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1 OCTOBER 2015 - 30 APRIL 2016

(7 months)

**EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY
SERVICE - EVS**

Basic Information:

- Location for activities: Bucharest- Romania and Targu-Jiu- Romania
- Field of work for EVS: Education (After-School and Kindergarden), Training and Youth (Organization office, Youth events)
- Activities to be performed by EVS volunteers: Activities using non-formal education framework, English for children, Spanish and Italian for children, Entrepreneurial education, Computer skills, etc.
- EVS stage dates: **1 October 2015 - 30 April 2016**
- Participating countries: Spain, Italy and Bulgaria (2 volunteers from each country)
- Age required for volunteers: 18-30 years
- Working language for activities: English

Description of the Project and Main Objectives:

The current education system in Romania faces a lack of practical skills to be transferred to students from small ages. Most of the teaching methods are based on theory and big amounts of information, thus the students reach the point to have a serious lack of practical key competences, which are essential for personal development since early ages. The civil society and NGOs have an important role in trying to sustain the young people since early ages, in order to implement complementary methods of non-formal and informal education, in order to sustain the development of individuals.

The main objectives of the EVS stage are:

- Development of entrepreneurial skills, cultural skills, communication in a foreign language, social and digital competences for volunteers and young people using means of non-formal education.
- Development of the "Small Entrepreneur Interactive Guide".
- Creation of a large-scale network with the role of a meeting point for young people, volunteers, NGOs, youth workers, etc
- Implementation of youth events with young people from Targu-Jiu and Bucharest.

EVS mobility - Description and Main Activities:

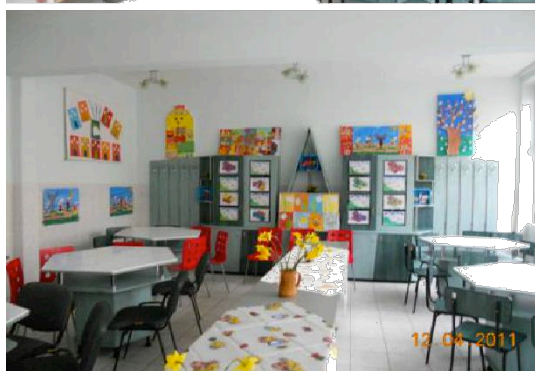
The EVS mobility will be implemented in the following cities:

- Targu-Jiu-Romania https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T%C3%A2rgu_Jiu
- Bucharest-Romania <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bucharest>

The mobility will last for a **7 month** period, between **1 October 2015 and 30 April 2016**. The project will involve 6 volunteers from Spain, Italy and Bulgaria (2 from each country). The volunteers will work closely with gymnasium students and kindergarden children from Targu-Jiu and Bucharest. The project will help the volunteers to develop their skills, abilities and competences by working closely with children and ensuring mentoring and after-school activities.

The weekly activity schedule for volunteers consists in:

- The volunteers will work on project activities 5 days per week from Monday to Friday, meaning a total of 30 hours per week (6 hours/ day):
 - Non-formal activities and workshops in educational institutions from Targu-Jiu and Bucharest (Karolina Afterschool - Targu-Jiu, Ana Iugojana Kindergarden - Bucharest, School 199 - Bucharest and others) - 4 hours per day from Monday to Friday
 - Romanian language sessions - 2 hours (1 session/week)
 - Working in organization - 4 hours / week
 - Other non-formal events for youth in Targu-Jiu and Bucharest) – 4 hours/week
- The main activities will include working with gymnasium students and kindergarden children from Targu-Jiu and Bucharest. Most of the activities will take place in Karolina Afterschool in Targu-Jiu, and other primary school/kindergardens in Bucharest. The activities will be focused exclusively on non-formal education methods.
- The volunteers will benefit of 2 hours per week of Romanian language sessions.
- The volunteers will have 2 hours of mentorship meeting per week.
- During the EVS mobility, there will be few activities that will take place outside Targu-Jiu and Bucharest, with youth from other local communities.
- Volunteers will also participate in the coordination team for various projects organized by the host association in Romania (youth exchanges, training courses, local projects, etc.)



Volunteer profile:

In order to take part in the EVS mobility, the candidates must fulfill the following criteria:

- Age of the volunteer must be between 18 and 30
- A gender balance is recommended
- The persons selected must be active, enthusiastic, have team spirit, prove willingness for involvement in voluntary activities involving young people
- Sound experience in working with young people or involvement in previous youth projects represents an advantage
- The volunteer must support the host organization in fulfilling the tasks according to the activities of the project
- Volunteers must have an average knowledge of English language

Interested candidates will fill the **Participant Application Form** and a **Letter of Motivation**, and send to **CVS-Bulgaria**. Sending organizations will make the pre-selection of volunteers according to the criteria above. The final selection will be made by the host organization, following a Skype interview. Please send your documents (**Participant Application Form** and a **Letter of Motivation**) in English by **2 August 2015** to longterm@cvs-bg.org. All candidates will be informed about the final decision.

Transport:

Selected volunteers should purchase 2 way tickets from their country of origin to Bucharest, Romania. Arrival date should be no later than **1 October 2015**. Departure date should be on **30 April 2016**. Volunteers will buy the tickets **only after the confirmation from host organization**.

