

“LINKING GENERATIONS” EVS Project

The project "Linking Generations" will be developed in Braila county during EVS stages of 8 (eight) months: **01.04.2013 - 30.11.2013**.

Project activities are focused on two themes: developing independent life abilities (civic, social, personal) for children and young people with less Opportunities or Disabilities in order to facilitate their social integration and Promoting European values of young people: free initiatives, tolerance, intercultural dialogue, solidarity, interculturality.

The main methods used will be:volunteering, non-formal education methods, education through sports games and ecological activities.

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In the project the EVS each of the volunteers will benefit, on the entire duration of the project, of guidance of a mentor to facilitate their development on a personal and competences levels, to ensure their smooth integration into the community, the achievements of learning objectives. They will make accommodation visits in order to know the social environment in which they will live and act: the city of Braila.

Complementary in the first month, there will take place an activity of integrating in the community through visits and discussions, together with the mentors, in formal institutions like Anti-Drug Centre where the EVS volunteers will learn more not only about the law on addictive substances, their effects but also about national and local coexistence, opening the possibility of a collaboration between EVS volunteers and this institution in order to make the local community aware, especially young people, about the dangers they are exposed by consuming these substances.

In the next step the youngsters will benefit of communication lessons in Romanian, with the guidance of a trainer specialized in the field. The idea is that the young volunteers to gain communication skills of the national language in order to have more impact on young people from the community. Meanwhile EVS volunteers will receive specialized services from mentors to improve their assertive communication (active listening, giving and receiving feedback, explaining) in order for the EVS volunteers to gain confidence in themselves, to learn to work in teams to understand the needs of the community in which they live and actively adapt and integrate into the community.

The main method applied by the volunteers in their voluntary actions during the project will be of non-formal education, based on the principle of "learning by doing", so volunteers can apply methods such as:

- knowledge games, energizers, icebreakers;
- teambuilding games;
- living library for approaching and clarifying existing prejudices in the community regarding immigration, ethnical differences, to teach the young people not to label or stigmatize those different from them.
- Forum Theatre and Photo voice

Thus EVS volunteers will become more sociable, young locals will be open to new, and everyone will be more adaptable to the type of situation faced.

The EVS volunteers will learn the method of teamwork by working with local volunteers in various activities in the community, traditional activities like: Eurovillage, which is a way of intercultural exchange through which young people can learn and teach about traditions of their countries of origin: dances, music, traditional food recipes, games, allowing thus to highlight the richness of the tradition of origin and they will talk about themselves in the most eloquent way.

The volunteers can develop activities in social centers for children, young or elderly people where they can organize handmade workshops, trash-art, painting, music, dance according to

the talent and desire of each EVS volunteer. The volunteers will be encouraged to suggest ideas for activities and they will be helped to put them into practice: environmental activities, street events, creative competitions.

At the end of the stage the EVS volunteers will be supported and assisted by mentors to do the awareness process of the competences acquired and to fill in the descriptive documents of the Youth Pass.

Also in addition to monthly assessments throughout the training period, each volunteer will perform alongside his mentor and a supervisor one final evaluation of his personal experience during the stage from the project when the volunteer's achievements for the personal development will be evaluated.

The type of mentoring is a consolidated mentoring.

The intercultural dimension is emphasized in several types of events: Eurovillage activities, organizing a cultural evening for each country of the volunteers, organizing handmade workshops, workshops for learning songs and dances of their own culture.

The European dimension of the project will be highlighted through actions of removing the stereotypes had by the local people regarding other cultural backgrounds, ethnic or racial; developing tolerance and solidarity among young people in the local community, core values of the European Union.

The working method with the EVS volunteers will be based on the principle of equal and non-discriminatory access to project activities regardless of gender, cultural background, social status.

Trainings and meetings of the volunteers

The volunteers will participate in following trainings and meetings which are obligatory:

- o On arrival Training, organized by the Romanian National Youth in Action Agency
- o Mid-Term Meeting, organized by the Romanian National Youth in Action Agency

HO is obliged to provide to volunteer all the necessary information about On-Arrival Training and Mid-Term Meeting.

Apart from this, also the HO will offer ***Trainings and Workshops*** for volunteers at the beginning of their project. The aim of the trainings will be to introduce the volunteers to issues, with which they will be occupied during their work:

- Non-formal Education Methods in Youth in Action projects,
- Photo-Voice method and photo-video technics,
- Volunteering Projects Management,
- Volunteers Management in Youth in Action context,
- Introductory elements in Psychology of Ages.

