Open Call for the
-Global Village -
group EVS project

Through this Open Call the organization Centrul Regional de Economie Sociala CRES is looking for Volunteers for the Global Village project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – European Voluntary Service
Venue: You will be assigned in one of 4 project locations: Balș, Segarcea, Bailesti, Filiasi, Dolj county, South West part of Romania
EVS Stage Duration: 01-September-2016– 01-March-2017

How many volunteers: 16 volunteers in total coming from Italy, Spain and Lithuania.

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:
- Aged between 18 to 30 years
- Volunteers need to have a genuine interest in learning to work with young people, non-formal activities, interculturality, traditions and cultural customs and other similar topics and be willing to learn and expand their skills on these issues. – This will consist the main selection criteria for the project
- active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers
- pro-active attitudes and dynamic persons are welcomed
- able to work in multicultural teams, tolerant and open-minded
- Any experience and/or educations in non-formal education and animation skills and artistic competences (basic, not professional) will be a plus so be sure to mention them in your CV/motivation letter. (However this is not a main selection criteria).
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to learn and see their EVS experience as a learning process.
- Basic level of English (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).
The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work** with YOUTH for 6 months using non-formal methods.

**TL;DR - This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:**

*You will be a volunteer and work with high school students for 6 months in 4 small cities in South West of Romania. Your activities will be aimed sharing your culture and learning about Romanian culture.*

*All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.*

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**What will I DO in the Global Village project?**

The volunteers of the Global Village Project will be directly involved in the planning, organization and implementation of activities that build up towards a big inter-cultural event (The Global Village event) that will expose the citizens to the other cultures.

The project consists of a **6 months long group EVS** that reunites **16 volunteers** distributed in **teams of 4 across 4 communities** with the objective of developing activities that **rise awareness on other cultures**, **spur inter-cultural learning** and **cultural discovery** by intergenerational dialogue while **fighting discrimination, stereotypes and stimulating tolerance** and **understanding** of both the target group and the volunteers.

As a volunteer in the Global Village you will be directly involved in the organization of non-formal activities that directly contribute to the achievement of the general objective of the project.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

The general objective of the project aims towards **fighting discrimination, xenophobia and stereotypes** and **stimulating tolerance and understanding** of both the target group and the volunteers by rising awareness on other cultures, spurring intercultural learning and cultural discovery.

**The project is structured in 5 phases:**

**A1. Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme - 1 month** – this is designed to transmit to the volunteer **all the theoretical and practical knowledge** about the project and prepare them for the rest of the project. The PAT has 3 parts:

1. **A 5 day training** that will focus and getting to know each other, team building, and familiarizing with project activities, technical details and rules within the organisation
2. **2 weeks** in which, assisted by the mentor, the project staff and resource person from the community, you will **get to know the community, know the youth you will be**
working with, the institutions that will help them and generally get an idea of how the working environment is and what are the challenges and opportunities

3. The last part of the a 3 day workshop where we plan the rest of the project and set up the activity calendar in detail

A2. Cultural blending phase - 2 months
In this phase each volunteer will start country presentations and cultural presentation for youngsters from the community. The main target group will be students from the local schools but any person from the community can join. The aim is to transmit as much information about the volunteer’s country to the target group with focus on culture and traditions but also including history, geography, lifestyle etc using non-formal methods in an informal setting

A3. "United in Diversity - My culture, your culture in the Context of the EU” phase -2 months
This phase will be dedicated to community wide engagement in workshops, debates and public hearings on the issue nationalism and europeanism, how national identity and culture mix with the EU culture and identity, how is the individual going to handle this duality and what it means for the future of the EU. The activities will engage different stakeholders such as students, teachers, parents, local governments officials and citizens.

A4. Documenting Romanian culture and tradition discovery phase. - 1 month, same implementation time as phase 2
In this phase the volunteers will be involved in making a video documentary of the Romanian culture. The activity will involve Romanian youth that the volunteers worked with in the previous phase and will travel also in other villages around their community to witness and document traditions, folklore etc.
The activity will have a strong intergenerational dialogue component to it as the documentation will focus on the elderly who still know the meaning of different traditions and can explain them to the youth. This way the project aims to foster intergenerational dialogue and transmission of tradition and folklore between generations.

A5. The Global Village Festival - final month
The project will aim at making an intercultural event to show off each participant’s country and culture in the biggest city of the region (Craiova). The event will consist of setting up country stands with information, food, brochures, pictures, posters hand-made stuff that represent each country and the volunteers performing dances, songs or presenting on stage their country. The volunteers will include in their show youngsters from the community where they work so a big part of the project will focus on teaching dances, songs, specific handicrafts, traditional costumes manufacturing, to the youngsters from the community where they will work so that these youth will also be part of the show.
What will I learn in the Global Village project?

