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INFO SHEET

I AM ROMA, SO WHAT!"



**TRAINING COURSE ABOUT FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION AND
SOCIAL EXCLUSION OF THE ROMA YOUTH THROUGH MUSIC
AND VIDEO PRODUCTION**

**SERBIA, 23 – 30 AUGUST 2013
SOMBOR, SERBIA**

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Welcome

Dear partners and colleagues,
We are happy to welcome you to Sombor for our Training Course!

In this info sheet you will find description of the venue, how to reach Sombor and all necessary information about the program. Furthermore, you will find a short description of the Training Course (TC), a list of expected travel costs and a timetable of the TC. For all questions, please contact us at vladica.youthination@hotmail.com

In case of any problem during your travel or if you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact us!

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See you soon,
Team of NGO Association of Roma Students



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Content and aim

The Project “I am Roma, So What!”

Period of realization:

From 23 th to 30 th Avgust, 2013.

Location:

Sambor, Serbia

The main topics of the training:

- Youth in Action Programme advocacy
- Promote vountarism and inclusion
- Creative making songs and video
- Social Inclusion theory
- Fighting Discrimination

The main theme of the Training Course “I am Roma, So what?!” is the use of creative non-violent methods (music and video art) in combating discrimination and social exclusion of Roma youth, and promoting solidarity and equality of all people, regardless of their national, cultural, ethnic, religious, sexual, gender, or other differences.

The main goal of our training course is to offer the participants an opportunity to get actively involved in **fighting discrimination and social exclusion of Roma people**, through creative methods and activities involving music and video production. During the course, using non-formal ways of learning, **participants will create a product** – by writing lyrics in their different languages for an original song created for this purpose, recording their own voices, and recording a music video – in order to send out the message of tolerance, equality, non-discrimination and solidarity among different nations and cultures. **The product – song and video** – will be distributed after the training course in all participating countries, therefore spreading out that important message.

Working language:

English – all participants must be able to actively communicate using English language

Partners: 10 countries

Serbia, Turkey, Montenegro, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Macedonia, Malta, Romania and Portugal.

Funding:

100% for accommodation and food will be covered and 70% of travel cost. Travel costs will be reimbursed after Training Course finished when hosting organization receive original travel tickets (and boarding passes)



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Location

HOW TO REACH SOMBOR

Meeting point:

Meeting point will be at Dom ucenika srednjih skola Sombor, address: Stuparski put 1a. **Please note that we expect you to arrive on August 23rd.**

How to get to Sombor

You can reach Sombor directly from Belgrade (bus).

We are kindly asking you to choose the ecologically and economically friendly means of transport, if possible. If you choose airplane, please be aware that there are (unfortunately!) no cheap flights to Serbia. Please take a look in table (down) about you maximum travel costs which we can refund.

From Belgrade (capital city of Serbia) to Sombor you can choose to take either train or bus.

Trains are cheaper and costs about 5 EUR (500 RSD) one way and less reliable (can be late between 15 and 150 minutes!). The train ride usually takes a bit less than three hours till Novi Sad where you need to change the train and from Novi Sad till Sombor you need also around two hours.

Buses from Belgrade to Sombor go quite often. The price goes around 3000 RSD (30 EUR) in both directions.

Web site of Serbian railway is www.zeleznicesrbije.com.

From Zagreb (Croatia) there are two direct busses two to Novi Sad.

The ticket costs around 25 EUR.

Web site of Bus station in Belgrade is www.bas.rs.

The following airlines are flying to Belgrade (selection):

- Alitalia www.alitalia.com
- Austrian Airlines www.aa.com
- Air France www.airfrance.com
- Czech Airlines www.czechairlines.com
- Turkish Airlines www.thy.com
- Swiss International Air Lines www.swiss.com
- Olympic Airlines www.olympicairlines.com
- JAT Airways www.jat.com
- Germanwings www.germanwings.com
- Lufthansa www.lufthansa.com
- WizzAir www.wizzair.com
- Flyniki www.flyniki.com



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If you arrive to **Belgrade by plane**, there's a bus driving from **Belgrade Airport («Nikola Tesla»)** every half an hour, just in front of the airport building. It will take you to the central train station in Belgrade (ZELEZNICKA STANICA), which is just next to the central bus station in Belgrade (AUTOBUSKA STANICA).

The ride costs up to 240 RSD, it is about 2.5 EUR - money can be changed directly at the airport. If you choose taxi it should cost more than 1000 RSD (10 EUR) to the central bus or train station in Belgrade.

Traveling by taxi can not be refunded.

