

CYE 018

Club for Youth Empowerment 018

“One Image, One Message”

30th March - 6th April 2014 - Nis, Serbia

INFO PACK



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Dear participants,

We are sending you the info pack that will provide basic and useful information about Serbia, Nis, travel arrangements – how to get to the destination of this training course, accommodation and board and general info about the place where you will stay. If you need additional info, please do not hesitate to contact us

Looking forward to see you soon in Nis,
Team of CYE 018



ABOUT THE PROJECT

TC "One Image, One Message" will be organized from 30.03.2013 till 06.04.2013. in Nis, Serbia. It will gather young people from 8 countries – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Turkey with Club for Youth Empowerment 018 as a host. The project "One Image, One Message" is focused on raising the awareness about the position of the youth coming from marginalized groups, dealing with the issues of social inclusion, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity and the use of creative methods such as photography and comics in intercultural learning, social inclusion and cultural diversity projects. It will educate them how to use creative methods that are close to young people such as photography and comics to promote social inclusion and development of inclusive society. Concept photography and comics will be used where participants will learn how to transfer a message through specific concepts such as "Equality", "Diversity", "Love", "Culture", "Inclusion", "Intercultural", "Respect", "Dialogue" and similar. Photography and comics is the main method to show cultural differences and how people can see common things from different point of view. A key priority of the project is to give young people with fewer opportunities access to mobility and non-formal education, as well as integration and cultural exchange.

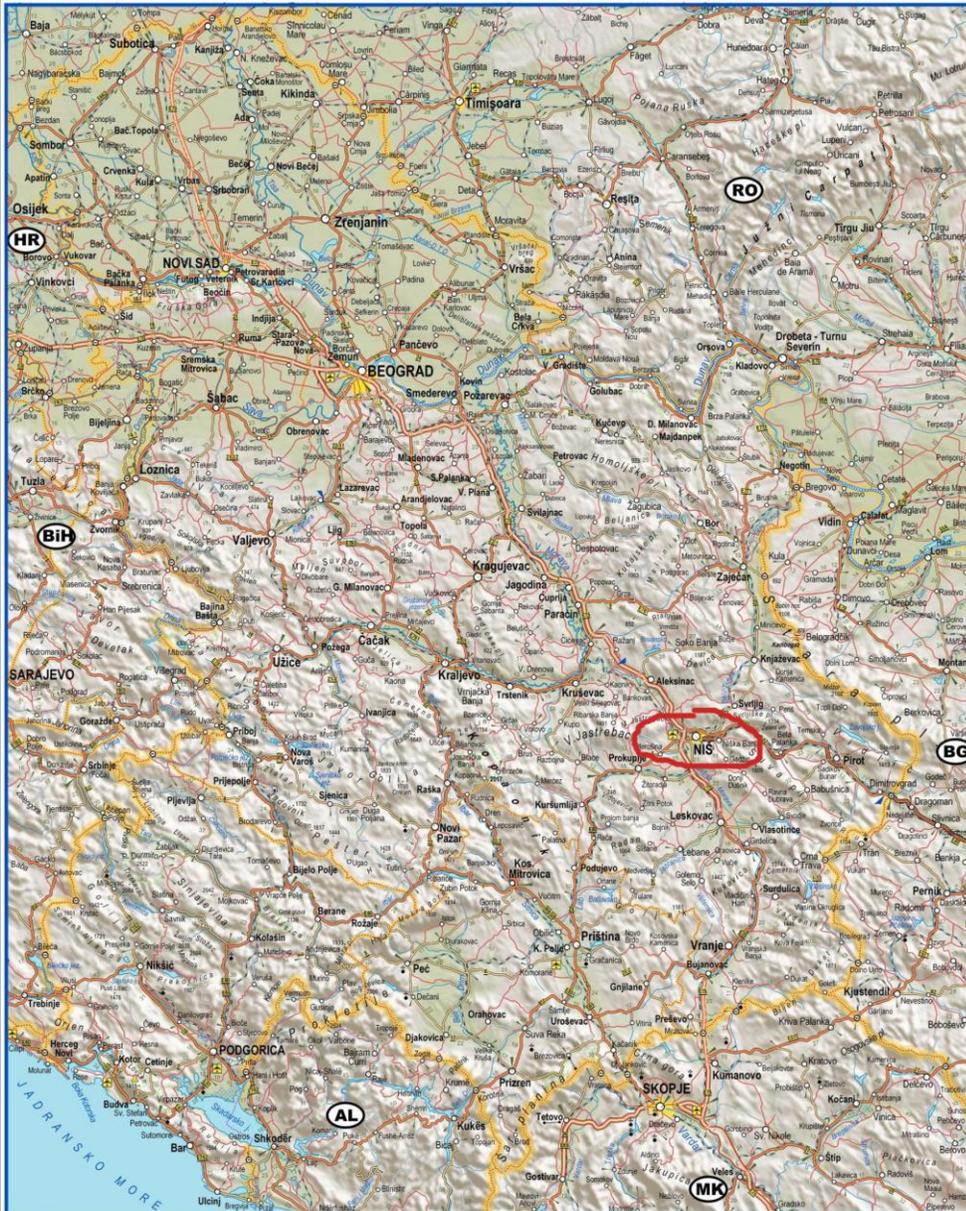
Objectives:

