus on firefighting equipment and firefighting vehicles. Along with them were featured state-of-the-art weapons, means of transport, electronic and optical equipment, information, communication and laboratory equipment and supplies. There was also a variety of equipment for personal protection, clothing, footwear, medical and sanitary materials, rescue requisites in the case of flooding, fire and earthquakes, anti-theft protection and alarm systems, mobile equipment for the protection of facilities and areas from floods, accessories for orientation as well as equipment for first aid and occupational safety.

Besides the business exhibitors, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovenian Armed Forces, the Police, and the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief and the Firefighter Association of Slovenia presented themselves through professional exhibitions and consultations, visitor advice, dynamic presentations as well as educational - social events.

PROFESSIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND ADVICE

Each day the **Slovenian Army** presented static and dynamic displays of the equipment and skills of its units, with the appearance of the honorary Guard, the Sports Unit and the Slovenian Armed Forces Orchestra. Visitors could try delicious food from a military cauldron; try to shooting with air guns and on simulators, and ride with military vehicles. On Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st September, members of the Slovenian Armed Forces presented equipment, know-how and military professions to 2,000 recruits.

The Police prepared numerous performances by the Police Orchestra, dynamic presentation of the special units work, practical police procedure, and advice for visitors about personal protection, security and self-defence. Rescue in the mountains, the work of service dog handlers, and the driving skills of police on motorbikes were also shown... The vehicles and equipment of various regular and special units were on display. Art workshops were held in the children's corner organised by the Police.

On Friday, **the Firefighting Association of Slovenia** prepared an expert meeting, followed by a rescue exercise in cooperation with firefighters and the Slovenian Armed Forces and Police. The events on Saturday, 22nd September, started with a competition in a traffic accident technical rescue. On Saturday and Sunday the National Member and Youth Firefighting Competition for the Matevž Hacet Memorial was held. Participating in that competition were 5,000 competitors from 497 fire brigades.

The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief presented its organization, work, system of protection against natural and other disasters and its latest equipment. In the framework of preventive activities, pre-primary and primary school children of the first triad were enchanted and educated with two free puppet shows.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

A meeting of the Slovenian Defence Industry Cluster took place at the fair with institutions that are buyers of targeted equipment, with representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovenian Armed Forces, the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief and the Firefighting Association of Slovenia. The meeting also focused on economic diplomacy, which is one of the priorities of the new Slovenian government.

On Friday, a consultation for firefighting units of wider significance was held, in which it addressed the concrete problems of firefighters conduct in vehicle accidents involving the presence of dangerous substances, the problem of getting through queues of traffic, the specificity of rescuing casualties in goods vehicle traffic accidents, the hydraulic rescue tool in the past and today, and the increasingly current problem of extinguishing vehicles utilising alternative power.

On Saturday, a fire safety consultation took place, at which they presented the fire prevention commission with its new members, activities in the month of fire safety, a questionnaire on fire prevention in the home environment, the issue of emergency numbers and fire prevention in connection with facilities of monumental heritage

HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

At the SOBRA fair, they were active or visited respectively: Marjan Šarec, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, Karl Erjavec, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, Boštjan Poklukar, Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia, Zeljko Kralj, General Director of the Logistics Directorate, Franci Petek, Commander of the Firefighters Association of Slovenia, Janko Cerkenik, President of the Firefighters Association of Slovenia, Alan Geder, Chief of the General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces, Klemen Groselj, State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Simon Velički, Director General of the Police, Darko But, Director of the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief of the Republic of Slovenia, Srečko Šestan, Civil Protection Commander, Uroš Krek, Adviser to the President of the Republic for National Security, Alexander Majcan, District Governor Südoststeiermark, Lajos Dániel Fehér, Economic Attaché, Embassy of Hungary, Mykhailo F. Brodovych, Ambassador of Ukraine, Ivan Kramberger, President of the Association of Police Officers of Slovenia, Emil Ferjančič, Head of Public Diplomacy Service, Paolo Trichillo, Ambassador of Italy, Samo Bevk, Chairman of the Defence Committee, Jože Renar, Director of the Slovenian Defence Industry Cluster, Ivan Kralj, President of Slovenian Defence Industry Cluster, and military attaches, accredited in the Republic of Slovenia from Austria, Hungary, China, Iran, Poland, Germany, Brazil, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Serbia, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and France

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