

European Voluntary Service "Connectors"

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What is European Volunteer Service?

EVS is a learning experience in non-formal education sphere where young people develop or acquire capacities for their personal, educational and professional development as well as their social integration.

You have the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organizations which deal with, among other topics, civic participation, social assistance, inclusion of the most disadvantages, the environment, youth policies, development cooperation, etc.

The volunteers develop their activities in a country different than of their residency. This not-paid and non-profit activity, is carried out full time for a specific period of time (from 2-12 months, exceptionally, from 2 weeks to 12 months) for the benefit of the community.

The participants have to be from 18-30 years old.

Who finances this type of activities?

The projects proposed through European Volunteer Service are subsidized by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ program.

During your stay it covers your:

- Accommodation and meals;
- Monthly pocket money for your personal expenses;
- Transport reimbursement to a maximum (according to mileage);
- Visa expenses;
- Medical insurance.

What organizations do collaborate in this project?

Ticket2Europe: Coordinating and Host organization

Ticket2Europe is a non-profit organization founded in 2016. Its main objectives are the dissemination and creation of opportunities for Spanish society, with a clear youth focus, especially youth from 18-35 years old that have suffered the consequences of the recent economic crisis in our country. The main mission of the organization is to open new ways and possibilities for young people, making a great effort to contribute to the construction and development of the European identity and active citizenship.

Youth Events Holding Center

Youth Events Holding Centre and Youth Studies Institute work with and for young people living in Armenia. Our main objective is to reach a large audience of young people, organize events and carry out researches and become a center where young people can find the answers of many of the questions they have.

Our mission is to involve young people in the political, economic and cultural life, investigate socioeconomic and employment problems that young people face, promote healthy lifestyles, train for spiritual and cultural development, continue educational courses and non-formal education.

Youth Events Holding Center is the official organization of Youth Capital of Armenia, where every year young organizations are given the opportunity to receive aids for project and event management, etc. These aids are offered by the Ministry of Culture and Youth of Republic of Armenia.

Youth Events Holding Centre also carries out sociological researches focused on the field of youth. In recent years, the researches were carried out in the area of youth employability and the mapping of youth organizations in the country, youth education and comparison of labor market and the and the issues addressed by youth workers.

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Train of Future

Train of Future – Larache / Train d'Avenir Larache (ATAL) is a non-profit organization based in Larache (Morocco) that works at the grassroots level for the empowerment of the local community. The region of Larache is characterized by the strong presence of associations but also with a lack of effective coordination among them and high percentage of poverty (more than 20%) amongst the population.

Train of Future-Larache o Train d'Avenir association in Larache is made up of a group of professionals and professors who are highly committed to the development of civil society in the city of Larache.

Since its creation, it has carried out activities for immigrants and young people in order to develop their skills and create a climate of solidarity and cooperation between all the members of the society. The staff of ATAL not only has taken an active role as a sending organization in cooperation activities and meetings during previous projects, but also has an important role in the study of the viability of all field activities, as well as the implementation of youth exchange. Therefore, ATAL has a previous experience in working with Erasmus+, and mainly with EVS hosting.

