



VOLUNTEERING TEAMS IN HIGH PRIORITY AREAS CALL FOR PROPOSALS EAC/A05/2018

HOPE | Hands-On Project for Europe
PROJECT ALREADY APPROVED BY EACEA

CALL FOR PARTNERS

SUMMARY

High priority areas addressed: Response to environmental and climate changes, including disaster prevention, preparedness and recovery (excluding immediate disaster response).

HOPE project intends to give great visibility to the theme of solidarity and volunteering both with dissemination and information actions and through concrete actions in the fight against climate change.

The project is articulated into **4 group volunteering activities** and each activity is divided into concrete actions and visibility actions aimed at promoting volunteering as a social commitment and as an opportunity for socialization and exchange + **3 complementary activities**.

The project will involve a group of **12 young people** in each of the activities. Each group will consist of **4 local** young people and **8 international** volunteers. These will be selected by **partner organizations** who have gained experience in carrying out international volunteering projects and which regularly carry out activities on environmental issues. Each of the 4 partner organizations will select **2 participants** for each activity, **one of which with fewer opportunities**.

We are looking for sending organizations from the following countries: Estonia, Latvia, Spain, France. Partner organization should be able to commit themselves to actively participate in the whole project: selecting and preparing volunteers, help them in the follow-up and dissemination phase, take part in the 3 complementary activities.

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas #1

Where: Altamura (Italy)

When: 2 weeks, June 2021

Participants: 12 volunteers: 4 Italy, 2 Latvia, 2 Estonia, 2 Spain, 2 France

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

A group of 12 volunteers (8 Europeans and 4 Italians) and 3 youth workers will carry out activities in the field of sustainable development with a specific focus on the issue of environmental protection. The activity is part of a perspective of initiatives aimed at providing answers to the challenge of climate change.

The activities will take place in the external area of the Agorateca (a community library in Altamura managed by Link) and the surrounding urban area, characterized by abandoned green spaces. The **urban regeneration** project includes



cleaning activities, construction of artifacts and elements of street furniture (benches, signs, etc.) with recycled materials, care of the community garden, organizations of social events and community parties with the inhabitants of the neighborhood, tree planting. The practical activities will be alternated with educational activities on the theme of the environment and climate change, on the themes of solidarity and volunteering. The activities will involve young volunteers and the inhabitants of the neighborhood.

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas #2

Where: Altamura / Matera (Italy)

When: 2 weeks, August 2021

Participants: 12 volunteers: 4 Italy, 2 Latvia, 2 Estonia, 2 Spain, 2 France

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

Volunteers will carry out activities in the field of sustainable development with a specific focus on the theme of **conscious consumption**, within a framework of concrete interventions in the fight against climate change. The activities of the first week will take place in Altamura and will include the harvest of tomatoes from a local field and the subsequent transformation into tomato sauce using traditional Apulian techniques. The activities will end with a local solidarity market where the product will be "sold" with a collection of funds that will be allocated to associations that work to support migrants involved in the tomato harvest. The second week will be dedicated to activities in collaboration with the CiBus association of Matera, engaged in the collection of leftover food and redistribution to citizens in economic difficulty. The week will conclude with a public initiative to promote the fight against food waste and illustrate the relationships between food lifestyles and climate change.

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas #3

Where: Gravina in Puglia (Italy)

When: 2 weeks, May 2022

Participants: 12 volunteers: 4 Italy, 2 Latvia, 2 Estonia, 2 Spain, 2 France

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

The activities will be carried out in Gravina in Puglia, a town 12 km far from Altamura. A group of 12 volunteers (8 Europeans and 4 Italians) and 3 youth workers will carry out cleaning and regeneration activities of public spaces in the "Hortus" an area adjacent to the "Officine Culturali" Urban Laboratory and the "Piaggio" district in which this structure falls. It is a run-down neighborhood within which the Laboratory carries out cultural animation and social inclusion activities, where the volunteers will carry out various interventions: garden care, tree planting, social gathering activities in the garden (dinners, concerts, exhibitions, etc.), entertainment activities with children. The activity will be carried out with the collaboration, in addition to Officine Culturali, of the partner association "Upendi" which works with young people with fewer opportunities.

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas #4

Where: Altamura (Italy)

When: 2 weeks, June 2022

Participants: 12 volunteers: 4 Italy, 2 Latvia, 2 Estonia, 2 Spain, 2 France

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

A group of 12 volunteers (8 Europeans and 4 Italians) and 3 youth workers will carry out activities in the field of sustainable development with a specific focus on the theme of conscious consumption, recycling and the fight against poverty. The project will be developed in collaboration with the "Fornello" association of Altamura which manages the "Allegra" boutique where it sells used clothes. Volunteers will participate in the collection of used clothing, in the sanitization and repair process, also collaborating in the sale alongside the group of young immigrants who work there. In the two weeks of activity, the volunteers will also carry out awareness activities on the theme of solidarity, with meetings in schools and a final public event.



COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Complementary Activity #1

Where: Altamura (Italy)

When: 2 working days + 2 travelling days, December 2020

Participants: 1 representative per organization + local partners

Description:

The first day will be dedicated to a planning meeting between the partners, with the value of a kick-off meeting, in order to strengthen the partnership and plan the visibility tools and plan the dissemination actions in details. The second day will be dedicated to a meeting in schools with students to present the program and volunteer opportunities, solidarity projects and internships. In the afternoon a public meeting will be organized open to all citizens with the presence of the institutions, in order to promote the program, the theme of solidarity and European values. The meetings will be given great coverage with a press release that will be sent to the main media.

Complementary Activity #2

Where: Estonia (or other country / partner available to host)

When: 3 working days + 2 travelling days, November 2021

Participants: 1 representative per organization + local partners

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

The first day will be dedicated to a planning meeting between the partners, with an intermediate evaluation, in order to strengthen the partnership and plan the visibility tools and plan the dissemination actions in details. The second and third day will be dedicated to a meeting in schools with the to present the program and the volunteering opportunities, the solidarity projects and the training internships. On the third day a public meeting will be organized open to all citizens with the presence of the institutions, in order to promote the program, the theme of solidarity and European values. The meetings will be given great coverage with a press release that will be sent to the main of the country.

Complementary Activity #1

Where: Altamura (Italy)

When: 3 working days + 2 travelling days, August 2022

Participants: 1 representative per organization + local partners

Participation of young people with fewer opportunities: half of the group from each country.

Description:

The first day will be dedicated to an evaluation meeting between the partners, in order to strengthen the partnership and make an overall evaluation of the project as well as plan the dissemination actions in details. The second day will be dedicated to setting up the photo exhibition and organizing a large public event that will take place on the third day. During the meeting to which students from all high schools will be invited, the program and opportunities for volunteering, solidarity projects and training internships will be presented. During the meeting, the photographic exhibition will be inaugurated and the video of the HOPE project will be shown. The meeting will be given great coverage with a press release that will be sent to the media of the region.

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