

**BBA, TIRANA
and B-Link, MATERA
present:**

ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAM UP IN ALBANIA

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BASILICATA LINK APS (B-Link)

Associazione Basilicata Link APS is a cultural organization created in 2012 by experienced youth leaders, professionals and young people in Matera, South Italy.

We have the objective to support young people in their personal development through mobility projects and volunteering on the local territory, especially young people who are living in rural areas.

Since 2016 B-Link is active sending, hosting and coordinating organization for EU-youth, focusing on social inclusion projects. In 2019 we hosted the largest volunteering project of Italy connected to our hosting city being “Matera, European Capital of Culture”.

The connection between Matera and Tirana, and so the idea of this project, was born with both cities becoming: Mediterranean Capitals of Culture and Dialogue. Tirana has won this title for 2025 and Matera for 2026.

The young people who will join the project will have the chance to live an amazing opportunity in both cities.

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applications: esc@linkyouth.org



BEYOND BARRIERS ASSOCIATION (BBA)

Beyond Barriers Association was created in June 2004 in Tirana, Albania with the initiative of a group of youngsters with and without disability. BBA is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that defends the rights and the interests of the young people. The mission of BBA is to empower young people in Albania by promoting active participation, inclusion, equal chances and better quality of life. Our motto is: **“We believe in what we do!”**

BBA staff is organizing a variety of activities in local, national, regional and European level. The focus of the association's work remains on young people with fewer opportunities, with the aim to offer them a chance for empowerment and to be active citizens of the community where they live.

Target groups: youngster with social disadvantages, youngsters with disabilities, youngsters from Roma communities, LGBT+ community and other young people in Albania. Special focus is on special target group which are young people with disabilities (all type of disabilities).

Applications: rafaela.mborja@beyonbarriers.org

BBA History with ESC

Volunteering and solidarity with youngsters in need is one of the main pillars of BBA work since its creation and volunteers themselves either local or international have been a great asset for development of the organization. BBA was involved in the previous EVS program, since 2006 and since then we have hosted in Albania around 200 volunteers from European countries in short and long-term projects.

Also, we have sent more than 150 young people from Albania in diverse projects in European organizations being one of the first pioneer of European volunteering in Albania.

Throughout participation in the ESC program, BBA offered to hundreds of youngsters an opportunity for development in personal, social and professional level.





At the office of Beyond Barriers you will usually find around Ana Mullanji (Executive Director), Silvia Dervishi (Programme Manager and Supervisor of ESC), Ina Topi (Financial Manager), Joana Rista (Project Coordinator), Alesia Dodaj (part-time Project Coordinator), Rafaela Mborja (ESC Coordinator), and Roel Rrapi (Coordinator of Volunteers). For everything formal regarding your ESC project you need to direct to Silvia or Rafaela.

For technical issues upon arrival or anything connected with accommodation, Rafaela will be available to help you. Reimbursement of cost and allowances (food money and pocket money) will be given by Ina upon receiving your signature on proper documents. For info regarding your daily tasks and activities, Roel will be there for you :)

BBA has also many local volunteers, and some of the most active ones you will meet during these months, such as: Olta (F), Natalia (F), Livia (F), Andi(M), Luka (M), Matias (M), Enisi (M), etc. They will also be your mentors around Tirana during the day or for night gatherings, whenever you will need their assistance.

You will get to know Beyond Barriers staff and local volunteers during the first week and the welcoming events :)

**People you will
work with at BBA**





PROJECT DATES:

- 15 October - Arrival Day
- 16-29 October - Activity Days
- 30 October - Departure Day

PROJECT LOCATION:

