

# **Equity Farm**

Short Term European Voluntary Service, Erasmus + program.

Dear Partners,

we are glad to inform you that our Short Term EVS "Equity Farm" has been approved! Therefore, we ask you to follow the information on this info-kit for the selection of the participants and preparation of the activities.

# **BASIC INFORMATION.**

ACTIVITY DATES: 01. 08. 2017 arrival - 28. 09. 2017 departure (total duration of EVS 59 days).

ELIGIBILITY: 01.05.2016 (after this date you can buy tickets for volunteers).

LOCATION: CASAPESENNA, SANTA MARIA LA FOSSA, CASAL DI PRINCIPE, PARETE (ITALY).

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: BULGARIA, ROMANIA, GREECE, SPAIN AND CROATIA.

NUMBER OF EVS VOLUNTEARS: 5 participants (1 from each partner country).

AGE OF THE PARTECIPANTS: 20 - 25\*

<u>PROFILE OF THE PARTECIPANTS.</u> To reach the objectives of the project and maximize the learning out comes for the volunteers, participants should have some specific knowledge and personal attitudes not necessary linked to their studies or previous work. First of all knowledge of the English, like a starting point for the communication. <u>The volunteers should have predisposition to live and work in multicultural contexts, spirit of initiative, willingness to get involved and enjoy new experiences with open and prepositive mind.</u>

Considering the theme of the proposed activities, the volunteers should have the personal inclination for rural work; be responsible and able to follow timetable of the activities.

\* To promote integration among the participants, the selections will be oriented towards the volunteers with the same range of age in order to avoid huge age gap between them.

# PARTNERS.

- P1. Applicant, Hosting and Coordinating org. Associazione GIOSEF Giovani Senza Frontiere Italy.
- P2. Sending org. COOPERATION FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE BULGARIA;
- P3. Sending org. UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA GREECE;
- P4. Sending org. ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA SPAIN;
- P5. Sending org. Udruga za kreativni i odrzivi razvoj KOR CROATIA;
- P6. Sending org. Asociatia Synergy ROMANIA.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**

The project "Equity farm" is a short-term EVS that will take place in Municipalities of Casapesenna, Parete and Santa Maria la Fossa. The activities will be take place from 1th August to 28th September 2017 and they will involve 5 EVS volunteers from Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Greece.





The volunteers will be hosted in "Il Paguro" the youth hostel of Casapesenna in double or triple rooms.

The hostel is a new building with all comforts: wi-fi, laundry, kitchen, pc's, TV and air conditioning.

The main aim of the project is to recover and restitute to the local community of confiscated goods from Camorra (Camorra is the name given to the criminal organizations of Campania Region).

In the area of Province of Caserta, as well as in other regions of Italy, the existence of organized crime has forced the State to enact a specific law that allows the seizing of properties from mafia and their social reuse.

We will carry out activities on a land of approximately 5 hectares, where during last year the volunteers of "Giosef Caserta" and "Nero e non solo Onlus" associations are working on the creation of an open pic-nic area and a snail farm.

The EVS project is part of broader and more structured actions on the territory that involved associations realise in past years. The main one is the "social work camps" usually carried out during the months of July, August and September in order to promote volunteering, territory, legality and the fight against exploitation of immigrants in agriculture.

The "social work camps" involve many young volunteers from different regions of Italy and through our EVS project; the participants will work side by side with local young people and with the volunteers of "social work camp" on the construction of the picnic area and snail's farm.

Moreover, EVS volunteers will be involved in the organization and management of local activities, such as cooking free meals for immigrants that work in local farms, social inclusion activities and cultural animation for young refugees living in the area and promotion of cultural diversity and social inclusion.

#### General objectives:

Construction of a pic-nic area and snail's farm in a property confiscate from Camorra with help of EVS participants, young people of local community and volunteers from "social work camps". Promotion of inclusion and integration of young immigrants of territory throw the activities of social animation.

