

STREET FURNITURE IN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA – PARK USER REQUIREMENTS FOR (WOOD) URBAN EQUIPMENT

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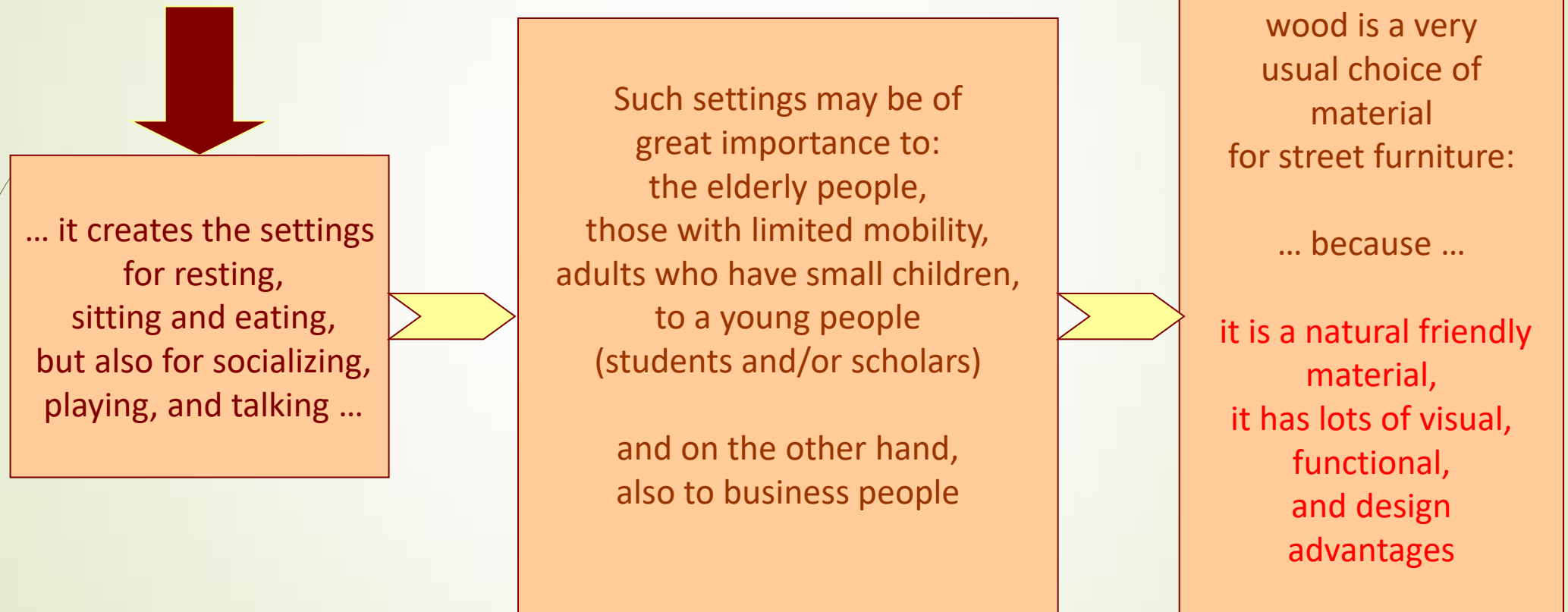
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INTRODUCTION

Why street (wood) furniture



THE STUDY

Objectives: In order to give some contribute to the research activities regarding a street furniture and also maybe to provoke stakeholders involved to these activities the aim of the paper was to find out the opinions of urban equipment users with an accent to park wood furniture

The street (wood) furniture analyzed in this paper was related to tables, benches, and waist bins.

THE STUDY

Data Collection:

- Personal ('face-to-face') interview
- The sample frames were random samples of 200 persons visiting some of urban parks placed in the capital city of Croatia – ZAGREB and 145 persons visiting some of urban parks placed in the capital city of Slovenia – LJUBLJANA
- The questionnaire consisted of 16 questions and data collection was carried out during March, April, and May 2017 (Zagreb) and March, April, and May 2018 (Ljubljana)
- Data were analyzed in MS Excel.

