

INFO PACK

HANDS - HARVESTING, ANALYSING AND NOURISHING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Your Guide to the project

VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

20 MAY - 10 JULY 2025

Sicily, Italy

25 PLACES AVAILABLE



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PROJECT DATES

Activity days: from 21st of May to 9th of July, 2025

Arrival day: 20th of May

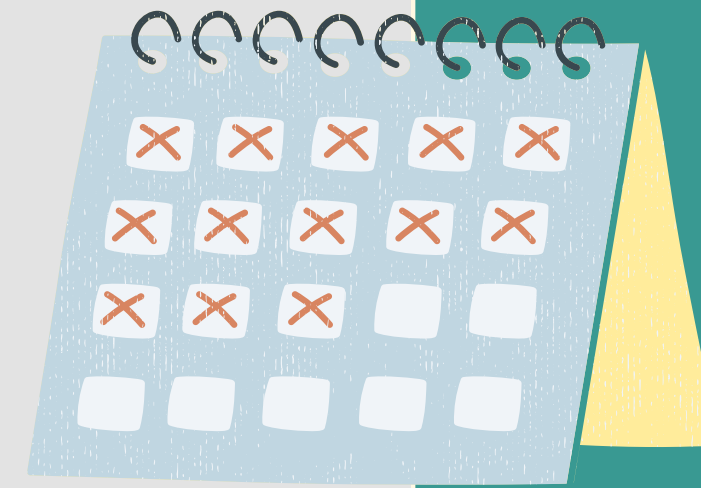
Departure day: 10th of July

You can also arrive in Sicily the day before, day 19th of May, but in that case the expenses related to food and lodging for that day will be your responsibility, that is, you have to actually pay for it.

The same applies to departures, you can depart from Sicily also on 11th of July.

PLEASE NOTE.

Should you decide to arrive and/or leave a few days earlier than 19th of May or later than 11th of July, **reimbursement of travel expenses is not possible.**



PROJECT INFORMATION

HANDS - Harvesting, Analysing and Nourishing Development Strategies project takes the form of Volunteering Teams of the European Solidarity Corps and aims to create learning opportunities and experiences based on Non-Formal Education, targeting disadvantaged children and youth from different areas of Sicily. Volunteers will be immersed in a dynamic and complex reality, learning not only to identify and address the needs of disadvantaged communities, but also to develop innovative and adaptive educational approaches.

5 KEY OBJECTIVES

- **INNOVATIVE LEARNING METHODS:** Develop and apply new itinerant pedagogical approaches to improve access to education and fight educational poverty.
- **STRONGER EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY:** equip Sicilian educators with innovative tools to address local challenges and share solutions with nearby areas.
- **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT:** Actively engage disadvantaged youth in project activities, fostering their skills and community participation.
- **LOCAL NEEDS:** Address educational and social exclusion through sustainable methods.
- **INTERNATIONAL REPLICATION:** Develop innovative solutions in Sicily that can be adapted and applied in other countries through international partnerships.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of the project there will be 5 days of **Welcome Training** in Montedoro. Volunteers will be divided into 4 action groups and each group will have its own **base camp**: 1 in Mussomeli, 1 in Prizzi, 1 in Milena, and 1 in Riesi. By the 20th day of activities, a **switch** will be made between Mussomeli and Prizzi and another between Milena and Riesi. Each group will therefore operate in two different territories. A **Mid-Term evaluation** will be realized. At the end of the project, a **Final Evaluation Meeting** will be held in Montedoro, for another 5 days. The activities will be done also in at least 3 other different towns nearby the base camp.

MUSSOMELI

TARGET: socially excluded minors, people with disabilities.

PRIZZI

TARGET: rural kids and youth

MILENA

TARGET: Children in contexts of educational poverty

RIESI

TARGET: migrants and refugees

The project will collect and analyze data on the educational needs of children and youth, considering their specific disadvantages. This will be done through **non-formal education activities**, focus groups, surveys, interviews, and awareness-raising actions across all 5 target areas. Key steps include:

- Collecting information through local actors and community engagement.
- Conducting focus groups and needs assessments.
- Organizing test workshops using non-formal education methods.
- Developing an itinerant educational methodology.
- Gathering input to design awareness campaigns.
- Evaluating and incorporating feedback to refine the educational approaches.

