

New Era.

Argos, Greece



Volunteering Teams
in High Priority Areas

August 7th- September 7th (including travel days)



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Join the New E.R.A.



Live for 1 month in Hopeland, a 7-acre eco place in southern Greece focusing on sustainability and co-create your dream community with 14 more volunteers from around Europe.

Put your **hands, mind** and **creativity** into use in order to support the **hosting of group trainings and residencies**, to assist with the **enhancement of the place** and to **connect with the local community** of Hopeland.

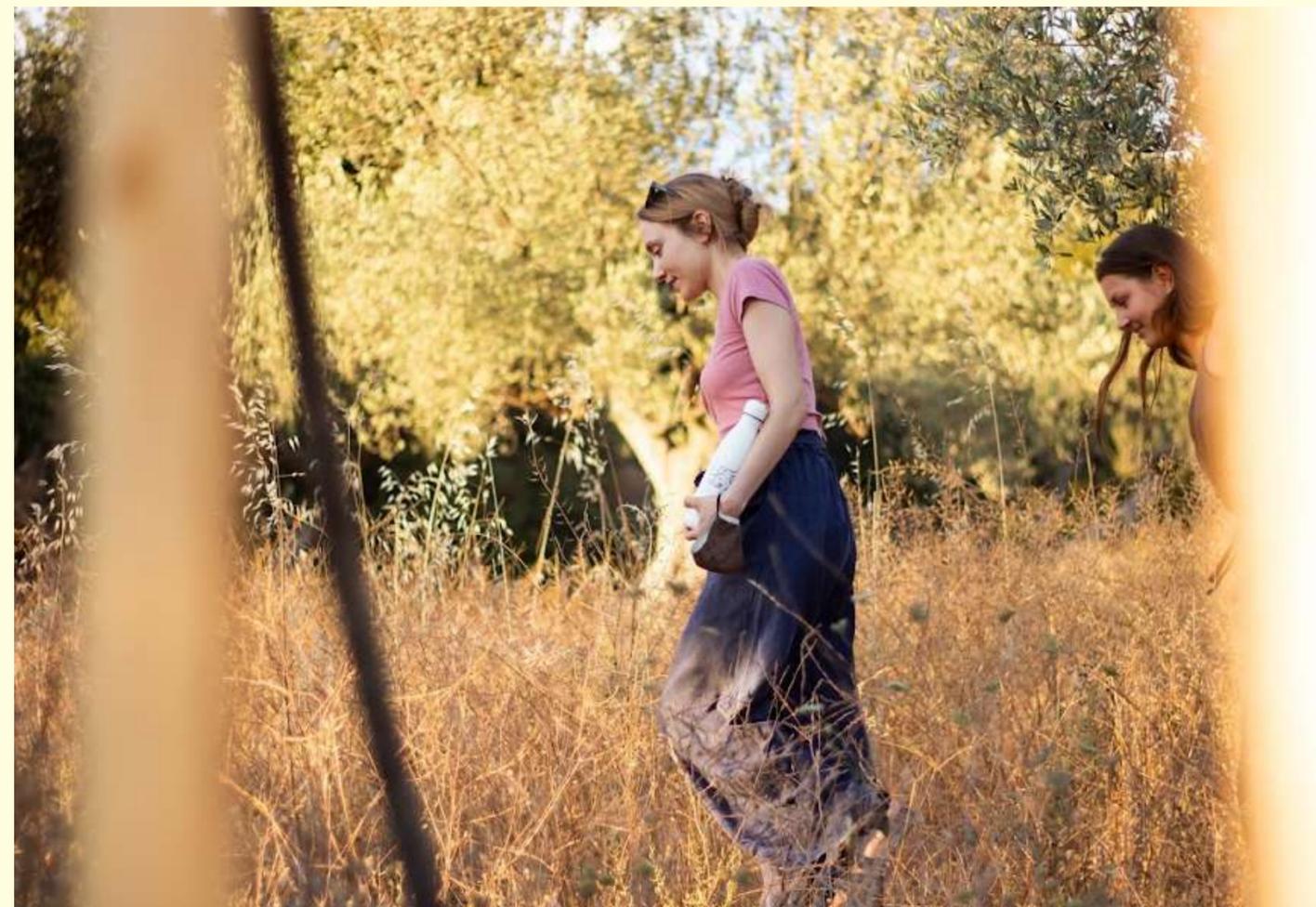


Hopeland - Context

Hopeland is an **educational eco community**, located in a rural remote area in the south part of Greece. The venture is built with lots of love and (mainly) with natural materials from volunteers, visitors and guests who visited the place the last 10 years with **a vision to create a place where sustainability meets tradition, culture and personal development.**