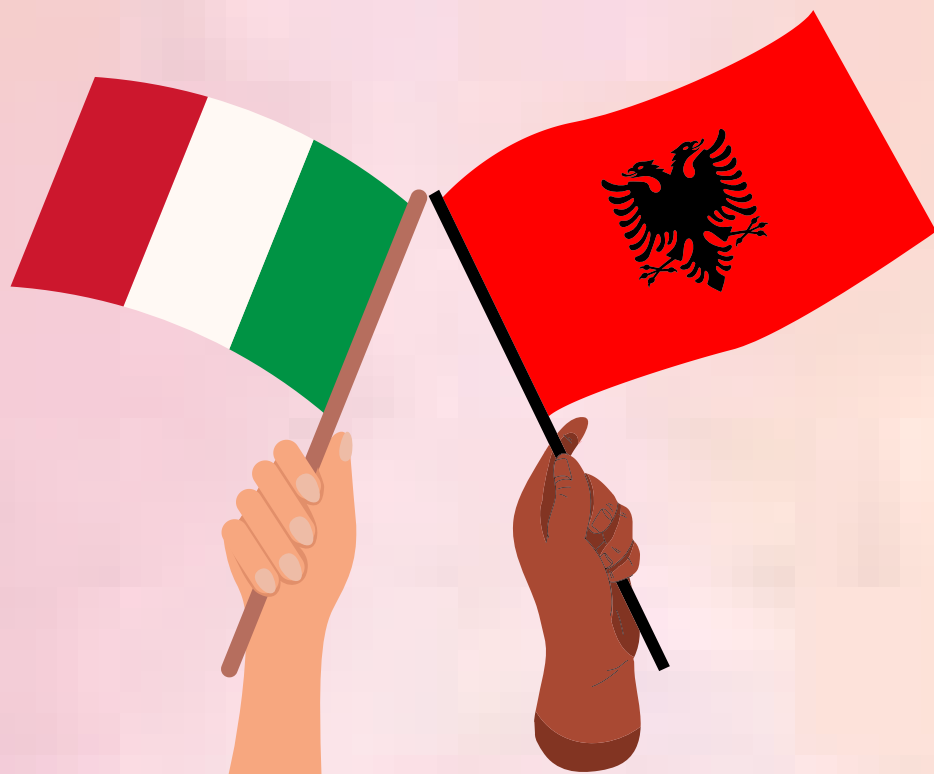
- Tirana, Albania

DURATION OF VOLUNTEERING:

- 14 activity days + 2 travel days

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS:

- 5 Italians + 5 Albanians



**About
this TEAM UP
mobility...**



PROGRAM 1:

“MIRËSEVJEN PARTY”

The volunteering team will take part in the organization and implementation of the "Miresevjen Party" (Welcoming Party) in Tirana — an annual event organized by BBA in collaboration with the Municipality of Tirana and several partner institutions. The event aims to warmly welcome new students to the capital city, showcasing the diverse opportunities, cultural spaces, and social activities Tirana has to offer. Through interactive activities, performances, and information stands, students will be encouraged to engage with the local community and make the most of their new environment.

Volunteer Tasks

Volunteers will contribute to the event by:

1. **Event Preparation and Setup** – Assisting with arranging the venue, setting up stands, decorations, and equipment.
2. **Guest Guidance** – Welcoming attendees, providing directions, and helping them navigate different activity areas.
3. **Information Support** – Sharing details about activities, performances, and city opportunities with participants.
4. **Logistics Assistance** – Helping manage schedules, coordinating with performers and partners, and distributing event materials.
5. **Activity Facilitation** – Supporting interactive sessions, games, and workshops during the event.
6. **Crowd Management and Safety** – Assisting in maintaining a smooth flow of participants and ensuring safety protocols are followed.
7. **Closing and Cleanup** – Helping dismantle equipment, packing materials, and restoring the venue after the event.



PROGRAM 2: ERASMUS+ DAYS AT BBA

The volunteering team will be actively involved in the organization and implementation of Erasmus+ Days 2025 at BBA, a multi-day celebration highlighting the opportunities and impact of the Erasmus+ program. This initiative will combine local in-person activities for young people with online promotional campaigns to reach a wider audience. Planned actions include interactive workshops, networking meet-ups, and information sessions, as well as engaging digital content such as podcasts, vox pops, and social media stories. The goal is to inspire participation, share real-life experiences, and connect local youth with the values of cultural exchange, learning mobility, and active citizenship.

