

INFOSHEET

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Practicing and promoting sustainable lifestyles in Eco-village Rivignano Teor, Italy

PROJECT COORDINATOR: INFORMAGIOVANI APS-ETS

INFORMAGIOVANI ETS APS (IG) was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting human and civil rights, especially for young people facing or at risk of facing social obstacles. Since 2009, it has been the coordinating body of an international network of various non-profit organisations, recognised and supported by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

The association has four main fields of action and intervention

- Promoting and encouraging access to information and the correct use of media and digital tools;
- Training young people and adults in non-formal education tools and techniques;
- Local and international volunteering as a tool for social intervention and active citizenship training;
- Supporting the participation of young people with fewer opportunities

The association is accredited by the Italian Youth Agency for the implementation of activities under the EU programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, and is a training body recognised by the National Order of Journalists. It is part of the Italian Eurodesk network, for which it manages a centre in the city of Palermo, in collaboration with the Municipality and the Regional Authority for the Right to Study. It is also a partner of the

HOSTING ORGANISATION: PROGETTO GAIA TERRA APS

Progetto Gaia Terra APS is an eco-village and an experiential educational centre focused on themes of eco-sustainable construction, environmental regeneration, and relational maturity. It offers courses and organizes events to educate on sustainability in all its forms.

The main objective of Progetto Gaia Terra is to practice and promote sustainable lifestyles on various levels: environmental, relational, and work/educational, contributing to the transformation of society.

To achieve this goal, it has launched an ecological village project for the experimentation of practices and theories in the field of community building.



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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

This is a volunteering project funded by the European Solidarity Corps programme, and aims to offer young people the opportunity to undertake a path of personal and professional growth in organisations that have been operating for years in areas of intervention linked to their territory and topics such as environment, social inclusion, volunteering, socio-animation.

Through the project, therefore, we intend to offer volunteers the possibility of acquiring practical and transversal skills useful for their personal development, stimulating active participation in initiatives with a concrete impact on the community, and at the same time developing their sense of belonging to the European community, stimulating creativity and sense of initiative, ability to work in teams and self-esteem, strengthening and promoting values such as multiculturalism, respect for diversity, spirit of solidarity, and environmental awareness, improving their employability and encouraging transition between education and labour market.

Location

Rivignano Teor, Italy

Dates

November 2026 - April 2027

5 months

VACANCIES

n. 2 volunteers

VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITIES

Volunteers will participate in all recurring activities of the Progetto Gaia Terra Association. These will include:

- Orchard (support for orchard management and participation in the exchange network with local farmers)
- Bio-construction (support on-site)
- Healthy living and natural food processing (kitchen management, self-production)
- Recycling and creative use of waste
- Production of biodegradable products such as soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc...
- Support for event organization, reception, and logistics
- Support for promotion (photos, social media) and visibility of activities.
- Support for the creation and management of youth exchanges within the Erasmus+ program.

The volunteer will also participate in collective activities/meetings aimed at cohesion of the volunteer group and meeting and coexistence with the association community, in which he/she will experience tools such as: the circle way, non-violent communication, sociocracy...

The volunteer will use her/his own ideas, creativity, and experience to develop his/her own personal project/activity relating to the work of the Receiving Organisation.

VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

- age between 18 and 30 years
- motivation and interest in the topics of the association and the project: eco-sustainability, environment, healthy life, personal development, interculturalism, art, community life (as PGT is also generating an ecological village). Disposition to dialogue among the participants, with organizations, and with the host community; willingness to participate in group dynamics for team cohesion and personal growth.
- We would appreciate receiving young people with initiative and who want to increase and exploit their creativity.
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Teamwork skills.
- Registered to the European Youth Portal https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en



SERVICE CONDITIONS

The service will be approximately 35 hours per week, including language preparation. Service activities will be run also during weekends. Two free days will be granted during weekdays. Also, volunteers are entitled to 2 free days per month, to be agreed with the host organisation.

Travel costs

Outward and return tickets are covered up to the budget scheme of the ESC Programme Guide and distance band calculator. Reimbursement will be made after providing supporting documents (booking confirmation, boarding passes, local tickets). The final amount of travel expenses will be calculated based on the sending country location according to the [Erasmus+ distance calculator](#).

**Accommodation**

The volunteer will be hosted in a shared dormitory with other volunteers. The dormitory is equipped with everything needed (water, electricity, heating, furniture). Free wi-fi is available.

Pocket money

Monthly cash allowance (Euro 6,00 per day).

Food

All meals are provided by the community, and they are vegan. Meals are usually eaten all together.

Insurance

Volunteers will be enrolled in HENNER insurance provided by EU Commission insurance, provided by the EU Commission.

Training throughout the ESC

On-Arrival Training organised by the Italian National Agency; Mid-Term Evaluation and Final Evaluation organised by the host organisation; Online Linguistic Support (Italian language).

LEARNING RECOGNITION

Activities foresee a first short period to introduce volunteers to the new context, and a final period dedicated to the evaluation and elaboration of the acquired competencies. Each volunteer is entitled to receive the YouthPass certificate.

DISSEMINATION

Each participant will contribute to promoting the volunteering experience:

- by writing a blog article on the InformaGiovani website
- by creating small videos/photo collection to publish on social media
- by participating in public events organised by the host/supporting organisation



HOW TO APPLY

Send your application through the European Youth Portal from the following link:

https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/opportunity/33735_en

Links:

https://youth.europa.eu/volunteering/organisation/67822_en

<https://www.facebook.com/progettogaia terra>

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