

# Centre "Living Upright" urgently needs your support!

## What is the mission of the Centre "Living Upright", and why is it important to support it?

The counselling Centre "Living Upright" in Novi Sad began its work on September 19, 2000, with the aim of uniting the movement of disabled persons and informing City and provincial services, service providers, and media about international trends in improving the position of disabled persons. The team of the Counselling Centre and its associates founded the Centre "Living Upright" on January 29, 2022, as a civil society organisation. In the first two years, the focus was on reducing social distance towards disabled persons, and since 2004, it has been dedicated to creating pre-conditions for independent living of disabled persons. Since November 8, 2008, it has organized the personal assistance service and advocated for full access to decision-making support and sign language interpretation.

Personal assistance service, decision-making support, and sign language interpretation are tools and preconditions for independent living of disabled persons. Some of us need only one of these forms of support, while others need a combination of two or all three.

## What is personal assistance?

Personal assistance service is a social service that, according to Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, should be a potential right for every person. We use it for all life activities that we cannot physically perform ourselves due to reduced or absent abilities or impairments, and for communication.

## How can you support us remove the account block and cover last year's deficit?

We urgently need donor support to remove the accounts block and cover last year's deficit caused by it through the following:

[Campaign page](#) or by payments in RSD to its basic business bank account 340-5350-79, from which the debt under the block is being directly collected or in other currencies following these instructions:

SWIFT CODE: GIBARS22;

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BENEFICIARY:

IBAN: RS35340000000000535079

NAME: CENTAR ZIVETI USPRAVNO

ADDRESS: TRG SLOBODE 3, NOVI SAD



## Fundraising steps and deadlines:

- RSD 6,100,000 (EUR 52,295) by December 6 so that the City can pay the approved funds for the assistance of five people in January and for one from February by the end of the year.
- RSD 1.9 million (EUR 16,288.53) by December 31 for uncovered costs of other labor rights of assistants', except for work from June 2021 to December 2023, and 80,000 RSD (EUR 686) for unused vacation days in 2022 for the assistant of a beneficiary from Subotica.

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## Why does the Centre urgently need donations now?

From 2009 to 2019, the City of Novi Sad allocated fewer funds through grants and public work than was necessary for organizing the personal assistance service. This shortfall was covered by donations, but in 2017 it led to partial accounts block which now, due to interest, amounts to RSD 6,100,000 (EUR 52,295) due to unpaid contributions (of which the principal is RSD 3.882.199,69 ( EUR 33,281.75) and the bank's account maintenance fee under the block is RSD 20.778,77 RSD (EUR 178.13).

The Centre needs to pay RSD 1.9 million (EUR 16,288.53) for personal assistance costs for one student who, due to a change of residence, waited 26 months to receive the right to service funding from the Novi Sad City budget and transportation costs, public holidays and vacation costs of the assistant since the City of Novi Sad fund only the worked hours, and RSD 80,000 (EUR 686) for unused vacation days in 2022 for an user's assistant from Subotica, who waited 5.5 years to exercise her rights due to a lower degree of impairment (less than 100%).

Until the accounts unblock, the Centre cannot organize personal assistance services with City and municipal funds. Donations enable Centre to continue operating smoothly.

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**Thank you!**



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