Volunteer Tasks

Volunteers will contribute by:

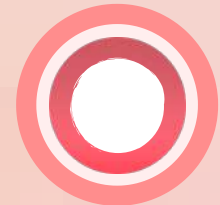
1. **Activity Coordination** – Supporting the planning and execution of local events, workshops, and networking activities.
2. **Online Campaign Support** – Assisting in the design and posting of engaging social media content, including visuals, videos, and stories.
3. **Podcast & Vox Pop Assistance** – Helping with scripting, recording, interviewing participants, and editing content.
4. **Community Engagement** – Reaching out to local youth and encouraging their participation in both online and offline activities.
5. **Technical & Creative Input** – Assisting with filming, photography, audio recording, and basic editing for digital outputs.
6. **Guest and Partner Liaison** – Coordinating with speakers, alumni, and partner organizations for event and content contributions.
7. **Promotional Outreach** – Distributing materials, sharing updates, and helping spread awareness about Erasmus+ Days activities.
8. **Post-Activity Wrap-Up** – Gathering feedback, compiling highlights, and supporting the creation of a final event recap for publication.



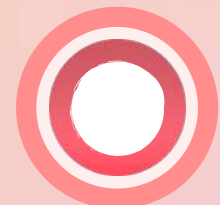
Things You Need



Bring your own laptop if you can



Take all medicine and personal care you need with you



Personal items (comfortable clothes, reusable water bottle, hair dryer, personal towels, slippers)



A sim card for your phone will be provided by our team upon your arrival, so if you have bring a second phone.

GOOD MOOD



POSITIVE ATTITUDE



ENTHUSIASM



CURIOSITY

① LOCATION

You will live and do activities in Tirana, the heart and capital of Albania, which like all other European metropolises has never-ending movement and energy.

② ROOMS

Rooms for 2 people (same sex rooms can be arranged);
Unlimited wifi

WHERE WILL YOU LIVE?

ACCOMMODATION

CITY CENTER ④

Our apartment is situated near BBA office, in the area called Don Bosko in Tirana, located approximately 20 min by foot from the main square "Sheshi Skenderbe".

APARTMENT ⑤

You will be living in one apartment equipped with all the necessary living conditions. We recommend that you bring one more personal towel for yourself :D.

AREA ⑥

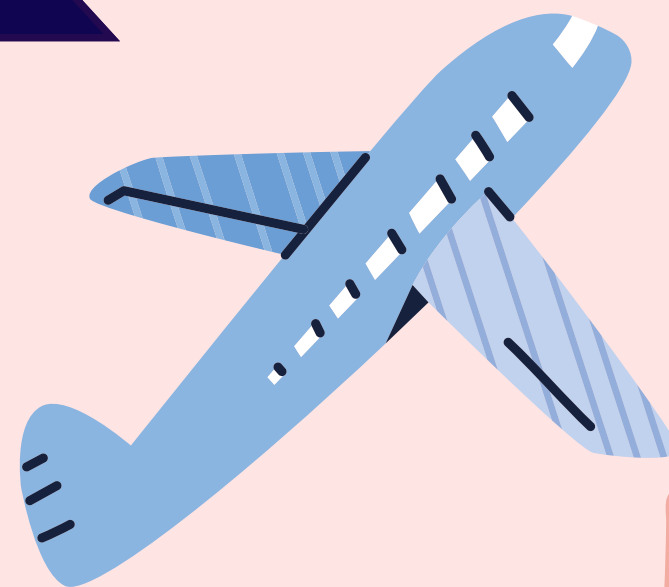
The area is very lively, so you will be able to find many markets, shops, bars, banks, exchange offices in the neighborhood.