RESULTS

Respondent profile of park users in Zagreb and Ljubljana

Gender of respondents (%)		Education level of respondents (%)		Age groups of respondents (%)	
Zagreb (CRO) (n = 200)					
Male	43	Primary school	10	14 – 18 years old	9
				19 - 25 years old	32
		High school	60.5	26 – 35 years old	29
				36 – 50 years old	12
Female	57	University	29.5	51 – 60 years old	13
				Older than 60	3
Ljubljana (SLO) (n = 145)					
Male	37	Primary school	0	14 – 18 years old	1
				19 - 25 years old	55
		High school	48	26 – 35 years old	23
				36 – 50 years old	10
Female	63	University	52	51 – 60 years old	5.5
				Older than 60	5.5

With whom you
mostly spend time in
some of parks ...

... in LJUBLJANA

... in ZAGREB

65 % - ...WITH
FRIENDS ...

23 % - ...
WITH
CHILDREN ...

35 % -
...ALONE
...
OR WITH PETS
- 38 %

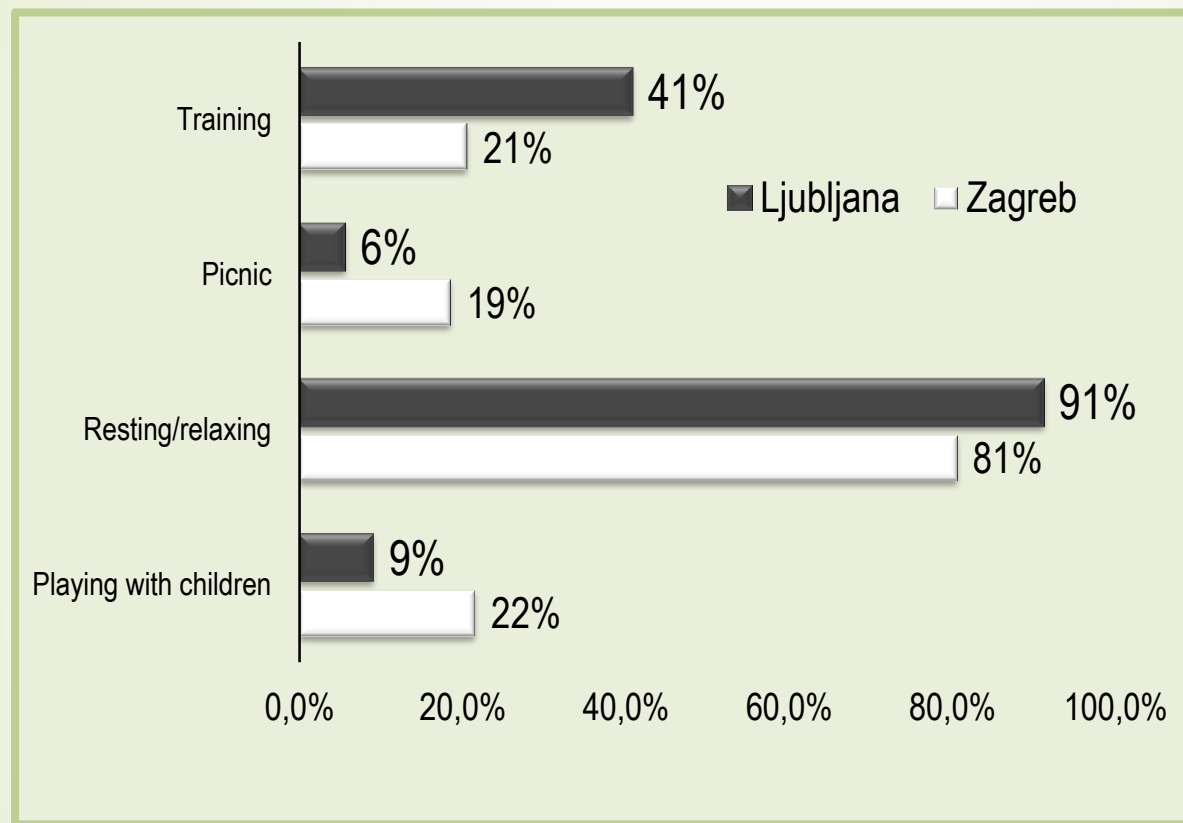
58 % - ...WITH
FRIENDS ...

9 % - ... WITH
CHILDREN ...

