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Associazione InCo - Molfetta

EUROSUD – BARI

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our project! In this little document you can find all the information which can be useful before applying.

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Hosting organisation: EUROSUD



ABOUT THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

EUROSUD is established in the small city of Triggiano, close to countryside and rural area around Bari in Southern Italy - a region which faces many challenges such as youth unemployment, economic recession, and refugee crisis. Being one of the perspective growing NGOs in Puglia and promoting youth initiatives in Bari and neighbourhood Eurosud is trying to help the community to address these issues in a more efficient, coherent and creative way. In this regard Eurosud is seeing the importance of connecting youth with different backgrounds together, promoting dialogue between different groups of people and helping to develop an independent, progressive and upgraded civil society. EUROSUD is interested and open to receive international volunteers as it is always an enrichment to work with young people who arrive with different ideas and ways of working from another country.



EUROSUD especially promotes development of creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable development (of civil society). The target group of the organization is composed of young people, their parents, youth leaders, youth workers interested in activities of the network, independently of their educational, social, cultural, ethnical, physical and other background. The activities of the organisation are based on the approaches of non-formal education, experiential and intercultural learning, social inclusion and active participation. The aim of the organization is to facilitate the communitarian European integration, and promote the knowledge of the European culture among the young people, in particular, and of all the citizens, in general.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE IDEA: to host a volunteer from Ukraine in Italy and develop common activities in order to gain more self-confidence and self esteem. Interacting with each other, sharing experiences, being together and building bridges among very different cultures will be the first step for the volunteer and the local youth to become aware of the responsibilities of a citizen in the context of a society with big gaps among social classes. Giving a chance to disadvantaged youth, providing them with tools for getting active and support them grabbing opportunities for their future, this is the foreseen role of the volunteer within this EVS project.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT:

assisting the hosting organization EUROSUD in empowering young people, university students (also from local community) in order to increase their inclusion as active citizens in the Italian society. The volunteer is expected to take part and to propose own grass-root activities.



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To raise intercultural consciousness of young people, especially with migrant backgrounds through various workshops and activities;
- To create atmosphere of common understanding between people representing different cultures and their working style;
- Exchange experience and “best practices” from the sending organisation with EUROSUD’;
- Design and develop meetings on different European topics, such as migration, human rights, participation of young migrants, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue.
- Developing the volunteer’s active citizenship and creative skills through involvement in educational activities ;
- To increase awareness towards Erasmus+ programme, particularly about Volunteering Projects among Italian young people;
- To identify concrete examples, at grassroots level, showing how better access to social rights means better social inclusion and integration.



ACTIVITIES

- Organize and support different educational activities for and with young people and the volunteers from the organization;
- Plan and organize jointly and parallel activities between EUROSUD and Sending such as seminars, symposia, workshops, quiz competition;
- Design and conduct a conversational course of Russian for the local university students;
- Plan and organize photo-exhibitions on Human Rights relating to excluded social groups e.g. refugees, ethnic minorities; supporting the organization of local art exhibitions, such as hand-craft made by young people;
- Project assistance with ongoing and annual activities of EUROSUD, specifically Erasmus+ (TC, YE) projects, training courses, youth exchanges, EVS;
- Support the hosting organization in planning, drafting and fundraising campaigns;
- Working on visibility and promotion of EUROSUD on local level;
- Propose own personal projects, educational and leisure activities supporting the local youth and community development;

VOLUNTEER'S GAINS

- developing competence and professional skills of the volunteering in different fields necessary to conduct educational activities for young people,
- gaining the knowledge and experience how to write and organize Erasmus+ projects;
- developing communication skills;
- raising awareness on cultural diversity;
- fostering confidence and independence in decision-making;
- improving teamworking skills in the intercultural environment;
- receiving Youthpass with all learning experience, newly acquired skills and competences, both personal and professional, written down.



PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Working hours: 36 hours a week.

Saturdays and Sundays will be kept as the free days for the volunteer. (in case of the need of participating in some special activities during the weekends volunteer will receive two free days in the consecutive week). The volunteer will receive 2 days off per month.

Place of work: *University of Bari, BALAB*

<https://www.facebook.com/UnibaBalab/> , coworking space.

Travel: The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the limit foreseen by the ESC programme

Food and accommodation

- The volunteers will live in a flat together with 3 more volunteers, in the city of Bari (double room).
- When you arrive in Bari, you have to pay a deposit of 100 € just in case you will break something.
- The lodging choice will be always decided by InCo and Eurosud. Volunteers will have to respect the rules of the structure and the environment where they live.
- There are possibilities for the volunteers to have their meal at home, which is fully furnished with kitchen. So, in this case an additional amount of money will be provided corresponding to 150 euros.

Pocket money: 150 euros/month

TRAINING

To make sure a selected candidate can adjust with the new environment and perform well sending and hosting ngo will conduct Pre Departure Training including:

1. Culture Profile: Differences and similarity of the host and home country
2. Country Briefing: General information about the host country
3. Cultural Adaptation: Intercultural and Culture Shock training
4. Logistical Information: The etiquette of gift and giving, whom to call in emergency
5. Sensitivity Training: Roles volunteers and partners will assume in new location
6. Table Manner: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Coffee/tea time
7. Paper Orientation: Make a report base on case study
8. Critical Incident: Problem discussion
9. Italian Movie

MENTORING

Volunteer will have mentor, who will help and support him/her during the whole project. Mentor is an experienced person with EVS background. Regular communication with the mentor will help volunteer with better adaptation. Mentor will have regular meetings with volunteer once a week.



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

- 18-30 years old
- Have interest in the topic of the project (empowerment, social inclusion, project designing etc)
- Actively involved in the sending organization
- Able to communicate in English, basic Italian would be an advantage.
- Experienced in using social media and managing websites
- Open minded and with positive attitude
- Keen to learn about Italy, its culture, language etc.
- Able to accept and live with other cultures
- Ready to get involved, adapt to possible changes and step out of his/hers comfort zone
- Communicative and sociable, motivated to work in an intercultural team and add own individual input into the projects Be available for the full duration of the mobility.

Useful links

Here you can find the website of InCo: <http://www.incoweb.org/eng>

Here the website of Molfetta:

<http://www.visitmolfetta.it/visitmolfetta/index.asp?lan=eng>

If you would like to know more about the EVS experience, check out the blog of the volunteers:

<http://www.incoweb.org/eng/Volunteers-say>