How to get to Main Train Station in Sombor

Main train and bus station in Sombor are at the same place. From Belgrad to Sombor there are direct bus lines, and as far as train goes there is from Belgrad to Novi sad and then from Novi Sad to Sombor. We will be placed in *Dom učenika srednjih skola Sombor*. That will be our meeting place. And it is in the same street as the Bus/Train station. Adress is Stapski Put 1a.

http://www.google.rs/search?q=studentski+dom+dr+zoran+djindjic+u+somboru&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=M_DKUZdzZDiBPK4gIgE&ved=0CAcQ_AUoAQ&biw=1163&bih=596

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

What to bring:

- **Passport**
- **Preliminary agreement (with original stamp and signature)**
- **Promo material** to present the organization, projects and your work

What to prepare:

- **Bank account in EUR (details are in Application form)**

What to keep:

- **All travel tickets, bills and boarding passes!**

And also:

- Things that represent your country at intercultural evening (food, drink, music, story...)
- Movies about successful projects concerning YiA Programme your organization did (so you can bring
- with you)
- Be prepared for a lot of intensive work on the training. Bring comfortable clothing for working



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USEFULL INFO

Language:

In Serbia the official language is Serbian language. The official letter in Serbia is Cyrillic writing, but Latin letters are also in use.

Serbian English

Dobro jutro **Good Morning**

Dobar dan **Good Afternoon**

Da / Ne **Yes / No**

Živeli **Cheers**

Kafa, Čaj **Coffee, Tea**

Dovidenja **Goodbye**

Pivo **Beer**

Hvala **Thank you**

Izvini **Sorry**

Electric:

220 V, 50 Hz

2 pin plugs used

Money

The domestic currency is the Serbian Dinar (RSD).

The exchange rate is 1 € = approx. 114 Dinar.

You can exchange foreign currency in exchange offices and banks. Be aware that it might be difficult to exchange coins here, so bring the paper bills.

There is no significant difference in the exchange rates, except at the airport, hotels and sometimes restaurants.

Many of the banks in Serbia have ATMs. Visa, Master card and other cards can be used, but always ask in advance if you plan to pay something with it.

Customs

You are allowed to bring the following into Serbia without facing taxes: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco; 1 liter of wine and 1 liter of spirits; 1/4 liter of Eau de Cologne and a 'reasonable' quantity of perfume; 2 photo cameras; 1 movie camera; 1 pair of binoculars; 1 pocket electronic calculator; camping equipment and 1 bicycle.

Foreigners are allowed to bring their medications, but are advised to declare the quantity on the entry to Serbia, so they won't have any problems leaving the country with it.



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The venue - SOMBOR

Sombor is famous for its greenery, cultural life and beautiful 18th and 19th century center. The most important cultural institutions are the National Theater, the Regional Museum, the Modern Art Gallery, the Milan Konjović Art Gallery, the Teacher's College, the Serbian Reading House. Teacher's College, founded in 1778, is the oldest college in Serbia and the region. Sombor's rich history includes the oldest institution for higher education in the Serbian language. The town is also home of numerous minority organizations, including the Hungarian Pocket Theater Berta Ferenc, the Croatian Society Vladimir Nazor, the Jewish Municipality and several other smaller organizations including German and Roma clubs.

Because of its diversity in different religious, ethical, national minority groups we consider it as a good healthy environment for implementation of the project.



PROMOTER	NO.PERSONS	FROM	TO	MEANS OF TRANSPORT	TOTAL COST	GRANT REQUEST
1.ASSOCIATION OF ROMA STUDENTS	1	NOVI SAD	SOMBOR	BUS, CAR	30	21
2. SASTIPEN	3	ROMANIA	SOMBOR	BUS,TRAIN, PLANE	560	392
3. EURO ROM	3	BIH	SOMBOR	BUS, TRAIN	150	105
4. SCIENTIFIC AND REASHERCH ASSOC.	3	SLOVENIA	SOMBOR	BUST,TRAIN,PLANE	500	350
5. IZMIT SERDAR ROMAN TURIZM.	2	TURKEY	SOMBOR	PLANE	2100	1470
6. ROMA RECURCE CENTER SKOPLJE	2	MACEDO-NIA	SOMBOR	BUS,TRAIN	300	210
7. AEGEE BUDAPEST	3	HUNGARY	SOMBOR	BUS, TRAIN,PLANE	500	350
8.INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL INCLUSION	3	MONTENE-GRO	SOMBOR	BUS,TRAIN,PLANE	390	273
9. SIT	3	MALTA	SOMBOR	PLANE	1500	1050
10. DESINCOOP	3	PORTUGAL	SOMBOR	PLANE	1350	495

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Organizers

NGO Association of Roma Students

Association of Roma Students (ARS) is established in 2000 when University of Novi Sad had only 18 Roma students. Motivation for self-organization of this small group came from need to establish new cultural identities of Roma as precondition for healthy integration. Beside focus on student questions work of association was focus on creation of competent individuals aware of their national identity and with high intellectual integrity standards.

Today after 12 years of work there are more than 160 Roma students or near 10 times more from time since ARS was established. Impact on this change in number is unquestionable addressed to work of Association of Roma Students.

As generation of students where changing priorities of work where different. Nevertheless value of competence, civic responsibility and critical thinking stayed as main course in defining our work.

Today mission of Association of Roma Students is:

“To improve situation of Roma people, by development capacity of Roma community, advocating for Roma and by formation of different image and cultural identity of Roma within majority population ”

Since 2000 year ARS has considerable with record in policy development, student and youth empowerment for political activism and community development projects.

