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Subject: Apply Now – R.I.S.E. Leadership Academy 2025: A Cross-Border Leadership Experience

Dear Future Leader,

Are you ready to grow, connect, and lead? We warmly invite you to apply for the **R.I.S.E. Leadership Academy 2025**, an inspiring international program organized by **Soroptimist International Clubs Zagreb Centar** and **Maribor**, taking place from **10 to 15 October 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia, and Maribor, Slovenia**.

This Academy is unlike any other—it's the **first Soroptimist leadership program held across two countries**, designed to offer you a truly unique, immersive cross-border learning experience. By participating, you'll be part of a pioneering group of women exploring leadership in both cultural and geographic dimensions.

R.I.S.E. stands for **Resilience, Influence, Strength, and Empowerment**—qualities you'll strengthen through:

- Hands-on leadership workshops and expert-led sessions
- Training in communication, negotiation, and project development
- Support from a vibrant international peer group
- A 9-month mentoring program following the Academy

Who can apply? We welcome applications from **non-Soroptimist women** who meet the following criteria:

- Aged **22–35**
- **Fluent in English** (working language of the Academy)

- In their **final year of university**, currently **employed**, or **unemployed** and **actively seeking opportunities**
- Committed to attend a pre-Academy **online preparatory meeting**
- Committed to **full participation** in the Academy (October 10–15, 2025)
- Committed to ongoing **engagement in the post-Academy mentoring program**

A total of **20 participants** will be selected:

- 7 from Croatia
- 7 from Slovenia
- 6 from other EU countries

All selections will be made based on a CV and motivation letter that highlight your leadership potential, aspirations, and desire to grow with others.

Participation Fee & Additional Requirements: Selected candidates are asked to pay a **€50 registration fee**. In addition, participants are responsible for covering their own **travel expenses to Zagreb (arrival) and from Maribor (departure)**. All other costs—including **accommodation, meals, intercity transport during the Academy, and full participation in all program activities—are fully covered**. Participants are also responsible for having **valid travel insurance**, including **medical coverage**, for the entire duration of the Academy.

How to Apply:

Use the link below and submit your application by 20 September 2025. Don't forget to include your CV and a Motivation Letter.

 <https://form.jotform.com/251942577440057>

For additional information, feel free to contact us at

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Step into a unique, empowering international experience. R.I.S.E. with us—and be part of something that bridges borders and builds futures.

Warm regards, The Organizing Team **SI Club Zagreb Centar & SI Club Maribor**