



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Short-term EVS
“Streets up for Diversity”
01.06.2013-01.07.2013

Deadline: 15.04.2013

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About STREETS Festival

STREETS festival is an association of young people-volunteers that organizes a summer festival with an aim to make connection among different cultures on non-formal way, by promoting cultural exchange, non-discrimination and peace. Using the music and animation as tool STREETS aims to connect young people from different ethnicities in Kumanovo and Macedonia. STREETS also aims to develop volunteer outdoor activities for social change.

About the Short Term EVS

The project "Streets Up for Diversity" is a short term EVS project that links between social inclusion of marginalized youth, self initiative and youth work in order to provide equal opportunities to local young people living in areas near Kumanovo. The partner organizations and volunteers together aim to explore working with youth from marginalized groups with an accent on Roma. The project focus more specifically on the following aspects:

- To engage local youth marginalized youth in a diverse range of activities, such as creative and artistic workshops to enhance their inclusion in the community.
- To provide space for linking of the researching the inclusion of marginalized groups in the activities that are offered to young people in schools but also in youth centers.
- To improve the local intercultural dialogue and share best practices between the partner organizations.

The short term EVS project will offer vacancy for: 10 volunteers coming from 5 different countries (Germany, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Italy and Turkey) for 1 month (June 2013) in Kumanovo the largest interethnic and inter-religious town in Macedonia. The volunteers will have the chance to work on their personal and professional improvement, developing their communication, entrepreneurship and initiative skills.

Service Description

The volunteers will be working with local youth workers and youth leaders to implement different types of actions and initiatives in the local community in the field of Art and Culture and youth information. The short term service will be focused on bringing the activities in areas where youth work is not so common, particularly in socially excluded areas of the hosting city Kumanovo. Therefore the service will be focused on organizing workshops in the Roma community and contributing to improvement of their situation in the society.

The following phases of the development of service will be undertaken:

- **Preparation workshops:** Before the workshops with the local youth the EVS volunteers will be invited to participate on workshops that focus on working with marginalized youth, so as to prepare and learn how to approach and work with the target group.
- **Art and Culture activities** - The volunteers in the hosting project will be working with young people coming from marginalized groups especially Roma on implementation different art workshops such as outdoor painting, acting, poi poi, photography etc. The activities that the volunteers will be realizing will be aiming

to involve youth from marginalized groups and give them chance to participate in a streets open event that is planned to happen in the last week of the service.



- **Youth information activities** - Streets Festival is actively working on promoting the mobility programs for young people to the local community so with the participation of the EVS volunteers the local young people will have the chance to communicate with volunteers that have direct experience. These presentations are happening on different locations in the town where young people are socially gathering. The EVS volunteer will be involved in 1-2 presentations where they will share their experience with EVS and also meet other long-term EVS volunteers so they learn more about long-term EVS and to see if they can use the opportunities that it offers for the future.
- **Other activities:** Throughout the service depending on the motivation and profile of the volunteers, other type of activities might be developed in the framework of the aim of the project.
- **Language Classes** - The Volunteers short term service will be additionally supported by language teacher and supervisor. A local volunteer language teacher will be in charge for the local language classes and local integration of the volunteers in the host area.

Profile of Participants

All of the partner promoters should work towards including young people with fewer opportunities on short term EVS projects in order to support their learning and develop competences that will improve their position in the society. Both the hosting and the sending organizations should offer possibilities of all interested volunteers that fulfill the Youth in Action criteria (age, legal residence) regardless of the age, religion, cultural, sexual and other background.

Priority should be given to:

- **Youth with educational and socio-economic difficulties** (people with insufficient education, family problems, young people with limited social skills and economic difficulties), thus involving ex - offenders, youngsters coming from orphanages etc. Further to this a special priority will be given to young people who have never been employed before in order to improve their competences to access the job market.
- **Young people facing cultural differences.** In regards to this the project will include youngsters from Roma communities, both in the sending organization and in the hosting community.
 - Be aged between 18 and 30
 - Competently able to work in English language
 - Be able and committed to act as multipliers in their community after the end of the service
 - Be resident in one of the following countries: Germany, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Italy and Turkey
 - Full presence on the EVS Service

Dates

Arrival date: 01st of June 2013

Departure date: 01st of July 2013

participants have to attend the full duration of the training

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Housing and board

Volunteers will be accommodated in rented apartment with sharing bedrooms, kitchen other facilities.

Travel cost and reimbursement

90% of travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest way of transport. **Only participants who fully attend the training course will be reimbursed.** Reimbursement of 70% of the travel cost will be done via bank transfer to bank accounts of their **sending organizations**, after sending the original tickets back to organizer upon returning to home country (all original tickets including boarding passes in case of air tickets will be required).

Additional information about reimbursement procedures will be provided to the selected applicants. The participants should use the cheapest way of transport (Bus, Train, plane-economic class). Please note that there are cheaper flights to Sofia-Bulgaria, Belgrade-Serbia, from where you can get a bus/train to Macedonia.

- The total travel cost should not exceed amount per person mentioned in the table below:

Country	Mean of transport	Max. Amount
Germany	Plane	300 €
Slovenia	Plane/Bus	200 €
Bulgaria	Bus/	60 €
Italy	Plane	300 €
Turkey	Plane/Bus	300 €

How to apply?

In order to apply interested volunteers should send CV and Motivation Letter. Once you have the pre-selection please mail it to Streets by the **15th of April**, streets.festival.mk@gmail.com and milosris@gmail.com.

Participants will be selected on the basis of their applications and ensuring a balance in terms of gender, organizational participation and cultural background. The selection of the participants will be done by the sending organization and the organizing team.

For any question or clarification do not hesitate to
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