

CALL FOR EVS VOLUNTEERS IN YOUNG RESEARCHERS OF SERBIA – VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF SERBIA

Project « Mix & Match - European dimension to national realities of voluntary service »

Activity dates: 1. February 2016 – 1. December 2016

Nationality of participants:

Polish, Greek, Belgian, Spanish, French, Czech, Italian, German, Slovak

Profile of participants:

Workcamp leaders or volunteers with experience in workcamps, 18-30 years old (if they turned 31 after 1/04/2015 they can still apply). Someone you would like to be trained by us for volunteers' placement and help with the international exchange once they are back. Someone who really loves workcamps! Someone you would ideally like to have in your office!

Application procedure:

Please send us the application form and CV to outgoing@legambiente.it within 11th January.

We will conduct interviews as soon as you send us and proceed with the preparation phase as soon as the selection is done.



Local partner:

Young Researchers of Serbia (www.mis.org.rs) is a Serbian non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1976, whose vision is to be the driving force for all those whose aim is to make our planet a more peaceful, just and healthy place.

Driven by science and education, their mission is to contribute:

- to environmental protection and nature conservation,
- to development of volunteerism and its values,
- to scientific creativity and active youth participation

Read more at the accreditation page: http://europa.eu/youth/vp/organisation/66000296886_en

Place:

9 EVS volunteers will spend first 2 months and the last month in Belgrade, and other months they will spend in different towns in Serbia (Obrenovac, Nis, Sremski Karlovci, Kragujevac, Subotica, Krusevac), in the offices of our Contact Points who send volunteers abroad to workcamps from their region of Serbia.

Workplan:

Until 15/01/16 SELECTION PHASE

15/01/15-1/2/16 PREPARATION PHASE: signing Activity Agreements, travel arrangement, insurance activation, final tailoring of methodological plan to fit learning objectives, logistics management.

1/2-1/4/16 INDUCTION PHASE: intensive training in YRS (Belgrade): All 9 EVS volunteers will live together in Belgrade for the first two months and come to our office for an intense training on international volunteers exchange and language lessons. The training will be about int. volunteers' exchange movement, placement procedures, volunteers preparation, promotional strategies, Erasmus+. March is the start of the season for recruiting volunteers for workcamps in Europe, so intensive work with young volunteers in YRS-VSS office. They design a national promotional campaign later to be conducted in coordination with our Contact Points, at workcamps and online. They learn about placement procedures (who better than Bojan to learn this from ☺), Alliance partners and the entire IVS movement, how we organise promotional activities, how we prepare the volunteers going abroad, how to organise workcamps and deal with its challenges... Basically they have a full placement officer/workcamps promotor/trouble-shooter training!

1/4-1/7 PERSONAL PROJECTS PHASE in 7 out of 14 YRS-VSS Contact Points, a national network recruiting volunteers for workcamps abroad from their region. Three EVS volunteers will stay for this phase in Belgrade, in YRS-VSS office and another partner's office, while 6 will move to other towns (Obrenovac, Nis, Sremski Karlovci, Kragujevac, Subotica, Krusevac). With these organisations YRS-VSS has formed an informal network for volunteers exchange and so far they have been recruiting volunteers for workcamps from their region. We would like to give more coherencies to the work of all of them, ensure a stronger ownership over the volunteers exchange, help them improve their capacities for the international volunteers exchange, but also give you, the sending organisations, a possibility to see first-hand how our informal branches for volunteers' exchange may be applicable for your realities. So, beside the volunteers exchange, the volunteers will be involved in the local projects (not necessarily linked to IVS but all in the field of youth participation and activism) of the hosting organisations and they will have the chance to develop their own projects (maybe good practices from your organisations?) for these 3 months.

With the acquired skills and promotional strategies, they help promoting IVS opportunities (EVS and workcamps), managing volunteers' applications, all in coordination with YRS headquarters, organising preparation meetings and intercultural activities for the outgoing volunteers and help the preparation of workcamps in the region.

01/7-1/9 PRACTICE PHASE: EVS volunteers are trained and co-lead at least 2 workcamps and conduct the national campaign. There will be 30+ workcamps in 2016, gathering 400+ international and national volunteers in Serbia. EVS volunteers meet again at the Camp Leaders Training (June) and during July and August they participate or lead workcamps in Serbia as co-leaders. They implement thematic campaigns previously agreed as a group, develop workshops of their interest etc. The list of workcamps for 2016 will be known in March/April.

30/7- MID-TERM MEETING of EVS and SOs during 1 day of the Workcamp Caravan (more info follows)

1/9-1/11 PERSONAL PROJECTS FINALISATION: they go back to their hosting organisations (YRS-VSS and Contact Points) to finish up their personal projects, organise evaluation sessions with the volunteers who came back from workcamps etc.

Beginning of November: Preparation and meeting of project partners with YRS' informal branches during General Assembly of Alliance hosted by YRS; they all come together again to help us organise the Alliance General Assembly, where you'll meet them and their hosts (our partners). We will present the project to all Alliance members, conduct the final evaluation of project partnership, international and Serbian, and EVS volunteers, make proposals for improvement, follow-up.

1/11-1/12 EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT PHASE: All EVS volunteers meet again in Belgrade, with YRS-VSS, finishing up the campaigns, writing blog posts, proposing further ideas, evaluating their EVS, doing the Youth Pass, preparing for departure etc.

1/12-1/2/17 FOLLOW-UP PHASE: reimbursements, volunteers' reports, dissemination and follow-up activities for the transfer of gained knowledge and practices to SO national realities and workcamps' season 2017.

Financial conditions

Standard for EVS under Erasmus+. No additional fee.

All volunteers will have:

- their **accommodation** settled both in Belgrade and in other towns (shared apartment, except on workcamps, where accommodation varies),
- **language lessons** of Serbian from 1/02 till 1/07 and during the last month of EVS
- **Pocket money, food allowance, public bus pass**, on arrival
- **Visa** issued once here
- **Insurance** activated, before coming, by SOs
- **Travel** covered up to the set amount for Erasmus+; we can buy plane tickets while other tickets will be reimbursed to the volunteers once arrived
- **Local travel** to Contact Point organisations, to workcamps, to trainings, all EVS related activities
- Travel, accommodation covered for **On arrival training** and **Mid-Term evaluation**

There will be no need for any extra personal allowance.