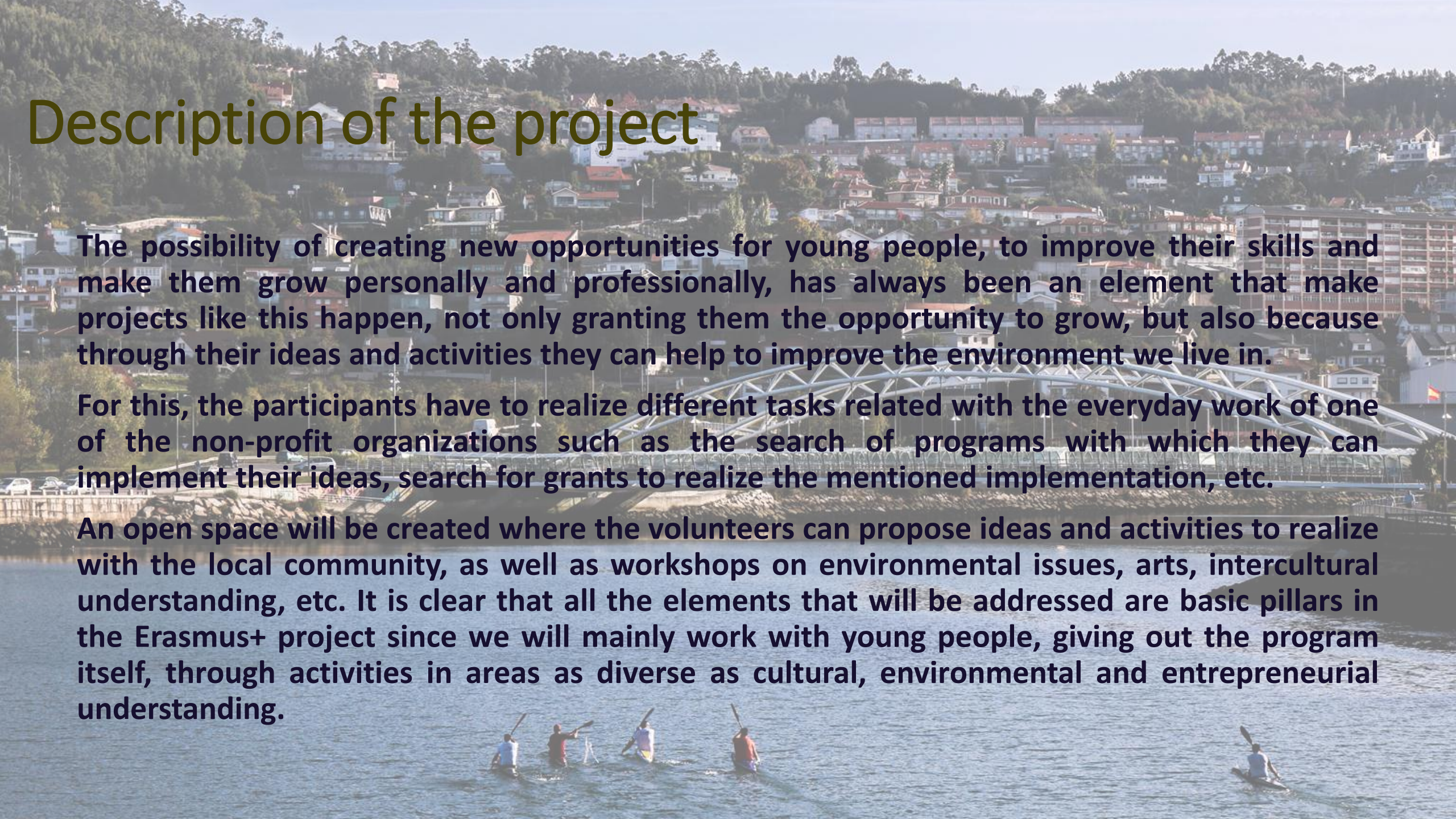
In fact, the role of ATAL as a host and sending organization is crucial to overcome the cultural barriers that might result from the encounters of different customs and religious beliefs among partners. Finally, as it has been shown previously, the active participation of experienced employees of ATAL and the volunteers is a valuable asset for the successful implementation of the project.

Description of the project

The possibility of creating new opportunities for young people, to improve their skills and make them grow personally and professionally, has always been an element that make projects like this happen, not only granting them the opportunity to grow, but also because through their ideas and activities they can help to improve the environment we live in.

For this, the participants have to realize different tasks related with the everyday work of one of the non-profit organizations such as the search of programs with which they can implement their ideas, search for grants to realize the mentioned implementation, etc.

An open space will be created where the volunteers can propose ideas and activities to realize with the local community, as well as workshops on environmental issues, arts, intercultural understanding, etc. It is clear that all the elements that will be addressed are basic pillars in the Erasmus+ project since we will mainly work with young people, giving out the program itself, through activities in areas as diverse as cultural, environmental and entrepreneurial understanding.



Main activities

Special emphasis will be put in the implementation of new programs in order to develop the host organization, Ticket2Europe, looking for applications of programs with which, until now we haven't worked, such as the program Life in the field of environment, entrepreneurship projects, programs of cultural dialogues such as those from the Anna Linh Foundation or those that come from the Council of Europe or the United Nations.