From which we would like to distinguish this three:

- “ We are part of Europe to!” Video from this project got 1st prize in 2007 on Council of Europe competition for best European video fighting prejudices. Project is funded by European agency for reconstruction and CARE International
- In 10 municipalities in Serbian local action plans on education of Roma developed and adopted by municipality parliaments. Project funded by Roma Education Fund in 2006-2007.
- Roma Health Scholarship Program funded by Open Society Institute Budapest, in 2012-2013 broth 57 highly competent Roma advocates who are University medical students.

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TRAINERS:
Dushko Radevski



Well experienced trainer of non-formal education and youth worker actively involved in NGO sector from 2008. As a creator of projects, project coordinator, youth worker, educator/facilitator he has participated on many different local, national and international youth projects that are related with youth work and human rights. As a trainer/facilitator he has a good interaction with groups of participants, very flexible/adaptable and capable of noticing their needs and able to manage and recognize processes in the group as the training unfolds. Thanks to his occupation and willingness to work with youth, to devotedness and activities in youth work, thanks to created and approved projects from Youth in Action Programme, as a trainer/educator Dushko has worked with young people from the whole Europe and the world. Dusko participated in:

Youth in Action Project's :

- Empowering youth through participation and volunteering - Kljuc Bosnia, 2013 (Training)
- PR Training - Utreht - Netherlands 2012(Training)
- Book Lovers Cafe, Nevsehir - Turkey 2012(youth exchange)
- ABC of Intercultural Dialog, Duress -Albania 2012 (Training)
- Contact Making Seminar for Roma people , Plauen - Germany2012
- Online facilitator, Rome - Italy 2011(training)
- European Commission – European Social Fund - Meeting , Brussels, Belgium 2010
- Youth Meeting Aegina, Athens, Greece 2010
- Contact Making Seminar, Berlin, Germany 2010
- Training - How to make Intercultural Project -2010
- Equal opportunities and ethnic integration, Razlog - Bulgaria 2010 (training)
- Preparing Youth Pass, Prague - Czech 2010(training)
- Study Visit, Kosovo 2009

Council of Europe:

- Waves of legality, Waves of citizenship,Foundation Falcone - Palermo Italy 2013 (Seminar)

Karl Gustav Foundation :

- Leadership Camp - Ohrid 2012
- How to organize a Camp - Bitola 2012
- Firefighter Training - Bitola 2011
- Evaluation Meeting - Upsala Sweden 2011
- Leadership Camp - Struga Macedonia 2010
- Leadership and Democracy Training - Bitola2008
- Entrepreneurship Seminar - Bitola 2008



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Trainer and music expert

Grew up in Roma family in village near Novi Sad. His family worked as low paid manual workers in agricultural fields and Miroslav from his early childhood dreamed to become teacher. Today he is student of Postgraduate studies of Preschool teaching on University and Novi Sad.

Miroslav is one of the establishers of Association of Roma Students and has oldest history in organisation from people today active in ARS

From 2000 till 2005 he worked as coordinator on various project in field of secondary education of Roma implemented by ARS. As he was married in 2006 and got child he was inactive 1 year in ARS and joined in 2007 again as coordinator of project of inclusive secondary education "Equal chances in secondary education"

In 2007 he became member of Monitoring team on project of scholarship and mentorship of secondary school students implemented by Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and Association of Roma Students. As member of Monitoring team of 11 experts Miroslav participated in monitored work of 80 professors who served as mentors of 352 Roma students in this project.

Work experience

- Trainer on "Equal Opportunity in five elementary schools in Novi Sad and high school Pavle Savic" - the theme of "neither black nor white," Center for Interactive Pedagogy, (URS, OSF)
 - Community mobilizer of youth people in Zrenjanin, Project the "Start Engine (URS, SPOLU foundation Nederland)
 - The facilitator for the development of the Roma community in the project "Strengthening and Capacity Building of the Roma community in Vojvodina (CARE International and URS)
 - Monitor on the project "Inclusion of Roma students in AP Vojvodina" (Roma Education Fund and the Education Secretariat of AP Vojvodina.)
 - Coach (trainer) at the Summer School of representation "SASTO" 1 , SASTO 3 (Fund for an Open Society, RHSP, URS)
 - Trainer on Follow up project, monitoring of Roma pupils and students in the field of health (FOSS, RHSP, REF, URS)
 - Workshops, music workshops with young people in Beocin, (Roma Point-Belgrade)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GBNGVEHxzI>
- Head of creative music workshops in school Jozef Atila project "Equal Opportunity", Novi Sad (FOD, URS)
 - Intercultural exchange program participants, Switzerland, Centre for Interactive Pedagogy, URS, Kragujevac, and school "Pavle Savic" (URS, FODS, Pestaloci foundation Switzerland)



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Support

Foundation

The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Member States of the European Union have agreed to establish the Youth in Action Programme, which puts into effect the legal framework to support non-formal learning activities for young people. It will run from 2007 to the end of 2013. Find more about it on: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