Our learning methodology focuses on a combined approach to theoretical/practical knowledge based on “experiential learning cycle”, “learning by doing” and “framework theory “in which volunteers get to have hand on contact with the practical applications of the knowledge to be acquired while having a professional working besides the volunteer and providing feedback.

For the volunteers we aim to contribute to their Personal&Professional development targeting the acquisition of the following competences by the volunteers:

- Lean how to disseminate and multiply information and how to act as trainers for other youth
- Learn about other cultures, intercultural learning process, values, principles, traditions and customs and learn how to operationalize them(break them into more understandable components)
- Learn from the cultures of the other volunteers as well as learning and being fully immersed in Romanian culture
- Learn how to implement a long term activities programme
- Lean the steps to implementing a large scale events for city wide participation such as the Global Village
- Learn by practice how to work in teams, divide tasks, manage deadlines, administer finite resources, work with people, plan and evaluate, make long term plans, organize events etc.
- increased sense of tolerance and understanding
- increased self-awareness about own culture
- learn how to prepare, implement and evaluate a non-formal educational activity
- learn about project management, community facilitation, risk management, fund raising and effective public communication
- learn about the European values and principles
- Learn how to communicate and work with youngsters
- Learn about the ERASMUS+ programme, with a focus on EVS projects, learn about the management of such projects
- Learn to use animation and different non-formal methods as a tools to attract and work with youngsters
Learn about and gain competences specific to the use of specific methods, tools and practices used in youth work

Learn how to build and maintain local youth action groups and get them engaged in youth work and

Gain and develop skills such as team work, leadership, interpersonal communication, planning, goal setting and working with deadlines by working, planning and evaluating activities in an intercultural, highly interconnected and participatory managed team which will create the proper setting for acquisition of this skills.

Develop a network of contact persons and institutions that can support your future personal/professional growth – by working within an NGO the volunteers can learn how such an organization works and have the knowledge to open one themselves. By working in schools and meeting different local authorities they open up possibilities for international youth work by tapping into these relationships and contacts later in their careers.

Learn how to live on your own in a foreign country and develop personal skills such as cooking, take care of house chores, manage a personal budget, learn to live with others and accommodate for each other’s differences etc.

Learn Romanian language and culture

Learn how CRES is managing its EVS projects: project steps, rules and responsibilities, instruments and tools developed, etc.

Make new friends 😊

All throughout the learning process and the project you will be assisted by the CRES team and a personal mentor in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a Youthpass certificate which is a European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills acquired in EVS.

Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

Travel: CRES will purchase flight tickets while the Sending Organisation will to make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

Local transport: will be covered by CRES, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: CRES will host the volunteers in 4 small urban communities in Dolj county Romania (in Bals, Segarcea, Bailesti and Filiasi). In each community there will be 4 volunteer living together in rented apartments. Each accommodation will assure good living conditions (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).
Working programme: working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities.**

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of **12 days of vacation in the project** that you can use as you want.

Language support: The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 2 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a Romanian SIM cards for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly

Financial aspects: International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities are **covered directly by CRES.**

**Monthly food allowance: 100 euro/month**

**Pocket money: 60 euro/month**

**What support will be available during your EVS?**

The mentor will be responsible for the general personal support of the volunteer. They are in charge of solving practical problems arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the volunteer’s go-to person for any personal problems as well as being responsible for guiding the volunteer through the learning process. The mentor will be there to help you identify learning needs and opportunities, help you plan your learning process and help in the self-evaluation.

The counterparts (staff from the schools – teachers/professionals)-that will be supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

Additional support will be offered by CRES in the form Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.
Have we caught your attention? Here`s how to apply!

1. Prepare a CV(preferably using the europass model [here]) and a motivation letter

2. Contact one of our partner sending organisation from your corresponding country:
   - Asociación Mundus - Un Mundo a tus Pies - Spain - alberto.unmundoatuspies@gmail.com
   - Jovenes hacia la solidaridad y el desarrollo - Spain - boutainaelhadri@jovesolides.org
   - South Europe Youth Forum - Italy - sandro.accogli@seyf.eu
   - Scambieurope - Italy - redazione@scambieuropei.com
   - Associazione Culturale Eufemia - Italy - pasquale.lanni13@gmail.com
   - VsI Socialiniu inovaciju centras - Lithuania - z.jurgelioniene@socin.lt

3. We will have a Skype interview with you

4. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

If you are interested and want more information you can also CONTACT US AT

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