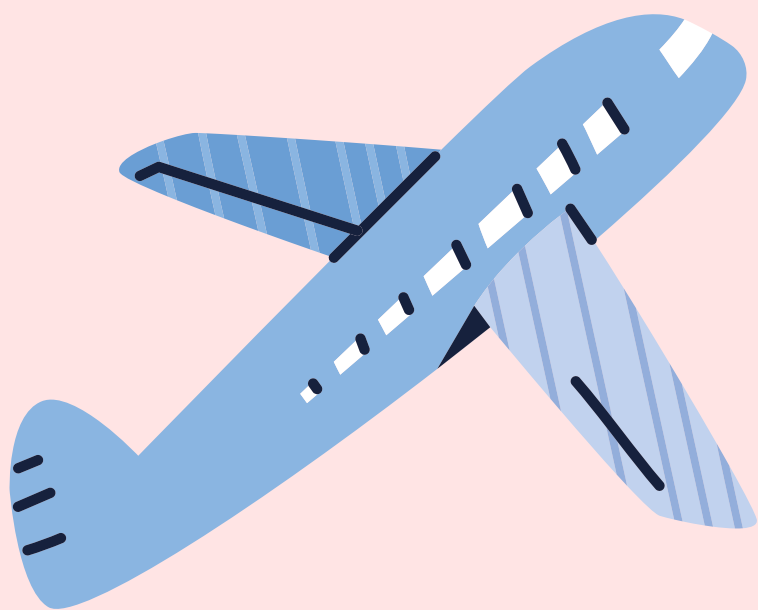
③ TIRANA

Tirana is the capital of Albania and also the main economic, social and cultural center of the country. With its clubs, bars, cafes, and taverns, the city is worth discovering by day and night. The hospitality of Albanians is something that will mark your journey not only in Tirana but also all over the country :)



**Travel Arrangements for
Italians: B-Link will take
care about the
transportation
(flight or ferry)
Budget: 211€ A/R**





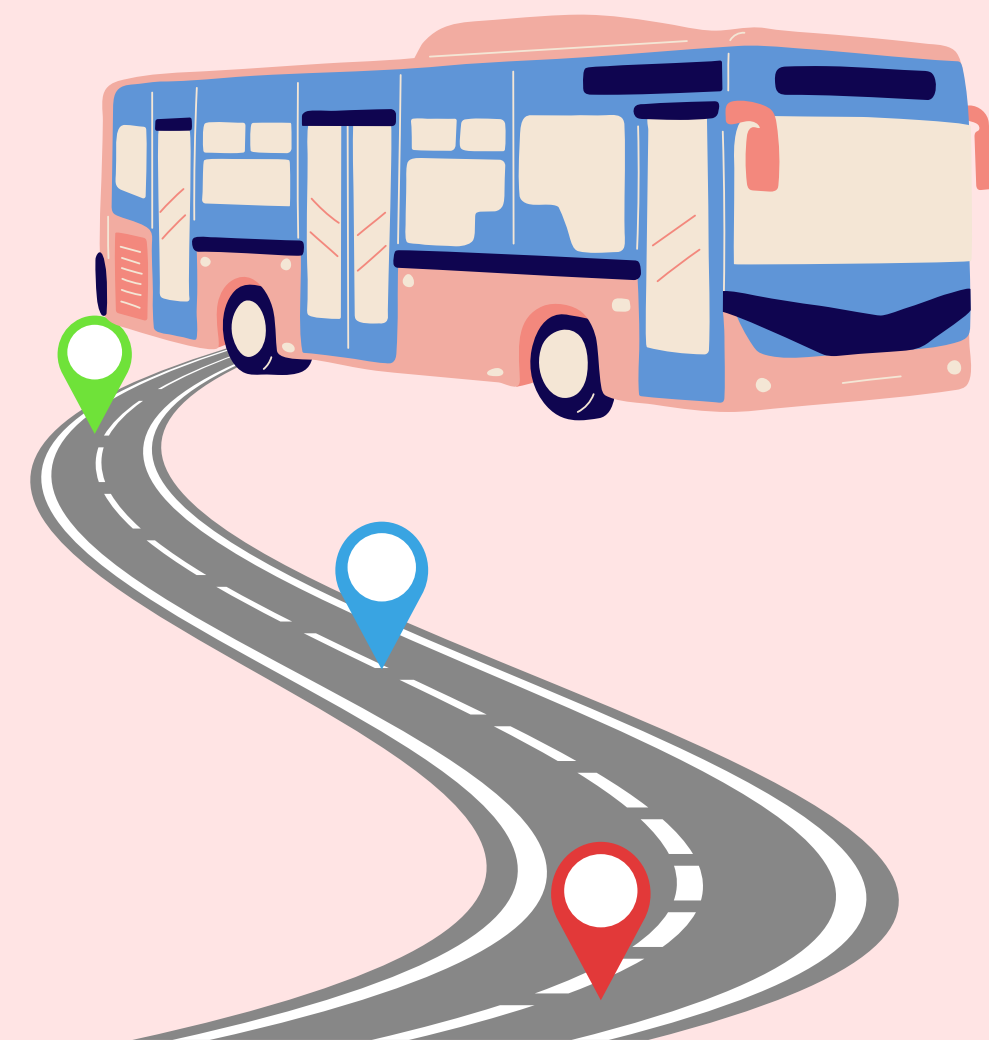
TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE APARTMENT