The dream is that Hopeland is a place that belongs to its at-the-moment residents. It took many years for the local community around Hopeland to understand the whole idea and dream. Since 2017, we have started hosting Erasmus+ projects in place and this shifted a lot of the general mindset around us.

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Pillars of the project

- E** Engage **01**
- R** Root **02**
- A** Act **03**



Engage

E



One of the parts of the project is to **reach out and connect with the local community and the local initiatives of the surrounding area.**

We aim to build **long-lasting partnerships** with locals and **organize common activities** in general and during the E.R.A. project.

**Connect with the local community
& Networking**



Root

R



Everyone is encouraged to leave their **personal mark!**

By joining this project you are already considered a “Hopelander”, the place also belongs to you. You can develop your own project (make a documentary about someone’s life, a DIY project, create a storage room, a strong partnership with a local or international initiative) – it’s literally up to you!

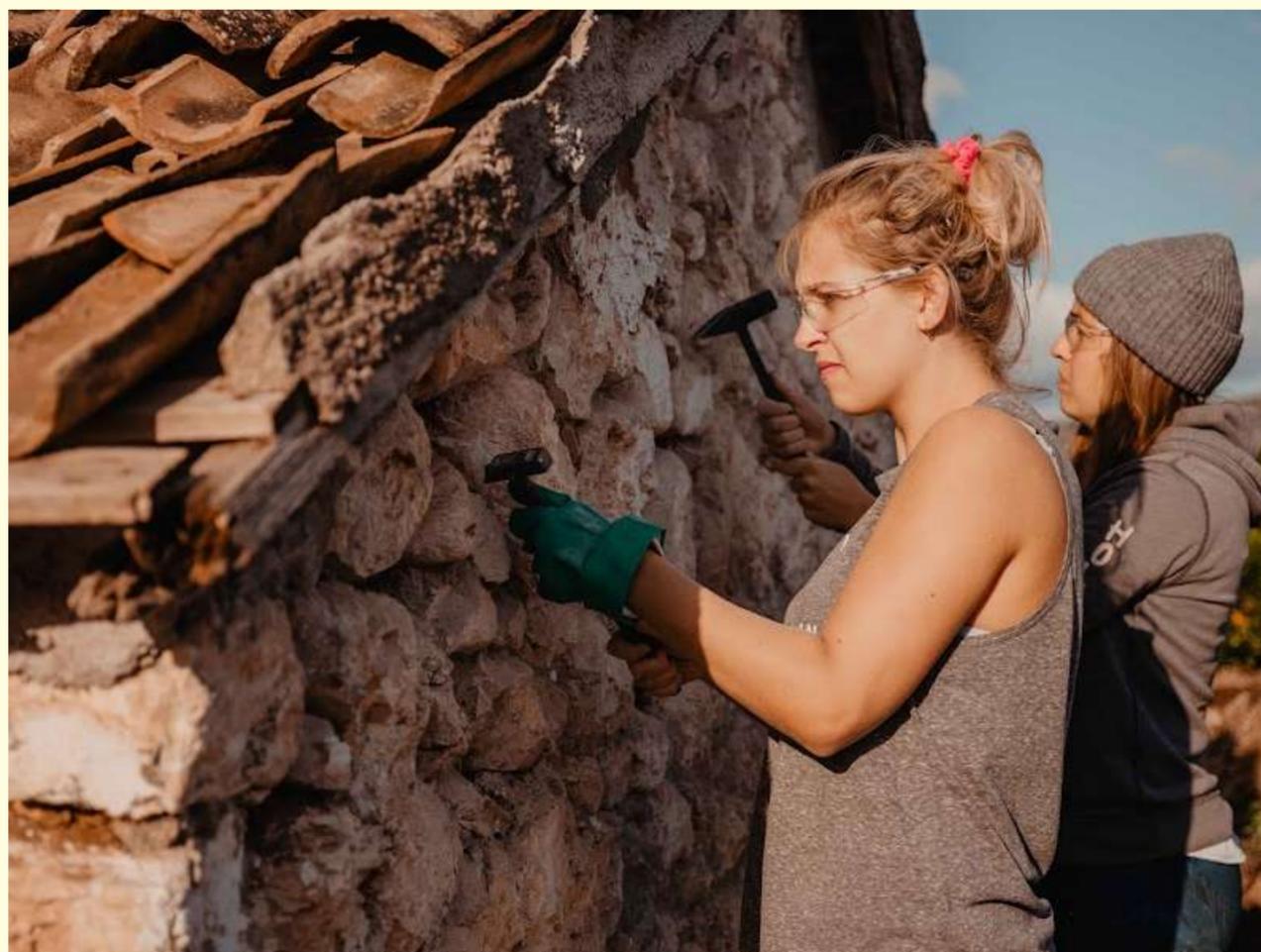
Here, the sky’s the limit.

