



Zone 7

Eurasian Red Squirrel



Austria



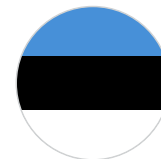
Belgium



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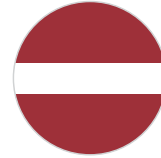
Germany



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Latvia



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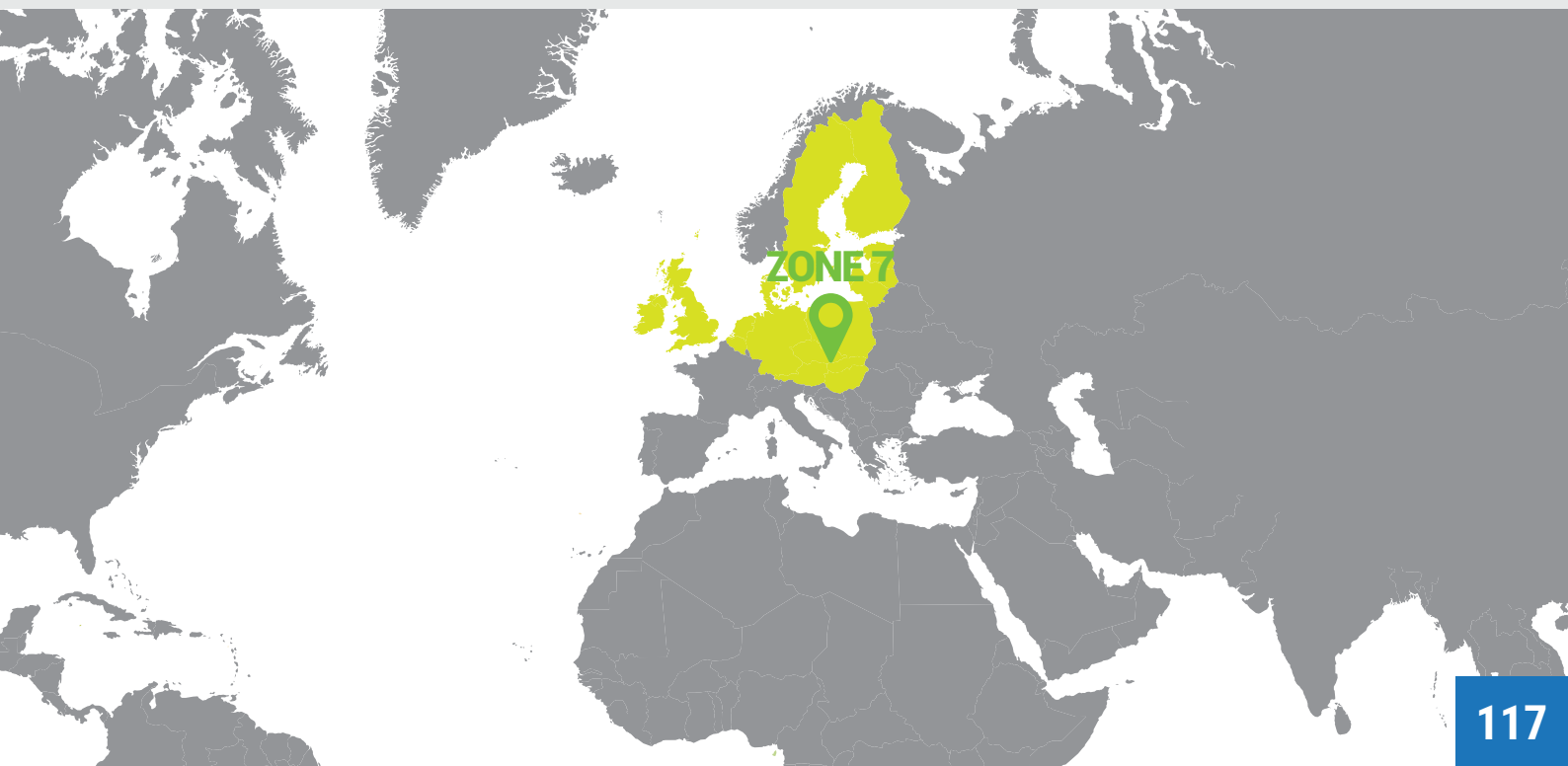
Sweden



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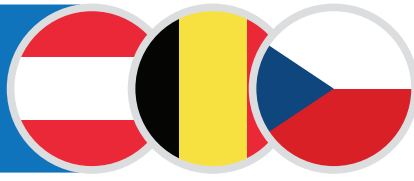
ZONE 7 HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Austria	8	55	1		
Belgium	6	46			
Czech Republic	3	31			
Denmark	7	67	1	1	
Estonia	2	10			
Finland	1	10			
Germany	32	340	105		
Hungary	4	86			
Ireland	3	45			
Latvia	2	28	3		
Lithuania	4	66			
Netherlands	25	297	8		
Poland	15	156			
Slovakia	1	4			
Sweden	3	47			
UK	82	4,646	1,205	1	
Total	198	5,934	1,323	2	



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In Austria, SSIO members in Kufstein provided services to Syrian refugees fleeing the war zone, in collaboration with the Red Cross. Volunteers distributed food, clothing, and gifts, and engaged the children in various activities.