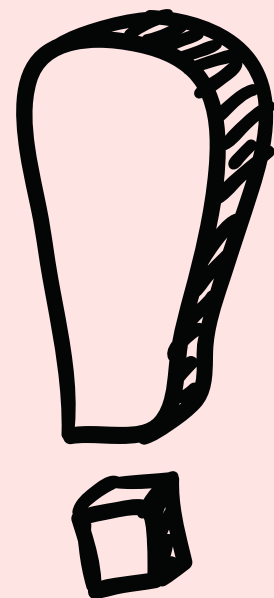
Transportation services from the airport to the apartment are available. We can provide you with the contact information of an electric taxi company. You have the option to book your taxi either via WhatsApp or by directly calling them, and subsequently waiting at the airport for their arrival to pick you up (around 20 minutes). Furthermore, we will share with you the precise location of the apartment, enabling you to provide this information to the taxi driver. Upon your arrival at the apartment, representatives from our organization will be present to assist you.

For any emergency case, send an SMS to Rafaela on this number +355 692707743 :)

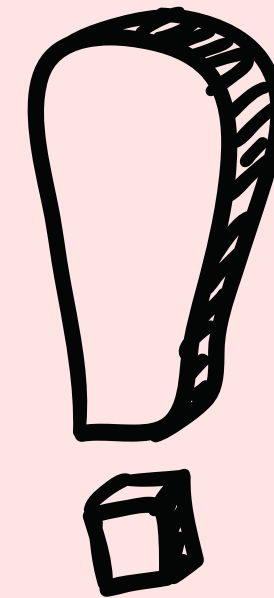
LOCAL TRANSPORT

The staff will provide you with an allowance to cover your local transport needed for the purpose of the activities. The public service in the city of Tirana is reliable and widespread. Tirana is a very busy city, and has more than 20 bus lines. All bus stations are located around Tirana Center, easy to spot and reach. You can find public bus from 6 AM-11 PM. It takes from 3-10 minutes to wait in bus stops for the next bus. The information about public transport is also accessible in Google Maps.





Allowances



All volunteers will receive pocket money (6 EUR/day).

Italians: you receive it from Link on your bank account before the mobility;

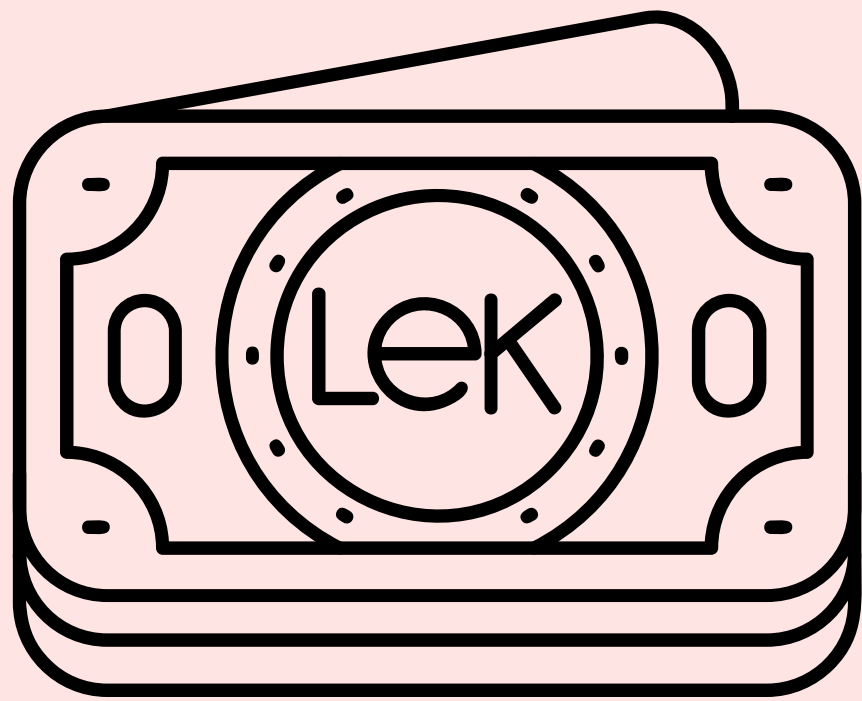
Albanians: you will receive it from BBA in cash.