- To raise the awareness about the position of the youth coming from marginalized groups focusing on Roma youth
- To provide young people with theoretical knowledge and skills as well as methods on promotion of social inclusion, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, with special focus on inclusion of youth coming from socially excluded groups such as Roma and encourage them to become more involved in the these issues on the local level in order to contribute to the development of inclusive society
- To educate young people how to use creative methods that are close to young people such as photography and comics to promote social inclusion and development of inclusive society
- To provide participants with basic knowledge and information about Youth in Action program – youth exchanges, trainings and networking, EVS, Youth Pass.

"One Image, One Message" will consist of:

- **Thematic workshops** on discrimination marginalized groups, social inclusion, cultural diversities and intercultural dialogue; on YiA program and possibilities it offers;
- **Creative workshops** – methods of creative expression through photography and comics to promote social inclusion and development of inclusive society. Concept photography and comics will be used as the tool where participants will learn how to transfer a message through specific concepts such as "Equality", "Diversity", "Love", "Culture", "Inclusion", "Intercultural", "Respect", "Dialogue" - participants will have tasks to present these specific concepts through photo and comics ; workshops will provide both theoretical and practical knowledge. Also, the practical part of workshops - creative methods in interculturalism will give them the possibility to explore their creativity while they learn how to use these methods for the sake of cultural diversities.

SERBIA



Serbia, officially the **Republic of Serbia** is a country located at the crossroads of Central- and Southeastern Europe, covering the southern lowlands of the Carpathian basin and the central part of the Balkans. Serbia borders Hungary to the north; Romania and Bulgaria to the east; the Republic of Macedonia to the south; and Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro to the west; its border



with Albania is disputed. Serbia's capital city, Belgrade, is among the most populous in Southeastern Europe. Serbia is a member of the United Nations, Council of Europe, BSEC, and will preside over the CEFTA in 2010. Serbia is classified as an emerging and developing economy by the International Monetary Fund and an upper-middle income economy by the World Bank. WTO accession is expected in 2010. Serbia has a high Human Development Index and Freedom House in 2008 listed Serbia as one of few *free* Balkan states. The country is also an EU membership applicant and a militarily neutral country. The country is led by Democratic Party.

As of January 2010, Serbia without Kosovo is estimated to have 7,334,935 citizens. Ethnic Serbs, or those who identify have declared themselves only as Serbs, are the largest ethnic group in Serbia and they represent 83% of the total population. However, there is a variety of nationalities living in Serbia and some of them are: Hungarians, Bosniaks, Roma, Albanians, Croats, Bulgarians, Montenegrins, Slovaks, Vlachs, Romanians etc. Refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Serbia form between 7% and 7.5% of its population – about half a million refugees sought refuge in the country following the series of Yugoslav wars, mainly from Croatia, and to a lesser extent from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the IDPs from Kosovo, which are currently the most numerous at over 200,000. Serbia has the largest refugee population in Europe.

The Serbian climate varies between a continental climate in the north, with cold winters, and hot, humid summers with well distributed rainfall patterns, and a more Adriatic climate in the south with hot, dry summers and autumns and relatively cold winters with heavy inland snowfall.

Capital of Serbia is Belgrade, and other bigger cities are Nish in the south, Novi Sad in the north and Kragujevac in the central Serbia.