It will be also necessary to work on webpage content of the hosting organization, Ticket2Europe, as well as its social networks and the newsletter, in order to reach a wider audience, spreading the activities of the NGO and not only (scholarships, grants, etc.).

Another task is to publicize those programs that the host organization is a partner of, such as the programs of Erasmus+, Erasmus for young entrepreneurs, etc., since we are aware that, although these programs are every time better known, there is still an important work to do to spread the word.

Working Hours and Holidays

The working hours are 35 hours per week, 5 days a week.

They are also provided with 2 days off/month. The weekends and public holidays are free of work.

Accommodation and living

Volunteers are given food money by the host organization at the beginning of each month by bank transfer. The volunteers will be responsible for buying and preparing their own food.

The pocket money will be transferred to the volunteer by the host organization.

The provided accommodation is in a shared apartment with the rest of volunteers.

The office is located in the city center, in the heart of Pontevedra. The volunteers are provided with local phone card.

The volunteers' profile

To take part in this project, the volunteer has to meet several basic requirements:

- Be from 18-30 year's old.
- Reside legally in Morocco or Armenia.
- Have an intermediate level of English with the in order to realize the proposed activities independently.
- Be proactive, enthusiastic, eager to learn and propose activities of interest.
- Having volunteer and international experience will be an advantage (not an excluding requirement).
- Be eligible to get a visa to reside in Spain for 7 months.

Transportation

The selected volunteer should buy their round trip ticket from their country of origin (Morocco and Armenia) to Spain. There also the possibility to fly to Porto (Portugal) and take a bus from there (about 2 hours) to Vigo.

The coordinating organization must be informed about your proposal **BEFORE** proceeding with the purchase.

Travel expenses will be 100% reimbursed up to a maximum of:

Armenia 4000 - 7999 km 820 euros

Morocco 500 - 1999 km 275 euros

For this, the volunteer should present the following supporting documents to the coordinating organization, Ticket2Europe:

- Invoices
- Receipts
- Boarding passes (originals)
- Any public transport tickets used for the journey (the paid amount should appear).

*The use of private means of transportation **CAN NOT** be reimbursed.

Personal support

During their stay in Pontevedra, the volunteers will have the support of their mentor for 7 months.

On the other hand, the project coordinator will maintain constant communication with the volunteers.

Visa

The citizens of Armenia and Morocco need national visas to legally reside in Spain.

The visa expenses are covered by the program.

Health Insurance

EVS volunteers are insured through the CIGNA insurance scheme. In this website you can check the [European Voluntary Service Insurance Plan](#) and get the detailed information.

What to take to Pontevedra?

- The climate of Galicia is usually temperate and rainy, with markedly drier summers. Taking into account that you will spend two different seasons, you should take different clothes for spring and summer since Pontevedra can have very warm to hot summers (37 degrees) and rainy springs.
- An umbrella and a raincoat...because it rains often ☺
- A laptop and a photo camera are recommendable.
- Don't forget to take the necessary documents of your trip (invoices, boarding passes, tickets, etc.).
- Any material that you consider appropriate for carrying out activities is welcome.
- And what is most important...Bring your best "good mood" and openness to try new things because we're sure that Galicia will stun you!!!

About Galicia

Whilst a part of the mainland, Galicia is an autonomous community with a cultural heritage, climate and geography that are distinct from the rest of Spain. This part of the Iberian Peninsula offers a taste of "real" Spanish culture. Being inhabited for thousands of years, the region is home for historical, cultural and natural wonders that will stun you at every corner. The interior of Galicia is characterized by a hilly landscape; mountain ranges rise to 2,000 m, and the coastal areas are mostly an alternate series of rías and cliffs. Two languages, Spanish and Galician (Galego) are spoken in the region, thus making the linguistic diversity richer and more interesting.

The municipality of Pontevedra is composed of the city of Pontevedra and fifteen rural parishes in close proximity, with a total population of 82,946. Pontevedra has transformed into one of the most accessible cities and has been awarded for its urban quality several international prizes.

Galicia is a delicious dreamland for food lovers, and if you appreciate fresh seafood, sweet kiwis or juicy tomatoes, it might become a perfect destination for your experience.

But rather than reading what we tell about the region and the city of your stay, check it out yourself!

[Galicia, land of magic!](#)



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