Personal Mark. Reflection. Skills. Attitudes



Act

A



Hands-on actions and activities focusing on the improvement of the place is an essential part of our project.

It can be eco-building, farming, opening paths, making wooden constructions and in general improving the infrastructure, the facilities and the sustainability factors of the place, with the overall aim to support in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

Hands on Work. Doing



For Whom?

We are offering this opportunity to 15 participants, legal residents in any of the Erasmus + Programme Countries, including Greece.

This project is also open to those who have completed 14 months of ESC/EVS volunteering programs.



There are several requirements from the programme itself and a profile that we would like to focus on:

Profile

- 18–30 years old (not older than 31 on the 8th of August 2022)
- Eager to learn or already have the knowledge or experience with the thematic of the project
- Enthusiastic with hands-on activities.
- Eager to take initiatives and create opportunities for themselves and society.
- Ready to live in a rural environment with basic conditions for 4 weeks.
- Ready to be challenged into aligning together with people from different cultures into making together a sustainable community.
- People with a clear plan and vision regarding their participation in the project and beyond.
- Extreme priority will be given to those that are facing or faced any kind of troubles in life.

Special skills

- We are also looking for a couple of volunteers with media skills such as photography and filmmaking for documenting this whole experience for everyone but also support Hopeland activities, digital marketing and promotions.



Hopeland - the Venture



Hopeland is a venture that aims at creating and supporting activities for parents, children and adults regarding the Environment, Tradition, Culture and Personal Development, while promoting sustainability at all levels.

It aims at setting an example of self-sufficiency in practice. Some of its main objectives are natural building, natural farming, recycling, respect for nature and reducing the ecological footprint.



Hopeland - the location

Hopeland is situated **on a hill** near the village Malandreni and **located 130km** (approximately 2h) **south of Athens**. The nearest town is **Argos** which **is 12 km** away where you can find anything from small shops to supermarkets, banks, post offices, and bus stations. Closer to Hopeland and **4 km away** you can find **small shops for shopping and coffee**. Shops there are limited and unfortunately, it's not in walking distance so smart and **sustainable planning of supplies is needed**.

Hopeland center/estate, is located in a 7.7-acre piece of land, with old olive trees, almond and other trees, native herbs and it is surrounded by a forest and boasts, 5 oversize yew trees (which are protected by the local Forest Protection Service), as well as a 400- year-old oak tree.





Accommodation & Facilities

Facilities in Hopeland are basic but made with lots of love and work from previous Hopelanders



Accommodation is happening in a big camping area, the **Village**, equipped with **5 big teepee tents**, with 3 beds and 3 furniture for personal items in each tipi. The Village is the Volunteers Area.



The whole venture **runs in solar panels**, therefore, **electricity is limited** and on rainy days or days with strong consumption of electricity, we can run out of electric power



Due to that fact, there is **no possibility of using hair dryers** and **washing of clothes can only be done in the traditional way.**



There is **wifi** in the area but **very limited** because **it is a 4G connection**. For this, we recommend using your own 4G or mindfully use the wifi.



