

DIALECTOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE SPEECH OF SABORSKO – RECENT DIALECTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

This paper presents the speech of Saborsko in the 21st century, which has previously been described both independently and in the context of other Neoštokavian Ikavian dialects in its immediate vicinity. It is also presented as one of the representatives of the Neoštokavian Ikavian dialect as part of the intangible linguistic heritage of the Karlovac region.

Alongside the typical Neoštokavian Ikavian features that characterize the speech of Saborsko, the study identifies characteristics reflecting the coexistence of this speech with neighboring non-Štokavian (Čakavian) and Štokavian Ijekavian dialects.

According to the reflex of the old Slavic vowel *jat*, the speech of Saborsko belongs to the Neoštokavian Ikavian dialect, while the presence of the *ščakavian* feature places it within the *Ščakavian* subdialect of the same dialect group. At the same time, the speech of Saborsko stands out due to several of its specific characteristics. Its closest linguistic relatives are Ikavian *Ščakavian* dialects spoken in several places in Lika, Kordun, and Gorski Kotar, as well as the *Ščakavian* speech of Sveti Juraj near Senj.

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