#### Specific objectives:

- 1.Increase the impact and improve the results of the "social work camps" called "Terra di Lavoro e Dignità" through volunteering and active participation of young people from Italy and Europe.
- 2. Speed up the recovery of confiscated property through the economic self-sustainability with the start-up of the snail's farm.
- 3.Improve the positive perception of confiscated goods for the local community through the construction of the free pic-nic area.
- 4.Increase the visibility and dissemination of the activities of "social work camps" on the local, national and European level through promotion that highline the good practices developed in the area;
- 5. Promote the volunteering, active participation, European citizenship, cultural diversity and antiracism through volunteering work.
- 6.Enhance and promote European Union fundamental values through the European Voluntary Service.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES.**

The EVS activities are based on weekly timetable and they are strictly linked to the activities of the "Work Camps". The EVS volunteers will work five days per week with two free days. The main activities will be done in the morning from 8.00 till 12.00 o'clock and they will be focused on the construction of the pic-nic area and a snail farm. During the afternoon starting from 15.00, the EVS volunteers will support members of the Giosef Caserta association to organize and manage meetings and activities with the local community, other organizations working in confiscated good, youth field and social work. The timetable of the afternoon activities will be flexible and will be organized in advance with involved partners.





## **DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRITORY.**

The project will take place in Casapesenna and neighboring towns. This territory is characterized by a historical presence of organized crime. Thanks to the struggle made during the '90 by civil society and associations, now this phenomenon belongs to the past.

Nevertheless, the activities of organized crime have impoverished this territory and prevented economic and cultural growth. Our organization is actively involved in a promotion of activities with a purpose to reduce the influence of the camorra mentally on young people of the territory.

Casapesenna is 30 km away from Caserta and Napoli, cities that can by reached by train in 20 min. The train station of Albanova situated in Casapesenna give the opportunity to reach Rome in 1h30min.

### TRAVEL COSTS.

Following new guidelines of the Erasmus + program, the applicant organization will reimburse your travel costs according to the following Distance Band. Travel costs will be refund after the presentation by volunteers of travel documents attesting the expenses.

Name of the association	N° of volunteers	From	То	Distance Band	Travel Grant per participant
COOPERATION FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE	1	BULGARIA	Casal di Principe/Casapesenna	500 - 1999 km	275.00
UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA	1	GREECE	Casal di Principe/Casapesenna	500 - 1999 km	275.00
ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA	1	SPAIN	Casal di Principe/Casapesenna	500 - 1999 km	275.00
Udruga za kreativni i odrzivi razvoj KOR –	1	CROATIA	Casal di Principe/Casapesenna	500 - 1999 km	275.00
Asociatia Synergy	1	ROMANIA	Casal di Principe/Casapesenna	500 - 1999 km	275.00

<sup>\*</sup>this costs will cover the trip of volunteers to arrive in Casal di Principe/Casapesenna and to come back home at the end of the project.

### POKET MONEY.

Each volunteer will receive 115,00 euro per month like an individual support granted by Erasmus + program for additional personal expenses. Giosef – Caserta association will cover all other costs regarding the project like accommodation and food and trips to the workplace.





### ACCOMMODATION.

The volunteers will stay in a youth hostel called "Il Paguro". The volunteers will share the room divided per gender, there will be a room with 2-3 boys and the room with 2-3 girls. The flor where the EVS volunteers will stay will be completely dedicated for them. The bathrooms are out of the rooms

The hostel are equipped with full bedding, a kitchen complete with ovens and washing facilities.

For more information visit: http://ilpaguro.eu/

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#### HOW TO REACH THE PLACE OF THE PROJECT.

If you travel to Naples "Capodichino" airport there is a bus "Alibus" running from the Airport every 30 minutes to reach Central Railway station "Garibaldi". From there you can take a train to "Albanova" train station in Casapesenna, this station can be reach by train running on railway line Napoli - Formia – Roma.

If you travel to Rome you have to reach Roma Termini Railway Station, from both Airports (Ciampino and Fiumicino) there are buses to Roma Termini (In Fiumicino there is also a railway station. You can take an express train and go directly to Roma Termini).

Once you arrive in Roma Termini you have to take a train running on railway line Roma - Formia — Napoli and reach train station "Albanova" in Casapesenna.

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