

Call for Participants

Educational Walking Tours Training Course

SUBOTICA
Vojvodina, Serbia | 01-08 July 2024



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Key Details

1. **Duration:** 8 days, 01-08 July 2024
2. **Commitment:** We'll have a full 6 days plus the evening of the 1st of July. So we recommend:
 - to arrive during the day on the 1st of July.
 - to have 6 full working days from the 2nd until the 8th of July 2024
 - to have the departure on the 8th of July 2024.
3. **Location:** Subotica, North of Serbia (near the border with Hungary)
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About the host organisation

Service Civil International of Serbia (Volunteers' Center of Serbia), is the Serbian branch of SCI and is now opening a Call to look for participants for a *Walking Tour Training Course* within the STAR Project.

Background of the training course

Service Civil International (SCI) is a century-old volunteer organisation, dedicated to promoting a culture of peace. Its main activity is the international exchange of volunteers on long- and short-term projects, which serve its vision of a world of peace, social justice, and sustainable development. SCI works to promote values of mutual respect, and problem-solving without recourse to any form of violence. SCI is open to all, irrespective of gender, sex, race, ethnicity, colour, age, disability, religion, culture, or language. SCI views equal inclusion, participation, and treatment of all, regardless of gender identity, as fundamental to peace.

This training course is organised in the framework of the Erasmus+ project STAR: Story Tours Alternative Routes which SCI Italy coordinates in cooperation with the following project partners: SCI Catalonia, SSD Jordan, PVN Albania, CID-Macedonia, and VCV Serbia.

About STAR

The project aims to enhance collaboration among partner organisations from six countries (Italy, Spain, Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Jordan) and strengthen the capacity of NGOs to deliver impactful youth programs through a more digital, inclusive, and sustainable approach while promoting youth engagement and values of inclusion using educational tours methodology.

The second goal is to enhance the capacity of youth organisations in transnational collaboration and digital skills related to youth development, promote the methodology as a tool for youth development through an online campaign, produce 12 educational walking tours with 6 digitised and uploaded online, and create toolkits about educational walking tours and digital storytelling.

The project expects increased capacity of youth organisations in the transnational corporation, management skills, youth engagement, and digital skills related to youth development. More recognized role of young people in the local communities, and policy paper. Online campaigns promoting the methodology as a youth development tool 12 Educational walking tours 6 will be digitised and uploaded to the online platform. Toolkits on Educational walking tours and digital storytelling will be produced.

Educational Walking Tours Training Course

The Training Course about Educational Walking Tours aims to provide experiential learning about communities and provide skills in planning and conducting educational walking tours for young people. The process of planning each tour will contain analyses of the local communities, interests, and needs of the local youth, and provide skills and empowerment of the participants to organise tours in their communities.

Specific objectives of the training course:

- To enhance the skills and abilities of youth organisations in non-formal education and methodologies, enabling them to offer a broader range of effective learning experiences to young people;
- To promote a better understanding of environmental challenges and eco-friendly practices in the youth development sector.

What will you learn?

The participants will increase their capacity to engage more young people in various activities and initiatives- particularly those related to mapping out, interacting and presenting a specific STAR narrative, resulting in improved participation and engagement among the target group.

Methodological approach:

All participants will be expected and encouraged to contribute to the activities and discussions. The interactions will be horizontal and learner-centred to create a transformational facilitation style and sharing space. Especially in this training role plays, simulations, and interactive methods will be used to involve the participants fully. Please see the program and agenda on the following page

Walking tours Training Course Subotica, Serbia 01.-08. July 2024								
S	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
	01.07.24	02.07.24	03.07.24	04.07.24	05.07.24	06.07.24	07.07.24	08.07.24
AM	Arrival Day	Welcome and Understanding the Project Connecting to the training course Leadership in Youth work	What is a community, where do I come from	Tour through Subotica (guided, Orshi)	Mid-term evaluation Analysis of the organised WT vs. What was explored individually	Developing ideas for tours	Introducing tools in analog and digital tour guiding (intro for Jordan)	Departure Day
PM	Dinner and opening	Sustainable and alternative tourism- intro Orshi+SRB participants' presentation about Barcelona	Community mapping, community work Working with sensitive groups	Explore Subotica (individual task) + exploration night out!	Small group work: “Hot-tops” and “taboos” of my community Reflection to Leadership styles (pick your topic)	Presentation of the ideas Movie night	Research CID Open Space Evaluation	

Who is this training for?

To participate, you need to fulfil the following criteria:

- Be ideally between 18-35 years old;
- Be actively involved in one of the partners' organisations;
- Be motivated to take part in international contexts/environments;
- Commit for the full duration of the training course;
- Have a good command of English as the training will be in English;
- Be ready to do some preparatory tasks (online questionnaire, bring some good examples or materials from your organisation on the topics of the training, online pre-departure meetings) and participate actively in the training.
- There will be an online preparatory meeting - **date to be determined**- to get to know the project better and the other participants.

Places available:

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the travel limit if all necessary travel tickets (boarding passes, invoices) are handed in within the agreed time frame.

