**Dissemination Meeting in Sarajevo May 2014**

***TRAVEL INFORMATION***

TRAVEL: **From/to the airport.** The taxis at the airport are a rip off, usually charge you 2-3 times the actual price and expect to get paid anywhere from 20 to 40 Euro. If you provide me with times of your arrivals we can arrange for taxis from the city to pick you up and you will be charged the usual 12-15 BAM (6.14-7.67 Euro) one way, depending on traffic. Otherwise you can call taxis that come to the airport within 5/10 min, CRVENI TAXI +387 33 760 600, SARAJEVO TAXI +387 660 970. **To/from the city centre.** The city centre is quite easy to access by public transport and one can take the tram from the Hotel (**Sarajevo**) to the Centre, 20 min drive (tram, ticket for each trip is 1.60 BAM – 0.82 Euro), you need to buy them at a kiosk. When you enter the tram there are small machines at the beginning and the end of the tram where you electronically punch them. Alternatively a taxi should take 15 min maximum and would cost 4-5BAM (2-2.5 Euro). The Google Maps says it should take 30 min brisk walking. **Hotel Italija** we would suggest taxis, which should be about the same amount as from Hotel Sarajevo. **Hotel Astra Garni** is already in the city centre.

Google map: <https://maps.google.ba/maps?hl=en&authuser=0>

CURRENCY: is Bosnian Mark, and the rate of exchange to Euros is 1.95583 and its value fixed to Euro, and this rate of exchange does not fluctuate as it does with other currencies. You can pay only in Bosnian Mark (the local abbreviation is KM) and not in Euro as it was possible sometime before.

LUNCH AND DINNER: Apart from the lunch and dinner on the day of the Dissemination Meeting, 29th of May, we will ask you to plan to pay your own lunch and dinners. The cost of a lunch should be around 10 Euro, while dinners are 15-20 Euros. Of course, local dishes, or local fast-food places – CEVABDZINICA – kebab place will sell a full portion of kebab for 3-4 Euro, or BUREGDZINICA – pastry pie shops will charge 1.5 Euro per half kilo of a potato pastry pie, 2 Euro for a cheese or spinach pastry pie and 2.5 Euro for a meat (beef) pastry pie.

TIME OFF: for those arriving earlier on the 28th of May, the Human Rights Centre Director, **Saša Madacki (mobile 387 61 219 980)** will be at the Hotel Sarajevo at 18.00-19.00 to welcome you and have a drink. The Project Coordinator, **Lejla Somun (mobile 387 62 332 912)** will be available 29th-30th May.

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| **Important Sarajevo numbers**  |  |
| Police | 122 | Airport | 289 100 | Country code | 387 |
| Fire Emergency | 123 | Bus Station | 213 100/010 | Sarajevo Area code | (0)33 |
| Medical Emergency | 124 | Railway Station | 655 330 | Post code | 71000 |
| General Hospital | 285 100 | 24-hour Pharmacy  | 272 300 | Intl Tel. Directory | 1201 |
| Road Assistance | 1282, 1288 | Local Tel. Directory | 1182 | Tourist Info Centre | 220 724/721 |
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**WATCH YOUR POCKETS, BAGS, AND BACKPACKS! WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM WITH PICK POCKETS AND MANY PEOPLE FROM SARAJEVO AND MANY PEOPLE VISITING SARAJEVO HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF THEIR WALLETS, MONEY, HANDBAGS, MOBILE PHONES, AND LAPTOP BAGS. IN PARTICULAR WHEN YOU ARE IN A TRAM MAKE SURE YOUR BAGS ARE IN FRONT OF YOU AND IF THERE ARE PEOPLE LEANING INTO YOU MAKE SURE YOU MOVE AWAY IMMEDIATELY.**

**FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE TRAVEL FOR THE MORNING SESSIONS - WHEN THE TRAMS ARE FULL DUE TO THE RUSH HOUR - ARE BETTER DONE IN TAXIS AND BY WALKING!!!**