The guest house has **2 indoor toilets**, an **indoor shower** and **two more outdoor showers**. Additionally, there are two more toilets and showers in the camping area and two compost toilets around the estate.



There is a **separate kitchen building** and a roofed dining area with all the necessary equipment for cooking and dining.



Hopeland is a **vegetarian, no-drugs venture**. We believe that human beings can reach the utmost of their potential without the consumption of substances.



Get a glimpse from past Volunteering Teams

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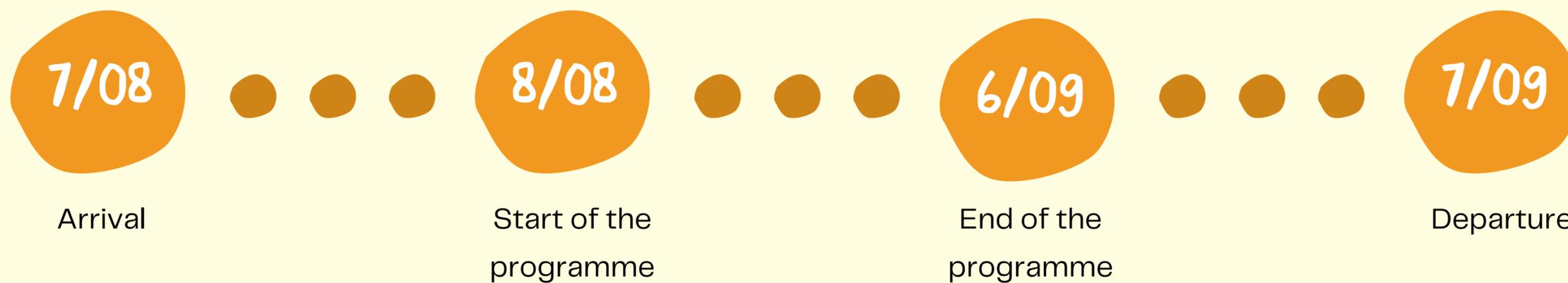


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Time frame



- You can stay up to one week before or after the project if you wish, but you will have to cover your own costs for those days.



Practicals



Pocket money

You will receive 5€/day for your living money



Food money

You will receive a weekly budget for all the group in order to cook altogether (for sustainability reasons)



Reimbursement

Your travel costs will be reimbursed according to the distance between your home and Hopeland.



Insurance Youthpass

Besides the European Health insurance card you are going to be offered a private insurance too

You are entitled to receive a YouthPass certificate where you are expected to self-assess your own learning



Covid-19



The programme was originally designed without the influence of COVID-19. However sometimes plans need to be changed in order to adapt to the reality for this reason:

We are going to follow all the current Greek legislation and take any required measures in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

You are asked to follow all the "at the time"/latest regulations to enter Greece according to the Reopen EU <https://reopen.europa.eu/>.

We are going to use all the necessary precautions "at the time" needed interacting with groups (masks, gloves, sanitiser etc.) We will adjust together (if needed) the activities of the programme in order to fit the "at the time" COVID-19 regulations of the Greek Government.