More info about Serbia on: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbia>

NIS

The place of the training course will be Nis (pronounced as Nish). **Nis** is the largest city in southern Serbia and the third-largest city in the country (after Belgrade and Novi Sad).

Niš has around 300.000 inhabitants. The city covers an area of about 597 square kilometres, including the urban area, the Niška Banja spa and 68 suburbs. Niš is the administrative center of the Nišava District. It is one of the oldest cities in the Balkans, and has from ancient times been considered a gateway between the East and the West. Niš is also notable as the birthplace of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor and the founder of Constantinople, as well as two other Roman emperors, Constantius III and Justin I. It is home to one of Serbia's oldest Christian churches dating to the 4th century in the suburb of Mediana. There are about 30,000 university students at the University of Niš, which comprises 13 faculties. Niš is also one of the most important industrial centres in Serbia, a center of electronics industry, industry of mechanical engineering, textile industry and tobacco industry, but after everything that happened in the country, it is economically still weak. Niš Constantine the Great Airport is its international airport.

More info about Nis on: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ni>; www.nis.rs

HOW TO GET TO NIS

If you are coming by plane...

Your final destination will probably be Belgrade. There is an airport in Nis but only used for a few lines such as Montenegro airlines.

Once you land, you need to go from Nikola Tesla airport to the Main Bus Station in Belgrade (some 20-30 min drive). There is a bus that drives passengers from the airport to a couple of stations in Belgrade, and one of them is the Main Bus Station. The name of the bus company is GSP and it departs every 32' between 05:20 in the morning till midnight. The price of the ticket is around 1 EUR. If you arrive during the night, the only solution is taxi, but not those who are in front of the airport – they will charge you too much (30-40 EUR). The best is to call Radio taxi since they are one of the cheapest and will charge you around 10-15 EUR. You should call them and order a car – 0038111970 or 00381113033123.

Once you get to the Main Bus Station, you just need to check when there is the bus to Nis, the traffic between Belgrade and Nis is quite frequent and the departures are often. We usually travel with Lasta Company or Nis express, but other companies are usually ok too. You just need to check if it is the direct drive – it means it drives directly to Nis or stops at one place, usually Aleksinac or Jagodina. Otherwise, the trip will take longer than necessary. Nis is 250 km far from Belgrade, in the south of the country and usually it takes 2.5-3h bus drive to get here.

Here is the time table of one of the companies that you can use, but we also suggest you check at the Main Bus station since there are diverse companies that drive on the relation Belgrade – Nis

Time table of Nis express: Bus from Belgrade to Nis leaves at: 00:45, 04:45, 05:50, 06:45, 07:05, 07:40, 09:30, 10:15, 11:20, 11:50, 12:30, 13:15, 14:20, 15:00, 16:15, 16:40, 17:10, 17:45, 19:00, 20:00, 22:00, 23:15.

Timetable for Lasta: Bus from Belgrade to Nis leaves at: 00:30h, 9:00h, 10:55h, 12:00h, 14:00h, 14:30h, 15:25h, 18:00h, 18:50h

The train traffic within the country is terrible so do not try to travel in this way, because you will travel forever! 😊

Once you are in Nis, you will give us a call or text us, and we will come to pick you up – 0038163552430.

If you are coming by bus...

You will get straight to Nis main bus station. **Once you are in Nis, you will give us a call or text us, and we will come to pick you up – 0038163552430.**

If you are coming by car...

Once you are in Nis, you will give us a call or text us, and we will come to pick you up – 0038163552430.

ACCOMMODATION AND PLACE OF WORK

The accommodation and full board, as well as place of work for the part of the activities will in Hotel Aleksandar, Nis, Njegoseva street 81a. The hotel is located on a hill which offers a panoramic view of the city, but it is also near the center of the city. The hotel offers great accommodation, swimming pool, wireless internet etc.

