17th October 2015 – One day in the life of an immigrant

On 17th October 2015 Hungary closed the border with Croatia.

Čakovec was only a transit center because of its geographical position and numerous border crossing with Slovenia. We were informed that no one will arrive to Čakovec or Međimurje without the permission to be transferred further to Austria and Germany.

Matija Posavec, the head of our county on [organization of transport for immigrants](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=16&v=WdOtQC1sIfM):

There are no problems. The transfer is organized well. The train with 1800 immigrants arrived to the train station in Čakovec from Slavonija. 1200 people stayed on the train and we are waiting for a locomotive to take the passengers directly to Slovenian territory.

The remaining 600 people will continue their journey in 12 buses, 6 of which go to the Mursko Središće border crossing and 6 of them to Macinec border crossing- all of them going to Slovenia.,

Each person that arrived or is going to arrive to Slovenia is absolutely in agreement with Slovenia and Slovenia will accept all those people. No one will stay here. All arrivals and departures are under police surveillance. No person s leaving the territory of the train station. There are members of the Red Cross, public health department, county hospital, Amnesty International, world TV stations, and everyone is satisfied with the organization of transfer.

There are a lot of women and children. During this first arrival, immigrants stayed here for about 40 minutes and then continued their journey. They should all be in Austria tonight.

In the last month 6000 immigrants were transferred through Međimurje. They all crossed the border to Slovenia and none of them stayed in this area for longer than an hour and a half.

Media manipulation with the dana on immigrants

There hasn't been any manipulation with the data regarding the number of immigrants (the official numbers we received matched those that were published in the media).

However, there were other types of manipulation.

In 20018., a woman published on social media that her neighbour helped an immigrant by feeding him and giving him a place to stay. The next day, the immigrant attacked a man who was in coma and raped his daughter. People were horrified and all had negative attitude towards immigrants. The story was soon in the media and the police stated that it was a lie. The woman deleted her post, but the damage was already done and thousands of people remained hostile towards immigrants.

In the same year, Austrian newspaper Kronen Zeitung published news about 20 000 armed immigrants on the border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia who will try to force their way to central Europe. The border police stated that it was another lie attmpted to scare people.

Intimidating people with false information can have consequences on the whole society.