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Stanica Cultural Centre – Truc sphérique has occupied the old station building of the still operational Zilina-Zarietie train station since 2003, combining the roles of independent **venue, artistic laboratory and activists' collective**.

**Truc sphérique**, a non-governmental organisation for contemporary arts and culture was founded in 1998 in Zilina. The organisation opened Stanica in 2003, where they run a gallery, workshop and artists residency space, a cafe, a waiting-room, and a multifunctional presentation venue for theatre, dance, concerts, discussions and screenings. Besides that there is also huge outer space open to the public with a garden, park, summer stage, and a children's playground. Each week there are several different children workshops, taking place almost daily and, on average, two or three artistic events. In 2009 they also launched the venue S2, an alternative construction of beer crates and straw bales.

Stanica is not just the next cultural center in the town or region, but a **platform** for information, research, and realisation of experimental art, cultural and community projects and international and inter-sector communication that lead activities to other institutions and

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