EVS activities

Almost activities will be on non-formal methods education, creativity in working with elderly people (in a elderly house) , children (in kindergardens and/or schools) and youngsters: they could work with the children/youngsters for develop an ecological behaviour, a respect for the Environment, respect for european values: solidaritu, tolerance, diversity, multuculturality. Will create photo-voice prezentations and exhibitions (will be learned how to do this).

The theme will be in socio-educational and ecological-educational fields: social and educational services for children, youth and elderly in need . The EVS volunteers will work in kindergadens, schools, elderly houses and houses for youngsters /children with mental disabilities.

Assistance for the volunteers

On arrival the volunteers will have an organized welcome meeting attended by members of the management team, Voltin volunteers who are directly involved in the project. Each of the

participants is presented in a personal way. The initial presentation of the local community (Braila / Romania) and knowing the organization and its members will help the volunteers identify similarities and differences between their environment and new intercultural living space where they will live, operate and develop.

Volunteers will participate in an "respiro" activity (in a different geographic area than Braila) with the participation of EVS volunteers, mentors, activities coordinator, local volunteers or beneficiaries involved in the project in which workshops will be organized to learn the methods of non-formal education.

Tasks of ANMRF Louis Pasteur Braila as Host organization

- to provide the volunteers with clearly defined tasks;
- to supervise and guide the work of volunteers;
- to allow some of the volunteers' ideas, creativity and experience to be integrated;
- to keep in regular touch with sending organization and provide with all the necessary information;
- to arrange language learning opportunities to the volunteers;
- to participate evaluation and exploitation of results of the project;
- to organize meetings for the volunteers (on-arrival orientation and other);
- to provide suitable accommodation, money for food, allowance and money for local travel for the volunteers;
- to assure a mentor responsible for providing personal support to the volunteers;
- to help volunteers with Youthpass certificate.
- to provide volunteers the Youthpass certificate

Tasks for volunteers:

- active participants in Romanian language intensive course
- involvement in EVS volunteer actions by personal initiative and using own experience
- promote volunteering by being a role-model
- have initiatives and organise volunteering activities/projects in local communities (urban or rural areas)
- participation in organized trainings on specific topics in collaboration with National Agency (non-formal methods, project management, volunteer management) after acquiring a fair knowledge of Romanian language - Romanian is communication language
- work in a team with one others EVS volunteer, two local young volunteers and mentor
- have the mission to also involve other local youngsters.
- The activities will take place respecting a fixed program. However, you will have the opportunity to come up with own ideas of how to actively involve youngsters in our activities.

Learning Objectives: Development / acquisition of competences :

- using of Romanian language
- using of non-formal education methods
- developing of technical skills using online eco-information about environment
- knowledge and skills to adapt to the lifestyles of young people from other cultures

We are very flexible and open for volunteer's ideas. The volunteers are welcome to come up with their own proposals for activities. They can organize own classes for our target groups according to their needs, skills or hobbies.

Practical arrangements for the volunteer

The Host Organisation is responsible for making all the practical arrangements of the project.

Food: Each volunteer will be given a certain amount of money every month for food- 80 Euro.

It will be paid to volunteers in cash. It will be the responsibility of the volunteers to prepare/buy meals for themselves. The volunteers can buy already made meals, go to cafes, bars and restaurants in the town or buy food in the shops and supermarkets. The volunteers will have to gather food checks/receipts every month and deliver them to the host organization.

Accommodation: Volunteers are going to be ensured with separate flat in a block of flats, at the address: Braila, _____. They will be provided with a standard equipment/essential household goods, shared cooking, washing, laundry and social facilities.

Language training: Lessons of Romanian language will be led by a professionally active teacher, who worked with us in the past, during previous visits of volunteers. Lessons are going to have individual and class character.

Working hours: The volunteers together with the project coordinator will agree about the working hours and a weekly schedule. The amount of volunteering should not exceed 30 hours per week: 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, two consecutive days off per week and 2 days holiday per month for the duration of the project

Holidays: The volunteers work 5 days a week. For every month of work each of them can get two extra days free. They can accumulate the days and take longer holidays. Nevertheless, they have to obtain the agreement regarding the dates from the Host Organization.

Insurance: Sending Organisation are responsible for the volunteers insurance. All the parties are obliged to get acquainted with the insurance rules.

Local Transport: A monthly local transport allowance is provided .

Communications: Internet and mobile phone access is provided.

Volunteer Allowance: The volunteer will receive a monthly allowance of 60 EURO, in lei...