

ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti South West Oltenia region of Romania. ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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Open Call for the - Second ACT - *group EVS project*

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **Second ACT** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Voluntary Service**

Venue: City of **Bailesti, Dolj county**, South West part of **Romania**

EVS Stage Duration: **01-October-2018 – 31-March-2019**

How many volunteers: **5 volunteers** in total coming from Italy, Spain, Portugal and Turkey.

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- **active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 6 months.
- 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).

This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:

*You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 6 months
in Bailesti, Romania.*

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

What will I DO in the Second ACT project?

The project is designed to be the continuation, improvement and expansion of the pilot First ACT project that aimed at creating, activating and maintaining communities of interests formed based on shared interests in sports, foreign languages, culture and active citizenship.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Provide both local youth as well as the volunteers with a learning environment that contributes to the personal and professional development and life-long learning process through non-formal education programs.

The project phases will be:

1. Preparation, adaptation and training:

- **Capacity Building:** During the week long training we will be using non-formal methods to target volunteer preparation in areas such as youth animation, how to plan, implement and monitor an activity program, how to work with youth, inter-cultural environments and conflict management, youth group activities, community needs analysis, etc. The trainings will contribute to the personal and professional development of the volunteers by aiming them with all the knowledge and abilities necessary for the project to be easily implemented, getting them ready for the tasks ahead.
- **Community Discovery:** where, assisted by the mentor, the volunteers get to know the community better, meet locals, are presented main points of interest (hospital, location of shops, free time facilities in Bailesti), are presented cultural aspects of Romanian life. Also in this phase they go to the partner institutions to make introductions, receive additional training on internal rules of the schools, meet with the target group and perform need analysis.

2. Campaign:

In this phase the volunteers will be engaged in school wide promotion of the project and proposed activities (live presentations, preparing and setting up flyers, setting up information points in the schools and community) and registering the students who want to participate.

3. Develop program:

In this phase the volunteers will be engaged in organizing the youth into groups based on their interest: sports, foreign languages, culture and active citizenship.

Each topic, through methods used, will be associated with development of specific skills, competencies and attitudes as such:

Sports: development of teamwork, self-discipline, group dynamics, planning, tolerance and inclusion, desire for self-improvement, promotion of a healthy lifestyle, spirit of associativity

Languages: improve self-confidence, develop analytical thinking, expand their job and career opportunities, develop lifelong ability to communicate with person from other countries and backgrounds

Culture: gaining knowledge about other cultures, multilingualism and its importance; expanded mindset through exploring different points of view on life, open minds, values, critical thinking by analyzing other cultural points of view, tolerance and mutual understanding, exploring identity in a multicultural world, curiosity.

Active citizenship: understanding rights and responsibilities, social role and status, better understanding of society as a whole, how to initiate social change, teamwork and coordination, self-fulfillment and self-expression through social participation, development of pro-social attitudes, spirit of associativity

4. Evaluation and dissemination of results:

The last month of the project will be dedicated to actions relating to the evaluation of project results, the learning outcomes of the target group and volunteers, preparing the methodological booklet containing all methods used in during the activities, preparing the “Youth-pass” and setting up coordination agreements for the continuation of the “communities of interests”

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities bases on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

What will I learn in the First ACT project?

Our methodology of **learning by doing** or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourage commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT 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: ACT 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 ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: ACT will host the volunteers in **rented apartments** in the **city of Bailesti**. 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 4 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM card** 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 ACT**.

Monthly food allowance: 120 euro/month

Pocket money: 90 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 ACT 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:
 - **Associazione Culturale Jumpin – Italy** – valeriajumpin@hotmail.it
 - **ProAtlântico Associação Juvenil – Portugal** - sveenvio@proatlantico.com
 - **Associazione Culturale Link – Italy** - link@linkyouth.org
 - **Asociación Mundus - Un Mundo a tus Pies – Spain** – alberto.unmundoatuspies@gmail.com
 - **Karaman Youth Club Association – Turkey** - karamanyouth@gmail.com
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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