Number of participants	Partner organisation	Budget for the trips per participant	Budget for the visa per participant
3	SCI Catalonia	294,00 €	0
3	SCI Italy	294,00 €	0
3	SSD Jordan	492,00 €	107,00 €
3	PVN Albania	193,00 €	0
3	VCV Serbia	21,00€	0
3	CID Macedonia	193,00 €	0

Practical info

Accommodation: *The training will take place in Subotica (Vojvodina, Serbia).*

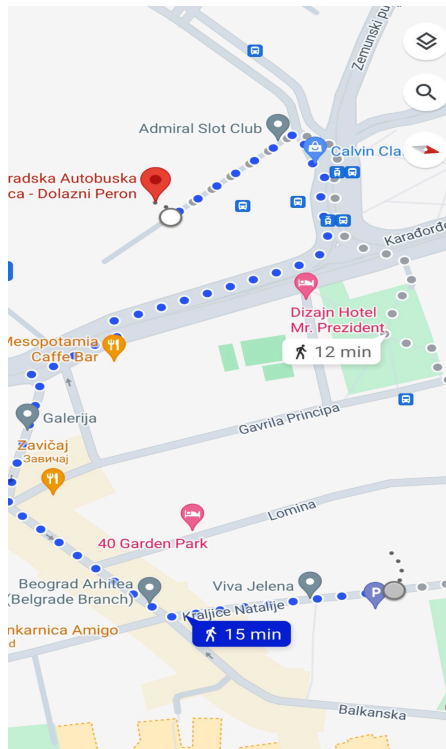
The accommodation will be in the student's dormitory, in shared rooms (girl and boy rooms) and each of them has a separate bathroom. Meals will be provided by the dorm's kitchen staff (mostly vegetarian food with vegan and halal options). [Here](#) you can take a look. The venue has its own gym that we can use. ([Хостел – Дом ученика средњих школа Суботица \(internatsu.edu.rs\)](#))

How to reach the place?

Subotica is the northern town of Serbia, about 188 km away from Belgrade and 12 km away from the border with Hungary.



If you arrive at the closest airport, the “[Nikola Tesla Belgrade](#)”, this is the route that we recommend to take:



Picture No. 1.

Step 1: From the [Airport to Belgrade](#)

Once at the airport, find an exchange office and prepare 5 euros to exchange (do not exchange all of your money, since other exchange offices can have better rates).

Go to the bus station outside the airport and wait for **line 72** which goes to [Zeleni Venac station](#).

Step 2: From [Zeleni Venac](#) to the Main Bus Station Belgrade ([Autobuska stanica](#))

*Although there is a bus, it is faster to walk, it is about 12-15 minutes away. See picture No. 1.

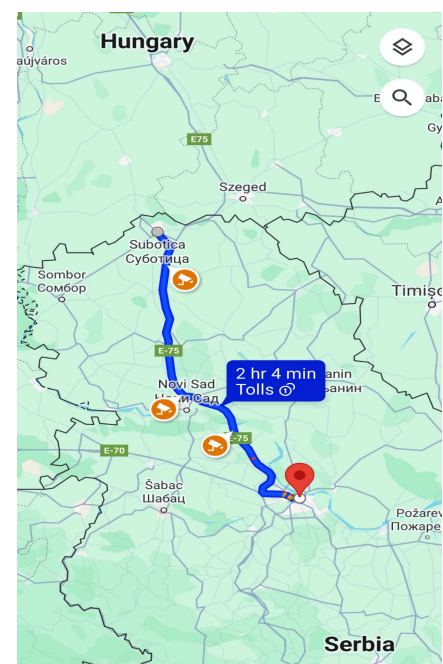
Step 3: Take a bus to [Subotica](#).

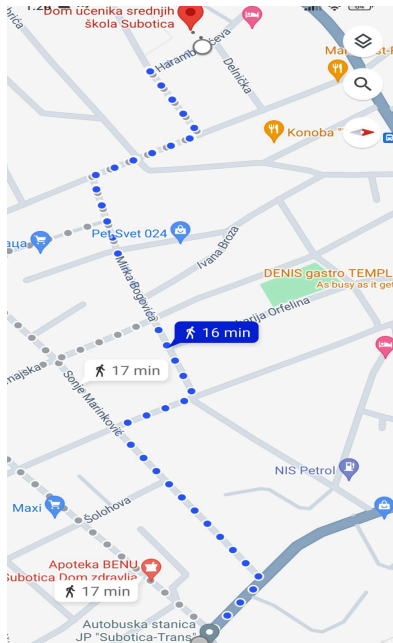
For this, you will probably again need an exchange office and you can find one at the Bus station. Buy a one-way ticket (it is around 15 euros or 1700 dinars).

The reason for buying a one-way ticket is there are several transport companies and the tickets are not standardised.

The last bus to Subotica leaves at 20:30!

The bus takes around 3 hours to arrive in Subotica (some are faster).





Step 4: Once you reach [Subotica main station](#), you can walk to the venue [“Dom učenika srednjih škola Subotica”](#), which takes around 15 minutes of walking. The address of the dorm is **Harambašićeva 22, Subotica**.

We also encourage environmentally friendly travel, so if it is possible for you, use buses and trains, not planes. If so, you should keep in mind that the railway is under construction in Serbia and at this moment you will have to take a bus to Subotica from Belgrade, Novi Sad, or even Budapest.

How do you get involved?

Apply through the [online application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Franceska Fajhner or Ida Boka at vcvoffice@gmail.com.