The data will come not only from youth but also from third sector organizations, schools, local institutions, and community representatives, ensuring a comprehensive analysis.

IMPORTANT: other kind of activities in the field of youth, environment, community, non formal education will be organized accordingly to the specific target community.

PRODUCTS

AWARENESS AND SOCIAL INCLUSION CAMPAIGN: HANDS TOGETHER PART 1

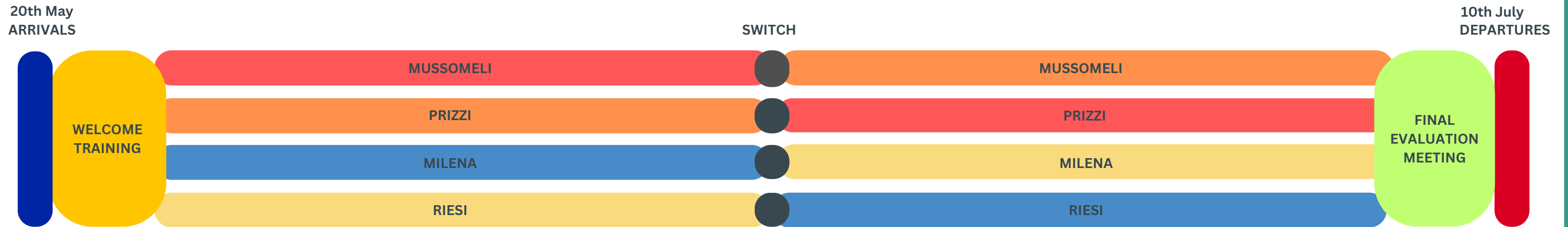
Awareness campaign targeting local communities and the areas surrounding the four base camps, designed to create engaging content (videos, social media posts, infographics, etc.) highlighting the importance of promoting inclusive education, especially for disadvantaged children and youth.

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ANALYSIS OF TARGET GROUPS IN THE BASE CAMPS

This analysis will map the specific educational needs of children and young people in the four base camp areas. It will be conducted through interviews, questionnaires, and direct insights collected by volunteers, capturing the voices, challenges, and aspirations of the target groups. The findings will guide the development of tailored educational strategies and awareness materials to foster greater inclusion and equal learning opportunities.



PROJECT STRUCTURE



This is the general structure of the project, which includes activities of:

- training and evaluation activities (in yellow and green)
- implementation of the activities in Mussomeli, Prizzi, Milena and Riesi

Please note that for logistical reasons this programme may be modified.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participants will get a travel costs reimbursement according to the official distance calculator.

- from **100 to 499 km** from the departure point to Mussomeli: **up to €211**
- from **500 to 1999 km** from the departure point to Mussomeli: **up to €309**
- from **2000 to 2999 km** from the departure point to Mussomeli: **up to €395**

In case of **GREEN TRAVEL** (bus, train or carpooling) the caps above are higher. To be recognised as such, at least half of the distance has to be covered by **green** means of transportation. **If you decide to use green travel please get in contact with us first.**

Distance has to be considered **ONE-WAY**

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The accommodation is provided by the facilities that will host volunteers during the all duration of the project. Participants will receive a pocket food in order to provide the meals by themselves. The facilities will have the kitchen to prepare the meals.

ALLOWANCE

Participants will receive a pocket money of **6 euro** per day for 52 days.

INSURANCE

Once selected, the volunteer will be automatically enrolled by Henner insurance, which will be **complementary** to the European Health Insurance Card

ACTIVITY TIME + FREE DAYS

Generally, activities will take place 5 days per week and at least 6 hours a day.

The volunteer is entitled to 2 days off per week and 3 vacation days during the staying, **2 of them for logistical reasons will be fixed in advance.**

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Age 18-30 years

Strongly interested in the project and ESC
programme topics

Flexible and adaptable

Independent and problem solving oriented

Willing to cooperate.



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