

## Results of the 2025 Children's Map of the World Competition in Croatia

The Barbara Petchenik Award was launched by the International Cartographic Association (ICA) in 1993 in honor of Barbara Petchenik, vice president of the association and a distinguished cartographer who dedicated her life to working with maps and children.

The award is presented every two years during the International Cartographic Conference, with the goal of recognizing at least one work from each continent. Special attention is given to the age of the child who created the artwork.

The objectives of this competition are to encourage children's creative representation of the world through graphic expression, to develop their cartographic perception, and to foster a better understanding of space and environment.

The 2025 competition in Croatia was organized by the Croatian Cartographic Society. A total of 201 children's artworks were submitted from nearly all counties, including one entry from abroad (Table 1).

A jury composed of Prof. Emer. Miljenko Lapaine, Jurica Jagetić, mag. ing. geod. et geoinf., Assist. Prof. Ana Kuveždić Divjak, Mia Maras (student), Dr. Dubravka Mlinarić, Klaudija Molnar, mag. ing. geod. et geoinf., and Blaženka Preradović, dipl. ing. geod.,



Dress Country, Dalia Salaheldin (13), OŠ Rikard Katalinić Jeretov, Opatija.

## Rezultati natječaja za dječju kartu svijeta 2025. u Hrvatskoj

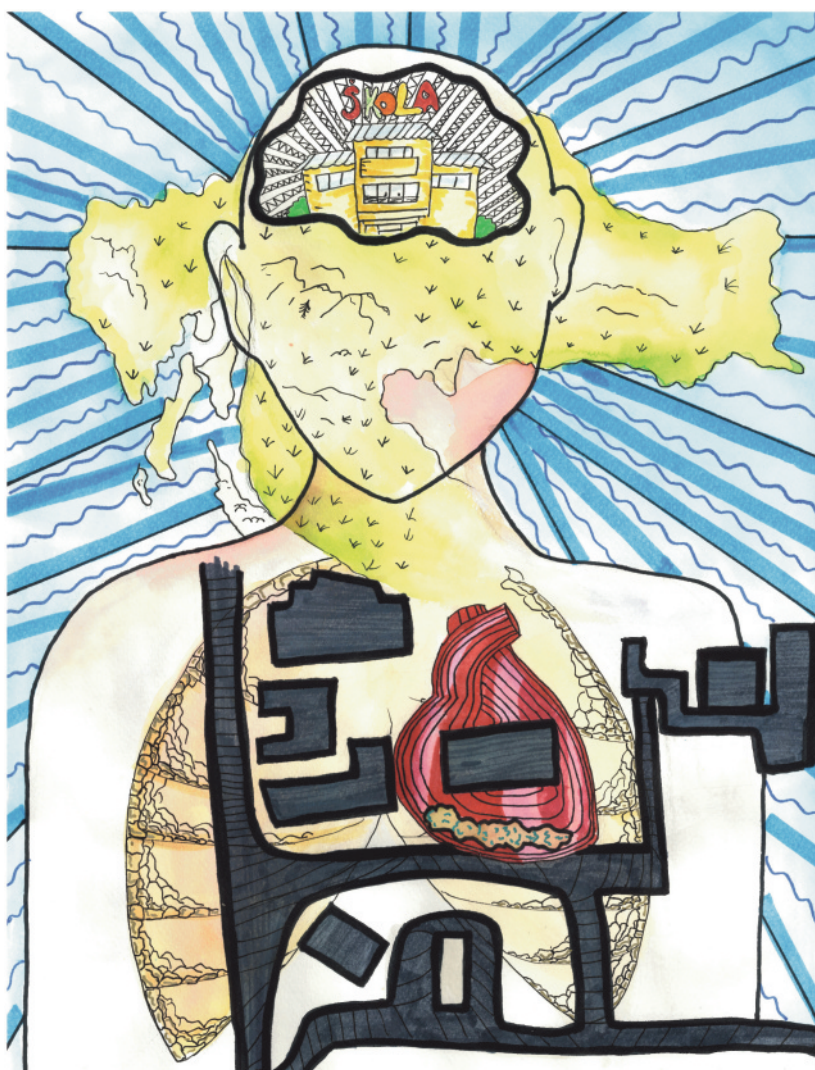
Nagradu Barbara Petchenik pokrenulo je Međunarodno kartografsko društvo (International Cartographic Association – ICA) 1993. godine u čast Barbari Petchenik, dopredsjednici društva i istaknutoj kartografkinji koja je cijeli život posvetila radu s kartama i djecom.

Nagrada se dodjeljuje svake dvije godine tijekom Međunarodne kartografske konferencije, nastojeći pritom nagraditi barem jedan rad sa svakog kontinenta. Posebna pažnja pritom se posvećuje dobi djeteta koje je izradilo likovni rad.

Ciljevi ovog natjecanja su poticanje dječjeg kreativnog prikazivanja svijeta kroz grafički izraz, razvoj njihove kartografske percepcije te bolje razumijevanje prostora i okoline.

Natjecanje u Hrvatskoj 2025. godine provelo je Hrvatsko kartografsko društvo. Na natječaj je pristigao 201 dječji likovni rad iz gotovo svih županija te čak jedan iz inozemstva (tablica 1).

Povjerenstvo u sastavu: prof. emer. Miljenko Lapaine, Jurica Jagetić, mag. ing. geod. et geoinf., doc. dr. sc. Ana Kuveždić Divjak, Mia Maras, studentica, dr. sc. Dubravka Mlinarić, Klaudija Molnar, mag. ing. geod. et geoinf. i Blaženka Preradović, dipl. ing. geod. odabralo je šest najboljih radova na temu Maps in Everyday Life (tablica 2).