More about hotel on: <http://www.hotel-aleksandar.com/>

WHAT TO BRING? – OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✿ **Material (videos, presentations, photos, etc.)** – whatever you think it is good to present your organization
- ✿ **Stuff for the intercultural evenings** – we would have different intercultural evenings. You would need material – leaflets, brochures, posters, presentations about your organization and country for country presentations, traditional food and drinks, traditional music. See this as the occasion to present and promote your organization and your country as well as the possibility that other participants will learn about your country and we will be all able to learn about each others' cultures
- ✿ **Different types of clothes** – The beginning of April is a bit cold, so bring the clothes for the cold weather. We also plan to take you out in the evening so if you wear something special on this kind of occasions, bring that too 😊
- ✿ **Medicines** – especially if you need to take some specific medicines. We would have the usual, such as medicines for headache, fever, stomach pain, injuries etc, but if you are taking some specific therapy, we would not know.
- ✿ **Hygiene accessories** – shampoos, shower gels etc
- ✿ **Project ideas** – we will have sessions to develop new joint projects so bring as many ideas as you can 😊
- ✿ **Good mood and motivation** – this will be great opportunity to meet new people, create new friendships and have fun 😊

OTHER USEFUL TIPS

The currency used in Serbia is dinar. It is a floating currency and at the moment 1 EUR is 115.50 dinars. You can change EURO at the airport, or the bus station. When you are in town (Belgrade or Nis) there are many exchange offices, so called MENJACNICA and you can change the money there, and usually their exchange rates are the best. Also, it is possible to change it at the banks too, only there the exchange rate can be sometimes a bit lower. Usually paying in EUROS is not allowed. Those who have other currencies than EURO such as lira, denar, convertible mark or lev should change the money in their countries and bring EURO since they won't be able to change it here.

Some prices in the shops in Nis:

- ✿ 6l bottle water – 5 EUR – Note: water here is safe for drinking from the tap
- ✿ Bottle of Coca Cola 2l – around 1 EUR
- ✿ Snacks – between 0.2 and 0.8 EUR
- ✿ Fruit juice 1l – between 0.6 and 1 EUR
- ✿ Beer – between 0.3-1 EUR

Prices in the cafés, restaurants, clubs – depends on the place itself:

- ✿ Coffee – between 0.7 and 1 EUR
- ✿ Coca – Cola – between 1 – 1.5 EUR
- ✿ Beer – between 1.5 – 3 EUR
- ✿ Pizza – 4-10 EUR
- ✿ Gyros – 1.8 EUR
- ✿ Pljeskavica (Serbian barbecue – similar to hamburger) – between 1-2 EUR

In the wider center of Nis there are plenty of bars, coffee places and fast food and ordinary restaurants. Typical Serbian food will include a piece of meat from the barbecue, vegetables or French fries, salad and desert, but there are also Italian restaurants with pizza and pasta dishes, Greek gyros and suvlaki restaurant, pastries, Mc Donalds etc.

REIMBURSEMENT OF THE TRAVEL COSTS

Host organization covers 70% of them, while participants cover the rest of 30%

Maximum amounts that were approved by YiA are following:

Country	100 %	70%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Up to 100 EUR per person	70 EUR per person
Bulgaria	Up to 30 EUR per person	21 EUR per person
Croatia	Up to 150 EUR per person	105 EUR per person
Italy	Up to 400 EUR per person	280 EUR per person
Macedonia	Up to 40 EUR per person	28 EUR per person
Poland	Up to 400 EUR per person	280 EUR per person
Romania	Up to 150 EUR per person	105 EUR per person
Slovakia	Up to 400 EUR per person	280 EUR per person
Turkey	Up to 400 EUR per person	280 EUR per person

- ✿ IMPORTANT:** Keep all your travel tickets and boarding passes so we could reimburse the costs, please. If you lose your tickets and boarding passes, we will not be able to reimburse your costs. We will reimburse only for the travel documents you send to us (tickets, boarding passes, receipts for the fuel and similar). The reimbursement will be done once you go home, send us the travel documents and we receive them. We will transfer the travel costs to your organization's account so make sure you arrange this with your sending organization!
- ✿** If participants pay for tickets more than it is written above, the organizers will not be able to cover the whole amount of the ticket. Make sure you check the maximum amount approved and buy your tickets according to it.
- ✿** Accommodation in hotel "Aleksandar" starts on 30th March to 6th April and participants should check out of the rooms on 6th April 2013. We will not be able to cover bed and breakfast if someone comes earlier or leaves later. If anyone still plans to come earlier or leaves later should let us know so that we can negotiate lower price in the hotel.
- ✿** Person in charge for this project is Sanja Tomic, mobile phone number: 0038163552430

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