



Visa application procedure for the participants of the International Civil Society Week 2019

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The Government of <u>Serbia</u>, based on bilateral agreements or unilateral decisions, allows citizens of certain countries and territories to visit Serbia for tourism or business purposes without having to obtain a visa. Citizens of other countries have to obtain a visa from the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia in the country of their principal residence. You can find the list of countries that need a visa to enter Serbia <u>here</u>.

Although it is useful to read and follow the general requirement for obtaining visas to Serbia, as an ICSW 2019 participant you will not be required to apply for a visa in person. ICSW 2019 participants will need to send the required documents to the nearest embassy/diplomatic missions by post. You can find a chart of the nearest diplomatic missions (as well as potential possibilities to obtain visas in other missions) on this link.

As part of the general visa application process, applicants are asked to provide "Evidence of the purpose and reasons of stay in the Republic of Serbia". CIVUCUS and Civic Initiatives teams are happy to provide you with an **invitation letter**, but only if necessary. ICSW organizers have agreed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Serbia to provide a list of registered participants of ICSW 2019, and avoid submitting individual letters by each applicant.

The participants can apply for a visa 3 months prior to ICSW 2019. Visas are expected to be approved within three weeks (please keep in mind that this period of three weeks does not include the time of delivery of documents). For faster processing, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia will invest all available efforts to contact and enhance the process with embassies and consulates around the world.

For more detailed process, please follow ICSW 2019 website - we will upload step-by-step manuals for visa applicants in the course of next weeks.

The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the visa application process, in alignment with country regulations.