The map of my heart, Dunja Horvat (13), OŠ Mate Lovraka, Zagreb.

**Tablica 1.** Number of Entries by County.  
**Table 1** Broj pristiglih radova po županijama.

County / Županija	Number of Entries / Broj pristiglih radova
Bjelovar-Bilogora/ Bjelovarsko-bilogorska	16
Brod-Posavina / Brodsko-posavska	14
Dubrovnik-Neretva / Dubrovačko-neretvanska	6
Istria / Istarska	3
Karlovac / Karlovačka	7
Koprivnica-Križevci / Koprivničko-križevačka	10
Krapina-Zagorje / Krapinsko-zagorska	3
Međimurje / Međimurska	14
Osijek-Baranja / Osječko-baranjska	2
Primorje-Gorski Kotar / Primorsko-goranska	14
Sisak-Moslavina / Sisačko-moslavačka	11
Split-Dalmatia / Splitsko-dalmatinska	11
Varaždin / Varaždinska	7
Vukovar-Srijem / Vukovarsko-srijemska	14
Zadar / Zadarska	5
Zagreb / Zagrebačka	6
City of Zagreb / Grad Zagreb	57
Bosnia and Herzegovina / *Bosna i Hercegovina	1
<b>Total / Ukupno</b>	<b>201</b>



Europe Map on the Screen, Katarina Zvonarević (13), OŠ Ivana Filipovića, Osijek.

**Tablica 2.** Odabrani dječji likovni radovi iz Hrvatske za izložbu u Vancouveru u Kanadi, 18-22. kolovoza 2025..  
**Table 2** Selected Children's Artworks from Croatia for the Exhibition in Vancouver, Canada, August 18–22, 2025.

Ime i dob autora / Name and Age	Naslov / Title	Škola / School	Ime mentora / Mentor
Rea Gavez (13)	The map in my heart	Osnovna škola Domašinec, Marka Kovača 1, 40318 Dekanovec / Domašinec Primary School, Marka Kovača 1, Dekanovec	Emina Kefelja
Dora Horvat (11)	My everyday path	Osnovna škola Mate Lovraka, Aleja Blaža Jurišića 13, 10000 Zagreb / Mate Lovrak Primary School, Blaža Jurišića 13, Zagreb	Iva Čukelj
Dunja Horvat (13)	The map of my heart	Osnovna škola Mate Lovraka, Aleja Blaža Jurišića 13, 10000 Zagreb / Mate Lovrak Primary School, Blaža Jurišića 13, Zagreb	Iva Čukelj
Tibor Onodi (13)	World in my Mind	Osnovna škola Julija Benešića, Trg sv. Ivana Kapistrana 1, 32236 Ilok / Julije Benešić Primary School, Ilok	Kristina Hrubik
Dalia Salaheldin (13)	Dress Country	Osnovna škola Rikard Katalinić Jeretov, Nova cesta 53, 51410 Opatija / Rikard Katalinić Jeretov Primary School, Opatija	Nives Trusić
Katarina Zvonarević (13)	Europe Map on the Screen	Osnovna škola Ivana Filipovića, Kalnička 48, 31000 Osijek / Ivan Filipović Primary School, Osijek	Antonija Kojundžić



World in my Mind Tibor Onodi (13), OŠ Julija Benešića, Ilok.



The map in my heart, Rea Gavez (13), OŠ Domašinec, Dekanovec.

selected six best artworks on the theme Maps in Everyday Life (Table 2).

The selected works, along with signed parental consent forms, were sent to Dr. Monika Kopecká, the international coordinator of the competition in Bratislava. These artworks will be presented at the children's map exhibition held during the 32nd International Cartographic Conference in Vancouver, Canada, from August 18 to 22, 2025.

Children's art works submitted to the exhibition from all over the world can be viewed at <https://projects.geography.sav.sk/children-map-competition-2025/>

We thank all participants and their mentors for taking part in the competition, and we offer heartfelt congratulations to the authors of the selected works who will represent Croatia at the international exhibition in Vancouver.

Children's artworks previously exhibited at international exhibitions are permanently archived in the Archives and Research Collections at Carleton University Library in Canada and are available online: <https://childrensmaps.library.carleton.ca>.

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Odabrani radovi, zajedno s potpisanim suglasnostima roditelja, poslani su dr. sc. Moniki Kopeckoj, međunarodnoj koordinatorici natjecanja u Bratislavu. Ti će radovi biti predstavljeni na izložbi dječjih likovnih radova u sklopu 32. međunarodne kartografske konferencije u Vancouveru u Kanadi od 18. do 22. kolovoza 2025.

Dječji likovni radovi pristigli na izložbu iz cijeloga svijeta mogu se pogledati na <https://projects.geography.sav.sk/children-map-competition-2025/>

Zahvaljujemo svim sudionicima i njihovim mentorima na sudjelovanju u natječaju, a iskrene čestitke upućujemo autorima odabranih radova koji će predstavljati Hrvatsku na međunarodnoj izložbi u Vancouveru.

Dječji likovni radovi koji su bili izloženi na prethodnim međunarodnim izložbama trajno se arhiviraju u Arhivsko-istraživačkoj zbirci Knjižnice Sveučilišta Carleton u Kanadi (Archives and Research Collections at Carleton University Library) te su dostupni na mrežnoj stranici: <https://childrensmaps.library.carleton.ca/>.

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