Upon your arrival to Tirana, you will also receive a budget of 10 EUR/day to cover your food + local transport expenses.

You will need to sign a form for receiving the money CASH.

The way you spend it it's up to you, we do not need bills for this expenses.

All ESC Volunteers are eligible to receive a Youthpass certificate at the end of the mobility :)



Currency

1 Euro = 97,27 Lek

Albanian currency is called LEKË (ALL) but you can also pay in Euros at some places. Anyway, we recommend that you use Lekë. You can use cash everywhere and card in most places.

You can bring Euros with you and exchange them in Tirana Airport or in the city when when you are here. Keep in mind that you can pay your taxi ride in Euros or ALL but only cash!

1 Euro = 97,27 Lekë (it varies from day to day).

You can check the exchange rate here :

https://www.bankofalbania.org/Tregjet/Kursi_zyrtar_i_kembimit/



AROUND TIRANA



Skanderbeg Square



Tirana National History Museum



Et'hem Bej Mosque



Pyramid of Tirana



Bunk'Art Museum



Dajti Ekspres

Let's Get To Know: Food



You will find different possibilities of food, but also you will notice the Italian, Greek and Turkish cuisine influence, which you will actually find almost everywhere in Tirana.

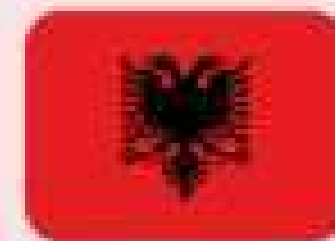
If you decide to cook at home during your mobility, you will be shown all markets where you can buy fresh vegetables, meat, and everything you need.

Of course, you are welcome to try out some Albanian traditional food :)

Albanian Language

During your mobility project in Tirana you will have the chance to learn the basics of the Albanian language. It is a very unique language, since it forms a separate branch of the Indo-European Family and cannot be closely connected with any other Indo-European language.

We have prepared this mini-dictionary for you, just to get you started ;)



Hello! - **Çkemi!**

How are you? - **Si je?**

I don't speak Albanian -

Nuk flas shqip

Yes! - **Po!**

Please! - **Të lutem!**

No! - **Jo!**

Thank you! - **Faleminderit!**

I'm sorry! - **Më fal!**

Good morning! - **Mirëmëngjes!**

Good afternoon! - **Mirëdita!**

Good evening! - **Mirëmbrema!**

Good night! - **Natën e mirë!**

Goodbye! - **Mirupafshim!**

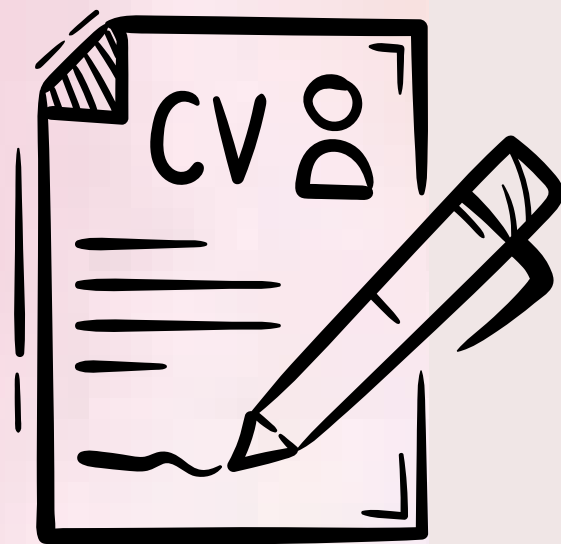
*I love you! - **Të dua!**



Application

For Italians:

Applica attraverso il sito ed invia una mail motivando la tua applicazione a:
esc@linkyouth.org



First, inscribe on the EU youth Portal, because to become an ESC volunteer everyone needs to be registered.

The only requirements for application are a CV and a motivation letter in English. Please send them via email.

After this step, you will get notified for arranging an online selection interview.

Good luck! :)

For Albanians:

Apply by sending an email with your CV and Motivation Letter to our coordinator at:

rafaela.mborja@beyondbarriers.org





**Your ESC project is not a
touristic trip !
You have responsibilities
and a great opportunity to
learn & grow. We are
always happy to work with
motivated participants.**

Kind reminder

More about Beyond Barriers:



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Looking forward to welcoming you in our team!