On 30th and 31st May 2015, SSIO members organised a human values festival in Brixlegg Tirol, Austria, erecting a tent in a beautiful garden and putting up posters around town to inform the general public. The festival featured human values songs, an introduction to the SSIO, and presentations on integrating human values into work and daily life.

In Belgium, service activities included donating blood at the Red Cross in Bruges and providing firewood for warmth to encamped Syrian refugees. Human values classes were given to 15 children in Leuven.

In Czech Republic, Sathya Sai members, with support of local authorities, engaged in clean-up activities in one of the forests of Prague, for the benefit of the public and the natural environment.





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In Denmark, SSIO members distributed warm clothes during winter and paper-wrapped gifts at Christmas.

In Germany, SSIO members received an environmental award for building dams to channel the flow of a river. Volunteers had placed stones strategically in the river to create vortices, created inlets in the riverbed, and planted more than a thousand trees. The project, accomplished in partnership with the local municipality and involving herculean efforts, took 12 years to complete.

SSIO members conceived a new project, Values-Relay, to share the message of human values through activities organised along a south-to-north relay route in Germany. The project launched on 9th May 2015 during the SSIO Pre-World Conference in Wartaweil, with participation of 15 Sathya Sai Centres. During the inauguration ceremony, the first relay runner received a symbolic trophy for transport. After a four-and-a-half-month journey, the relay finally arrived in Berlin, via Kiel and Hamburg, on 26th September 2015. In the closing ceremony, a steamer, decorated with banners displaying the Sarva Dharma symbol and the message “Love all – Serve all,” sailed through the city.



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In Hungary, 25 Sathya Sai volunteers from several parts of the country joined hands to render service at a home for single mothers run by the Red Cross in the city of Nyíregyháza in East Hungary. Volunteers from the Budapest and Nyíregyháza Sathya Sai Centres distributed clothing, shoes, hygienic products, toys, books, and food. Earlier, the Red Cross had sent a letter of gratitude to the Nyíregyháza Sathya Sai Centre in appreciation of their loving work.

The Sathya Sai Centre of Budapest organised a colourful Easter programme on 23rd March 2016 for individuals with physical and mental challenges residing in a home in the countryside locale of Perbál. The event came alive with music, dancing, and displays of art, and Sathya Sai volunteers sang traditional Hungarian songs, inviting the audience to participate, amidst good cheer and laughter.

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In Ireland, 30 Sathya Sai volunteers attended an annual Sathya Sai Summer Retreat in Wexford in June 2015.

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In Latvia, Sathya Sai centres served hot lunch and food packages to more than 100 people weekly.

Inspired by Sathya Sai Baba's declaration that women can be brilliant beacons serving humanity, the SSIO of Latvia hosted a three-day workshop in February 2016, in the capital city, Riga. The event focused on the role of women in family, in society, and in the SSIO. Each participant created a unique piece of art, such as a sculpture, drawing, poem, or song, as a symbol of manifesting the divine love latent within oneself.



In Lithuania, SSIO members provided breakfast every Sunday to indigent residents of the cities of Kaunas and Klaipeda. They also rendered service to the residents of a retirement home and a hospice.

In the Netherlands, SSIO members organised choir performances in prisons and in homes for the elderly. They also offered weekly English classes to prison inmates and weekly SSEHV programmes at a community centre. On 24th April 2015, SSIO members cleaned up gardens and terraces and planted colourful flowering shrubs for the elderly and infirm during a four-day programme in Amsterdam.

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In the United Kingdom, the SSIO held a Walk for Values in Leicester on 18th October 2015, to raise awareness about and encourage the practise of human values. An estimated 300 people participated in this joyful event, including local councillors, interfaith leaders, school children, educationists, and SSIO members and leaders.

About 350 children from all across the UK, along with their parents and families, celebrated Easwaramma Day on 2nd May 2015 in Hatfield, London. The programme included inspiring talks, plays, musical programmes, and presentations by the SSE children. The children also made placemats for the elderly clients of a Meals on Wheels project in Leicester, and cards for people affected by the earthquake in Nepal. Other activities included silent sitting, jigsaw puzzle making, and a charming puppet show.

In 2015, the global SSIO Serve the Planet service project focused on children. The SSIO UK established a partnership with a well-respected national charity, Refuge UK, which supports vulnerable women and children who are victims of or at risk of experiencing domestic violence. At a ceremony on 18th October in





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Leicester, SSIO members distributed 750 packs containing stationery for children and kitchen utensils for women, donated by the youth and others. In addition, Sathya Sai youth across the UK collected and delivered over two tonnes of food to the Trussell Trust Food Banks.

Between the 1st and 6th of April 2015, in observance of Easter, SSIO youth collected 2,500 Easter eggs, 500 hand-knit items of clothing, and hand puppets, blankets, books, craft kits, and other items and distributed them to children and new-born babies in various wards at the Hillingdon, Watford General, West Middlesex, Great Ormond Street, King George, Whipp's Cross, Royal Marsden, The Children's Trust, Mayday, St. Georges, St. Helier, and Macclesfield hospitals.

The Sathya Sai Global Service Day was observed nationally by the SSIO UK on 11th and 12th July 2015. SSIO members participated in healthcare, sociocare and ecocare projects.

Sathya Sai children presented a cultural performance during the pre-world conference, held 24–26 July 2015 in London.