For international travel, the following travel cost limits apply per person:

Country	Distance band (km)	Max. reimbursement limit
Spain	2000 - 2999 km	360 euro
Italy	500 - 1999 km	275 euro
Bulgaria	100 - 499 km	180 euro

*Taxi or private car transport cannot be covered.

Reimbursement of international travel costs will be made within 15 days from the arrival of volunteers. Reimbursement can only be done by bank transfer. For the plane transport, the original documents needed are:

- **E-ticket**
- **Invoice**
- **Proof of payment or receipt**

- **Boarding passes**

Selected volunteers must buy the plane tickets no later than **1 September 2015**.

Local transport

The local transport in Targu-Jiu and Bucharest during the EVS mobility, as well as other costs directly related to project activities will be fully covered by the host organization.

Each volunteer will receive during the 7 months of the EVS mobility the followings:

- For Bucharest: Monthly subscription to the Bucharest Metro system with unlimited number of travels
- For Targu-Jiu: Monthly subscription to the Targu-Jiu metropolitan transport company (buses, trolleys) with unlimited number of travels

Accommodation and Meal:

Targu-Jiu: Accommodation of the 2 volunteers will be made in a 2 room flat
Bucharest: Accommodation of the 4 volunteers will be made in a 3 room flat

Volunteers will be hosted in rooms for 2 persons, with access to all facilities, including kitchen, bathrooms, etc. The volunteers will have the living room for preparing the activities, meetings, leisure.

Both accommodation facilities have good Wi-Fi Internet. Accommodation costs are fully covered by the host organization.

Meal costs are covered by the host organization. Each volunteer will receive 140 euro/month as meal allocation. Additionally, each volunteer will receive 60 euro/month representing pocket money.



Logistics and other information:

- Each volunteer will have one mentor allocated, who will work closely with the person and support the volunteer during the EVS stage.
- For communication, we will provide one phone for each 2 volunteers, with a monthly credit limit of 5 euro/month.
- Each volunteer will be provided with a total monthly allowance of 200 euro (140 euro - meal allocation + 60 euro pocket money)
- Each volunteer will be fully insured by the host organization with AXA medical insurance
- All the other information regarding logistics, safety measures, specific activities during the EVS stage will be done at the arrival meeting
- **Each sending organization will organize a pre-arrival meeting with the volunteers and present the specific details of an EVS mobility within Erasmus+**

What to prepare or bring with you?

- **All your travel documents** as presented above (e-ticket, invoice, prove of payment, boarding passes).
- Health documents and or/medicines (if needed)
- Digital camera with chargers and laptop (if available)

- **Clothes:** The weather in Romania is variable, with temperatures varying between -15 degrees Celsius during the winter and 30 degrees Celsius during the summer. We recommend the volunteers to take various clothes with them.
<http://www.accuweather.com/en/ro/bucharest/287430/weather-forecast/287430>
 - **Research and information about methods of non-formal education, means of working with young students from gymnasium or with children from kindergarten**
 - We recommend to the volunteers to prepare well and look for this matter before arriving in the EVS stage
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- **Good spirit, joy and happiness!!!**

About Bucharest and Targu-Jiu:

With a surface area of 238,391 square kilometers (92,043 sq mi), Romania is the largest country in southeastern Europe and the twelfth-largest in Europe. The Danube flows into the Black Sea within Romania's territory forming the Danube Delta, the second largest and best preserved delta in Europe, and also a biosphere reserve and a biodiversity World Heritage Site.

According to the census data from 2011, Romania's population is about 20 million people. Bucharest is the capital and the largest city in Romania. Romania has four other cities that are among the European Union's 100 most populous: Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara, Iași and Constanța.

Bucharest has a growing cultural scene, in fields including the visual arts, performing arts and nightlife. There is no central nightlife strip, with entertainment venues dispersed throughout the city, with clusters in Lipscani and Regie. The city hosts some of the best electronic music clubs in Europe such as Kristal Glam Club and Studio Martin.

Bucharest has landmark buildings and monuments. Perhaps the most prominent of these is the Palace of the Parliament, built in the 1980s during the reign of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu. The largest Parliament building in the world, the Palace houses the Romanian Parliament (the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate), as well as the National Museum of Contemporary Art. The building boasts one of the largest convention centers in the world.

Targu-Jiu is the capital of Gorj County, a region of rolling meadows, grassy hills and mountain scenery with plenty of natural and cultural attractions to explore. Tiny towns and villages dot the county, and contain some marvelous traditional architecture. Several spa towns and monasteries high in the mountains make for popular excursions.

A former Roman settlement, the city of Targu Jiu lies at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, on the banks of the river Jiu. Inhabited since Paleolithic times, the region of western Oltenia was of strategic importance to the Romans. The area provided direct access, through one of the most spectacular passes in the Carpathians, to present-day Transylvania, the

heart of the former Dacian Kingdom.

Constantin Brancusi, one of the most influential modern sculptors of the 20th century, was born in Targu Jiu. Although he lived and worked for most of his life in Paris, his legacy is also preserved in Romania, in the city of Targu Jiu: The Table of Silence, The Kiss Gate, The Endless Column. The Jiu River valley was the scene of heavy fighting during World War I and World War II. Here, in a monumental ensemble, Brancusi created the three sculptures as a memorial to the 8,500 Romanian soldiers who died defending the Jiu Valley in Second World War.



For more details you can check out the following links:

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romania>
- <http://www.romaniatourism.com/>

Contact:

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