



Spoločnosť Úsmev ako dar is pleased to invite you to

EUROPEAN FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE NETWORK MEETING

Bratislava, the Slovak Republic



Date: 9 - 11 October 2019

Venue: The welcome drink reception on 9 October is in the Pálffy Palace on Zámocká street 47 in the City Center (see the map).

The working meeting on 10 and 11 October will also be held in the Old Town (City Center) within the walking distance from the Pálffy Palace and the suggested hotels.

Map: <https://cutt.ly/iwdvo9>

Fee costs: €95 (Thursday lunch, joint networking dinner, coffee breaks and guided sightseeing tour is included). The payment options are specified in registration form.

Dear friends,

we are pleased to invite you to the annual European FGC Network Meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia, where, traditionally, we all EN FGC members would like to share the information, draw new inspiration from each other and enjoy the mutual company.

Let us briefly introduce the meeting programme to you.

On **Wednesday 9 October at 17.00** the annual European FGC Meeting will start as an informal opening circle activity with the **welcome drink reception** for our European Network Guests in the **Palfy Palace** in the Old Town. Please be aware there are three Palfy Palaces in Bratislava, so make sure the correct address is the one written above.

The same day one-day Conference on FGC practices will take place in the Old Town. The participants are professionals from the child protection authorities, child care institutions, from the Ministries (of Social Affairs, Interior, Education and Health Care), self-governing authorities, NGOs and practitioners from the child care system. The afternoon programme of the Conference will be focused on exchanging the FGC experience and we would be honoured if you could share your knowledge with the Slovak audience and **present your experience with FGC in your country**. The details of this conference will be given upon your interest.

Thursday 10 October, starting at 9:30 with opening circle, will be full of presentations, discussion and open space activity in the venue situated in the Old Town accessible on foot. Each country will present its **report** introducing the progress, achievements, needs and challenges since the last annual meeting. In order to use the time allocated as effectively as possible, we would be grateful for your **suggestions** regarding the proven structure and ways of presenting this report to the meeting participants. The Thursday working programme will last until 16.00.

At 16.00 there will be a 2-hour **guided sightseeing tour** in the Bratislava city center. In the evening you are warmly invited to the **joint dinner** with the possibility to taste Slovak traditional dishes, listen to Slovak music and experience Slovak national dancing.

The programme on **Friday 11 October** will be held from 9.00 to 12.00. If somebody is interested to stay longer, we are pleased to recommend many short time trips around the Bratislava area to experience Slovakia outside the City Center based on the focus of your interest (trips to nature, old castles, boat trip on the Danube to Vienna or Budapest, shopping, dinner in the countryside, cultural event, meeting specific organisations...)

Due to capacity limits, we recommend you the number of max. 6 persons from each country, in case of not filling up the capacity there will be a possibility to add persons to the participant list after the deadline.

For the registration to the meeting, please click on the link **[HERE](#)**. After receiving your registration you will receive detailed information about the event. The **registration deadline** is **31 July 2019**. The registration will be valid upon the receipt of the payment. The payment possibilities are specified in the registration form.

Preliminary programme:

Wednesday 9 October

17.00 Welcome drink reception with cultural performance and informal opening circle activity for European Network Members

Thursday 10 October

08.45 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 12.30 Opening circle

Introduction of EN FGC member organisations, presentation of the country reports

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch and coffee break

14.00 – 16.00 Open space activities / workshops

Discussing the FGC issues, achievements and challenges presented by the member countries

16.00 – 18.00 Guided Sightseeing Tour

19.30 Joint Networking Dinner with Slovak Music, dancing and singing

Friday 11 October

09.00 – 11.30 Network meeting, discussing the issues, challenges and needs arisen from the meeting , outside input

11.45- 12.00 Closing circle

Accommodation:

The selection of the accommodation is by your own choice. Since the meeting venue is in the very City center, there are a lot of hotels nearby, such as:

Hotel Falkensteiner: <https://www.falkensteiner.com/sk/hotel/bratislava>

Austria Trend Hotel: <https://www.austria-trend.at/sk/hoteli/bratislava>

Crown Plaza: <https://cpbratislava.sk/sk/>

Hotel Aplend City: <https://www.aplencity.com/sk/hotel-michalska>

Old City Hotel: <http://oldcityhotel.fotoindex.sk/>

Hotel Tatra: <https://hoteltatra.sk/en/>

For accommodation booking please use the website www.booking.com or <https://cs.airbnb.com>.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon in Bratislava. Should you have any questions or unclarities about the event, please, do not hesitate to contact Monika or Jana on srk@usmev.sk.