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Hosting organisation: A4ACTION - ASOCIAȚIA PENTRU INIȚIATIVE ȘI DEZVOLTARE CONTINUĂ

Where: Ghermănești (Snagov), Romania

When: May 2023 until January 2024

Are you looking for an opportunity to gain valuable experience in youth development while immersing yourself in a vibrant and unique culture? Look no further! We are excited to host volunteers from EU countries to take part in our upcoming ESC project in Ghermănești (Snagov), Romania. This life-changing project will run from May 2023 until January 2024.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work closely with young people in the community and organise new educational programs based on non-formal learning. This will give you the chance to develop your leadership and organisational skills while making a real impact on the lives of local children and young people.

But that's not all! You will also have the opportunity to develop your digital skills and contribute to the creation of an online Youth Centre, where we will develop exciting online lessons, articles and videos on topics such as volunteering, cultural diversity, and the experience of being an international volunteer.

Not only will you be making a positive impact in the community, but you will also be embarking on an incredible personal journey that will undoubtedly change your life forever.

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

The volunteers will create, organise and implement the following activities:

1. Educational activities:

- set up a non-formal club that will run activities in 2 schools and 1 high school in Snagov community (non-formal learning activities, human rights, citizen rights, etc.);
- organise and implement non-formal learning activities in A4ACTION Youth Centre (outdoor and indoor activities), together with the local volunteers;
- organise international evenings during the project, with the aim of promoting different cultural values from the volunteers' origin countries;

2. Content creation:

- set up an online Youth Centre where we will develop online lessons, articles and videos on topics such as volunteering, cultural diversity, but also uploading materials that capture the experience of volunteers in the community;
- update the A4ACTION website, Facebook and Instagram pages (editing pictures and videos and uploading them);

3. Administrative activities:

- initiate, start and deploy new projects based on the needs of children and youngsters from Snagov community and from the communities in which our partners are involved;
- participate in A4ACTION meetings (one time per week);
- promote the project, the association and our activities within the community;
- create posts and articles that will be uploaded to the A4ACTION website, Facebook and Instagram pages;

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

To ensure the success of the project, the volunteers will work hand in hand with our amazing team and local volunteers at the A4ACTION Youth Centre. Each day, our volunteers will dedicate 8 hours of their time, including lunch break, and travel time to and from the Youth Centre, schools, and high schools.

PROFILE OF THE SELECTED VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers aged between 18 and 30 years, who are actively involved in a NGO in their country, and who have worked with young people or children at least once. We value result orientated, ambitious youngsters, willing to develop themselves and meet the following criteria:

- To be an European Solidarity Corps programme and partner countries resident (EU countries + Iceland, North Macedonia, Turkey, Liechtenstein + Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Norway, Palestine, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine)
- To have finished secondary school or equivalent
- To be unemployed at the time of selection

The selected volunteers should be interested in the topic of the project and willing to:

- Promote the values of the European Union in the community where the activity will be held;
- Promote volunteering and its benefits for young people;
- Get involved in promoting non-formal learning with the children/youngsters from the community;
- Work with school and high school youngsters;
- Share their experience and skills with others;
- Have some experience and skills in the social field and in the work with children and youngsters;
- Contribute to the development of future projects;
- Contribute to the development of the online Youth Centre;
- Contribute to the development of the A4ACTION Youth Centre;
- Adapt within a community where another language is spoken;
- Be interested to learn Romanian language (the local language);
- Be strongly motivated to make a positive change in their own local community (upon returning home at the end of this ESC project);
- Be passionate about editing videos, audio files and pictures and willing to learn even more about it;
- Be interested in learning how to create podcasts.

They need to be willing to integrate in the community from the rural area (Ghermănești village) - 30 km from the capital (Bucharest city), a community where the leisure activities are less numerous than in other big cities from Romania.

BENEFITS

- Transport cost reimbursement (to come to Romania and to go back to their countries of residence) according to the band distance;

- Pocket and food money;
- Accommodation shared with the other volunteers;
- Logistical support for activities;
- Short workshops and training, such as: on-arrival training, welcome meeting, working with youth, non-formal learning, safety and security, self-motivation, teamwork, digital design etc.
- Online Romanian language courses;
- A mentor who will support the process of learning and personal development;
- The opportunity to work in a multicultural team;
- Medical insurance during the full volunteering period assured by CIGNA Insurance Plan. The medical insurance will cover only the remaining expenses that the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) does not cover.

HOW TO APPLY

All interested volunteers are asked to complete the [online application form](#) and send the following documents until to the following email address: irina.ilau@a4action.ro

- Europass CV

Applicants selected after the first phase will be contacted directly by email for setting up a Zoom interview.

