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**Together for Romanian
Youth**

European Voluntary Service



1 October 2014 – 30 June 2015

About the organizers:

The association “Centrul pentru Dezvoltarea Instrumentelor Structurale” is an organisation that has as purposes the development of youth, helping out those who lack opportunities, the integration into society of discriminated young people and encouraging youth initiative. Our organisation has a number of 30 members that come from both urban and rural environments, aged between 18 and 30. It is our wish that through this project, the youth will develop their abilities, attitudes and knowledge base, all of these leading to the expansion of their skill set. Our members had the chance of participating to international projects within Youth in Action in most European countries, having accumulated the necessary experience to engage in non-formal activities with the young people. We are working with the youth for cultural, social and economic development. We sustain equal opportunities in our present society.

General description of EVS project “TRY – Together for Romanian Youth”:

The EVS stage will take place in Bucharest, Romania, for a **9 month** period between **1 October 2014 and 30 June 2014**. The project will involve 6 volunteers from Poland and Spain (2 from Poland and 4 from Spain). The volunteers will work closely with gymnasium students and kindergarten children from one school in 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 main objectives of the project are:

- Learning by the volunteers of non-formal education and entrepreneurial education competences
- Development of volunteers abilities and skills in the areas of communication, teaching, and coordination of non-formal activities
- Understanding of cultural diversity within European Union and increase tolerance among young people from different countries
- Gain skills that could potentially lead to building own business or have private initiatives

Activities for the EVS stage:

The EVS stage will last for 9 months, in which the volunteers will be involved in various activities including children.

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 25 hours per week (5 hours/ day)
 - Preparation of activities - 1 - 2 hours per day (4 days)
 - Workshops in schools - 2 hours per day - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - Romanian language sessions -2 hours
 - Working in organization - 3 hours
 - Incubator (non formal events for youth in Bucharest) – 4 hours (including preparation)
- The main activities will include working with gymnasium students and kindergarten children from schools in Bucharest. Most of the activities will take place in school No. 92 in Bucharest on non-formal education methods, entrepreneurship development skills and green lifestyle. www.scoala92.ro
- The volunteers will benefit of 2 hours per week of Romanian language sessions.
- The volunteers will have 4 hours of mentorship meeting per week (2 hours of group mentorship meeting and 2 hours of individual).
- During the EVS stage, there will be few activities that will take place outside 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)



Profile of the volunteers:

In order to take part in the project, the candidates that want to make a voluntary stage in Bucharest, Romania must fulfill certain important criteria:

- Age of the volunteers 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
- Volunteers must prove light experience in working with young people and involvement in previous youth projects
- Volunteers must support the host organization in fulfilling the tasks according to the activities of the project
- Volunteers should have an average knowledge of English
- In the selection stage, interested candidates will fill up the *Participant Profile Form* and a *Letter of Motivation*, which will be submitted to the sending organizations

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. The pre-selection of volunteers should be done by sending organizations until **3 September 2014 the latest**.

Transport:

International Transport

The volunteers selected should purchase 2 way tickets from their country of origin to Bucharest, Romania. Arrival should be before **3 October 2014**. Departure should be on **30 June 2015**.

For international transport, the following travel cost limits apply:

Reimbursement of travel expenses is 100%. Limit of transport costs for each volunteer from Poland and Spain is 220 euro.

We don't cover taxi or private car transport.

Reimbursement of international transport costs will be made in the first week after the volunteers arrive in Bucharest. For the plane transport, the original documents that we need are:

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

We expect that the participants will buy the plane tickets no later than **15 September 2014**.

Local transport

The local transport in Bucharest during the EVS stage and also transport for all project activities will be fully covered by the host organization.

Each volunteer will receive during the 9 months of the EVS stage the followings:

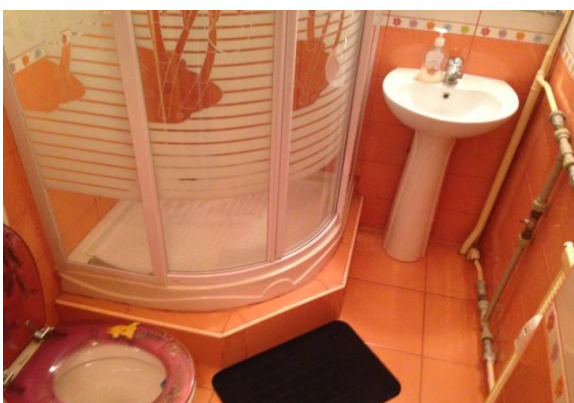
- Monthly subscription to the Bucharest metropolitan transport company (buses, trams) with unlimited number of travels
- Additionally, the transport outside Bucharest for the project activities will be supported by the host organization

Accommodation and Meal:

The accommodation of the volunteers will be made in a 4 rooms flat in Bucharest. The volunteers will be hosted in rooms for 2 persons, with access to all facilities, including kitchen, bathrooms, etc. The volunteers will have one living room for preparing the activities, meetings, leisure.

The facility has Wi-Fi Internet. Accommodation costs are fully covered by the host organization.

Meals are covered by the host organization. Each volunteer will receive 140 euro per month for food allocation.



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 pocket money in the amount of 60 euro/month
- All the other information regarding logistics, safety measures, specific activities during the EVS stage will be done at the arrival meeting of volunteers in Bucharest
- **We strongly recommend to each sending organization to organize a pre-arrival meeting with the volunteers before departure from their country and present the specific details of an EVS stage**

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 Bucharest is variable, with temperatures below -5 degrees during the winter and 10-20 during the spring. We recommend to the volunteers to take various clothes with you.

<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
- **Good spirit, joy and happiness!!! 😊😊😊**

Partner organizations:

Partner countries in the project are Romania, Spain and Poland.

About Romania and Bucharest:

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. Unlike other parts of Romania, such as the Black Sea coast or Transylvania, Bucharest's cultural scene has no defined style, and instead incorporates elements of Romanian and international culture. There are a number of cultural festivals in Bucharest throughout the year but most festivals take place in the summer months of June, July and August. The National Opera organises the International Opera Festival every year in May and June, which includes ensembles and orchestras from all over the world. 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. Some other notable venues are Gaia, Bamboo, Fratelli, Kulturhaus and Fabrica.

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.



For more details you can check out the following links:

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

- <http://www.romaniatourism.com/>

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See you all in Romania!! ☺