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Mayor of Sombor • Zombor polgármestere

WHO SECRETARIAT OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK
OF AGE – FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the city of Sombor, I am pleased to convey our commitment to fostering an age-friendly environment across our municipality and to formally request membership in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Sombor, located in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina in Serbia, takes pride in leading efforts to provide age-friendly services that empower citizens and ensure a community where individuals can remain healthy, active, and secure as they age. We are dedicated to enhancing social participation, promoting safety, and celebrating the diversity and invaluable contributions of older generations.

Our city has built a strong framework to support the eight domains essential for healthy and active aging. Central to this is our "Council for the Improvement of the Status of the Elderly" which strives to elevate the quality of life for all citizens while encouraging a vibrant and inclusive lifestyle for all age groups. The council recently adopted the "Local Action Plan for Improving the Position of the Elderly in the Territory of the City of Sombor - Sombor, a City for Dignified Aging - 2024 – 2025" emphasizing sustainable and innovative initiatives, active participation of older citizens in decision-making, and intergenerational solidarity.

We established the Centre of Intergenerational Solidarity and Cooperation with four branches across the city:

- Intergenerational Solidarity Club at the Gerontological Centre.
- Intergenerational Corner at the Pensioners Association of Sombor.
- Intergenerational Corner at the Sombor Youth Centre.
- Intergenerational Cooperation and Solidarity Resource Centre at the Institute for Day and Half-Day Care for Children, Preschool, "Mali Princ."

We deeply value the mission and purpose of WHO's Global Network and seek to actively contribute to and benefit from the collective exchange of knowledge, practices, and experiences that foster age-friendly communities. Within the Global Network, we aspire to enhance our efforts, share insights, and build synergies with other member cities.

Sombor is fully committed to following the stages of the Age-Friendly Cities process and to upholding the mission, vision, and values outlined by WHO in its Terms of Reference.

We look forward to becoming an active member of the network and working collaboratively to advance the shared goal of creating an age-friendly world.

Yours sincerely,

In Sombor, 30th December 2024.

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