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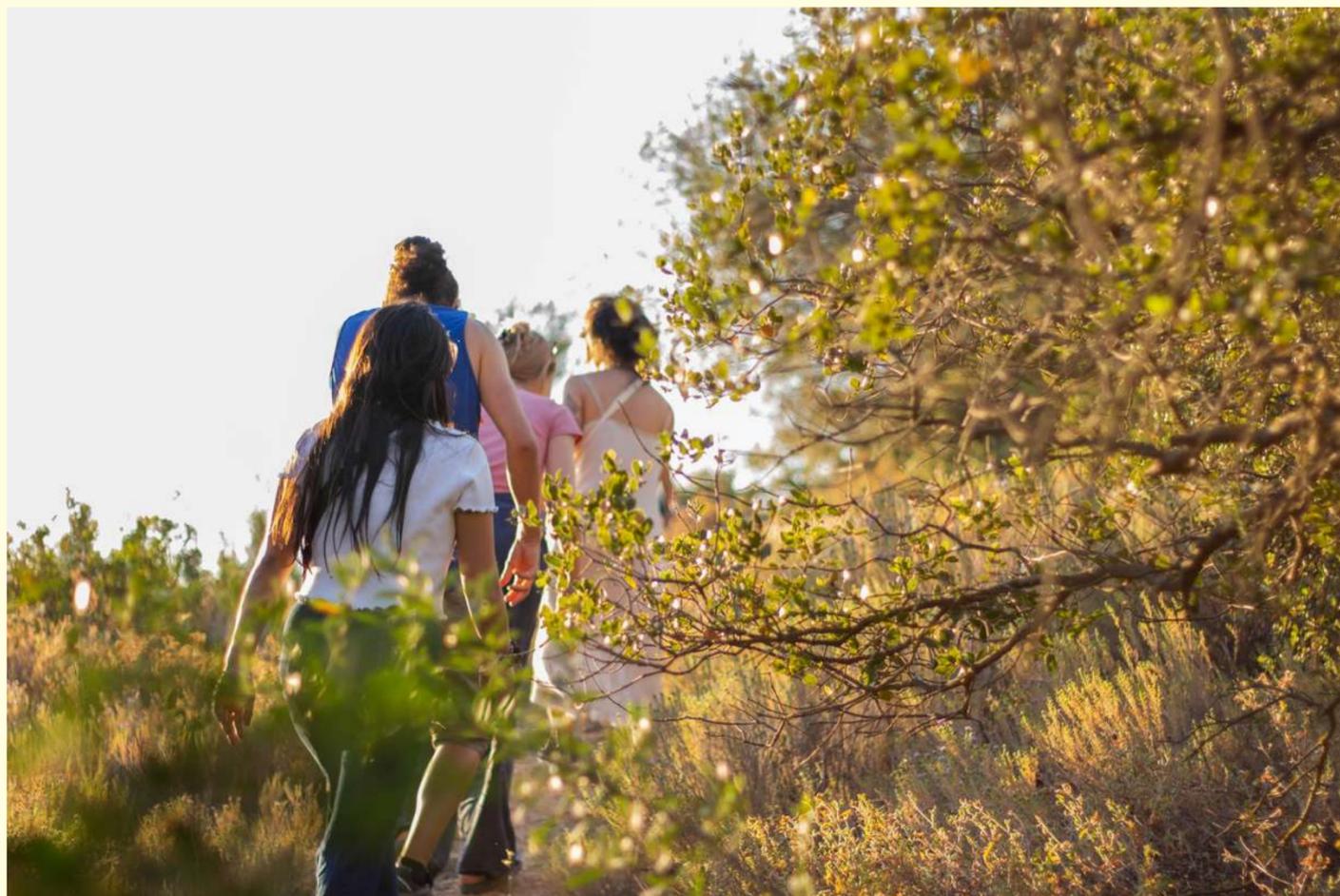
The New E.R.A is a **3-year project** based on the concept of creating a healthy environment that fosters a healthy lifestyle and **positive wellbeing for local communities**, surrounding networks and future (local and international) generations. It focuses on three objectives, the mental, community-centered and physical wellbeing.

This year, the two first Volunteering Teams will take place in Hopeland, Greece and Pravets Municipality, Bulgaria, where volunteers will explore new methods to enhance their mental wellbeing through hands-on and outdoor activities, community building & sustainability, while creating a positive, long-term impact for the local communities.





Instead of Conclusion



During the last couple of years, the impact of COVID-19 on people, communities, organizations, as well as the environment has been immense. This means that we look for creating a balanced and harmonious connection with each other and within ourselves, body and mind.

Our vision is to promote and support the creation of a healthy lifestyle through the connection with the natural environment and to build inclusive relationships with the local communities via activities such as workshops, community work and events. We are aiming at a sustainable approach –from a holistic perspective– in order to grow ourselves and the community by returning to our roots. We are inviting you to contribute with ideas and actions and to share your experiences.

We are looking forward to improving our wellbeing together!



Are you joining the new Era?

If what you've read so far resonates with you and you are ready to live and work for a month in Hopeland, then...

[APPLY HERE](#)





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