47 % -
...ALONE
...
OR WITH PETS
- 14 %

Multiple response was possible

The purpose of spending time in parks



to get a 'better picture' about the level of 'park users' satisfaction regarding a wood furniture in parks ... respondents were asked:
 'note the level of your satisfaction about certain furniture attributes: **design, functionality, commodity, and material which furniture was made of**



BENCHES		
	CRO	SLO
Design	3,36	3,43
Functionality	3,42	3,63
Commodity	2,94	3,12
Material	3,41	3,70
Average	3,21	3,47

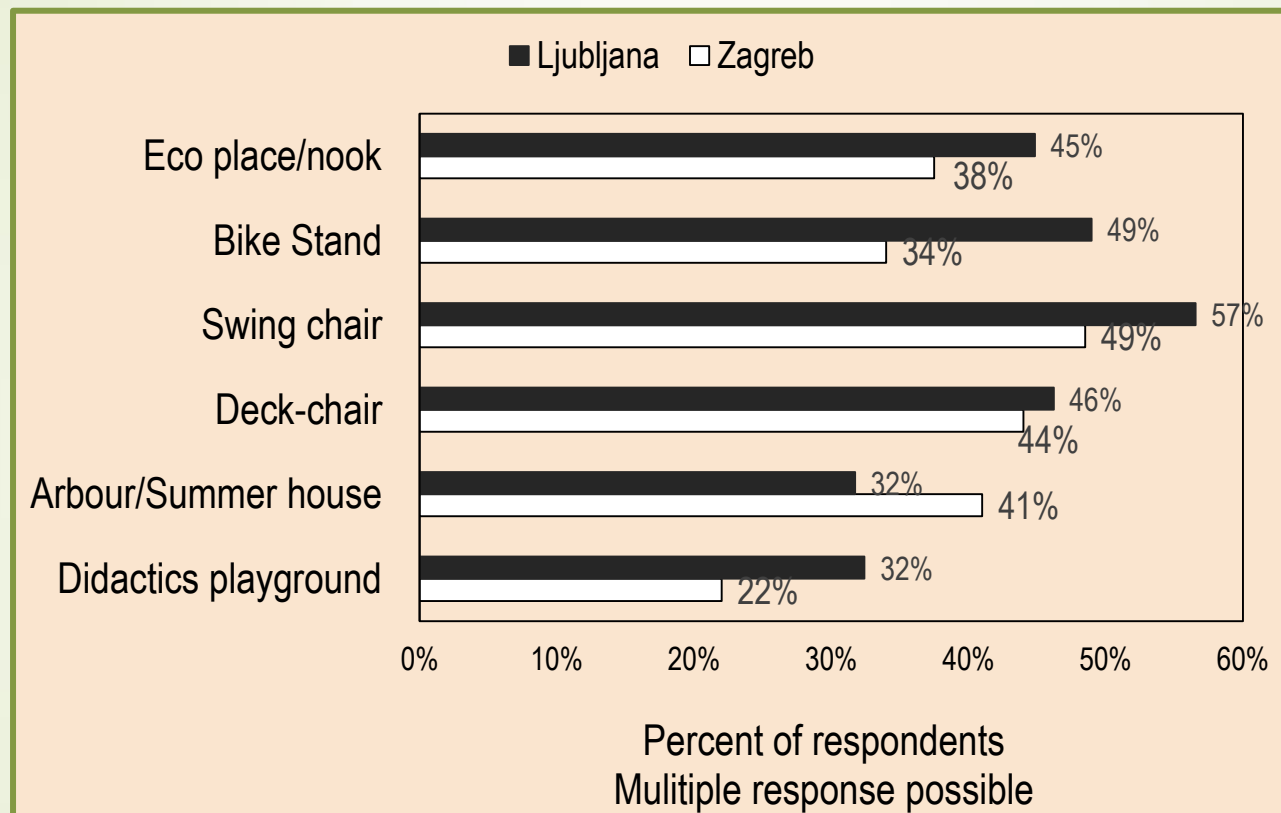


TABLES		
	CRO	SLO
Design	3,08	2,81
Functionality	3,26	3,00
Material	3,10	3,17
Average	3,14	2,99



WASTE BIN		
	CRO	SLO
Design	3,07	3,11
Functionality	3,45	3,56
Material	3,12	3,31
Average	3,21	3,32

Wishes and needs of 'park users'



Where you can find these pieces of street (wood) furniture ?!?

In general, the 'park users' are satisfied with the furniture pieces placed in their city parks, but there is always a possibility to make it better!

...and how it could look like ... ?!?!?



Austria



Japan



New Zeland



Hungary



Italy



Germany

Questions? Comments?

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