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EASTERN PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM



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BUCHAREST ROMANIA



THE PROJECT

Europe cannot afford wasted talent, social exclusion, and youth disengagement. Therefore EPVP 4.0 project provides youngsters with opportunities to engage in solidarity actions, act for the benefit of the community as active citizens while gaining valuable experience and competences and improving their future employability.

Thus, the project focuses on:

1. Increasing social inclusion chances and providing equal opportunities for 8 NEET youngsters from EU, EaP and Western Balkan region by involving them in COSI's activities, supporting them to become active and responsible citizens, and equipping them with new competences.

2. Implementing monthly raise awareness campaigns according to the UN calendar:

- Promoting active citizenship, sense of solidarity, volunteering;
- Promoting Human rights, respect for diversity and tolerance, inclusion, and tolerance; and combating stereotypes and prejudices, discrimination.

3. Improving the standards of life and supporting the social inclusion of disadvantaged youngsters in Bucharest and Ilfov by organising Humanitarian Aid initiatives;

4. Promoting E+, ESC and EYE programs among Romanian young NEETs and supporting their participation in the programs.

This project is a continuation and improved version of Eastern Partnership Volunteering Program 3.0 project and all the activities can be seen [HERE](#).



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

7 Monthly Raise Awareness Campaigns

Each month, COSI team will choose a topic according to the UN Calendar, with and for the local youth in Bucharest, related to: human rights, solidarity, volunteering, active citizenship, inclusion, intercultural acceptance, tolerance, etc.. Within each campaign, we will organise min. 7 activities such as events, workshops, training, content creation of videos, posters, booklet, brochures, etc.

Each campaign foresees:

- research about the chosen topic;
- understanding of the problem in Romania through the Problem Tree methodology;
- SMART objectives;
- brainstorming of activities;
- planning of each activity;
- implementation of activities;
- evaluation of the campaign.

3 Promotional workshops of ESC and Erasmus+

The volunteers will share their ESC experience, promote the Programs and COSI's opportunities for min. 50 young participants in faculties and high-schools.

8 inter-cultural evenings

In order to promote intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, each volunteer will organise an intercultural evening in which to show dances, traditional food, curiosities, etc. of their country.

2 Humanitarian Aid initiatives

During one or more campaigns, we will collect clothes, food, hygiene products, school supplies and other necessary benefits to be distributed to disadvantaged youth in collaboration with our local partners who provide urgent aid and long-term inclusion support for homeless individuals, disadvantaged families, orphanages, and others.



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Volunteers will be involved in COSI's ongoing Erasmus+ and ESC projects.

ESC
Volunteers will organize pre-departure training for young people that COSI will send to ESC projects abroad, by providing support, information and sharing their experience.

Erasmus+ Coordinating
The volunteers will coordinate the Romanian teams that COSI will send in projects abroad. Particularly, they will share the call for participants, take care of the selection process, manage and prepare logistical aspects (insurance, travel tickets, intercultural evenings, etc.), keep communication with the participants, collect feedback and dissemination content.

Usually, COSI is engaged (as partner/supporting NGO) in approx. 10 projects per year, involving around 50 Romanian participants, with focus on NEETs.

Erasmus+ Implementation
During EPVP 4.0, COSI will organize 2 Erasmus+ projects in Bucharest. The volunteers will be involved in the implementation of all the project's steps (project management, logistic arrangements, selection of participants, preparation of materials, stationery, etc.).

During the mobility, they will be divided in teams, taking care of the communication with the hotel staff, creating content and posting pictures for the dissemination, facilitating activities, preparing coffee breaks, etc. Besides their tasks, the volunteers will be part of the activities even if not as official participants.

Project grants
All volunteers will have the chance to learn how to write a project grant and apply with grant proposals or a business plan to join the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs program afterwards.



WANTED

8 VOLUNTEERS (18 - 30 YEARS OLD)

from EU countries, EaP region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) and Western Balkans (Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

PARTICIPANT PROFILE:

- **NEET (Not in Employment, Education, Training) youngsters, conventionally unemployed, opportunity-seekers, available to commit for the full duration of the project;**
- **Committed to promote Human rights, sense of solidarity, inter-cultural dialogue, volunteering and active citizenship and to reduce stereotypes/prejudices, racism, discrimination, social inequality, poverty;**
- **Keen to develop within a multi-cultural environment;**
- **Motivated to acquire project management/writing, ICT and social media proficiency and events organizing skills;**
- **Able to impact COSI development and the community with passion and civic spirit;**
- **Curious about Romanian, EU, EaP and Western Balkan cultural diversity;**
- **At least conversational level of English.**

REWARD:

- **240 Euro - Monthly income (pocket and food money);**
- **Apartments with shared bedrooms (two people by gender);**
- **International transportation and local Metro card;**
- **International health insurance for the whole period;**
- **Weekly mentoring meetings;**
- **Youthpass and VOLUNTpass certificates;**
- **Pre-departure, on-arrival and mid-term training;**
- **Support for VISA issuing process;**
- **Friendly team, fun atmosphere and a lot of learning.**



LEARNING OUTCOMES

SKILLS

- **Autonomy and independence;**
- **Entrepreneurship skills:** problem solving, analytical and critical thinking, identification and use of resources, decision-making, planning, setting of objectives, evaluation of the learning process, identification, understanding and valorization of own capacities;
- **Presentation, facilitation and public speaking;**
- **Ability to work individually and in team;**
- **Learn how to be active in the Romanian community and support its development;**
- **Digital skills:**
 - a. **working on social media platforms** (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tik-Tok);
 - b. **content creation** (Canva, Movavi, Filmora, Powtoon, Prezi and PowerPoint, Mysimpleshow software: posters, videos, and other editing materials)
 - c. **communication on:** ZOOM, emails, WhatsApp, Facebook groups, Google Drive, Kahoot and Mentimeter, Padlet, Miro, Jamboard, etc.

KNOWLEDGE

- **Understanding of European common values** (Human Rights, equality, democracy, freedom, solidarity, dignity, tolerance, etc.) and aims;
- **Understanding of EU identity and local and national identities** from EU/EaP/WB;
- **Key concepts** related to volunteering and active citizenship, inter-cultural dialogue, social inclusion, stereotypes and prejudices, racism, xenophobia, discrimination;
- **How to implement a successful raise awareness campaign** (objectives, brainstorming, planning and implementation of offline and online activities, evaluation);
- **In-depth understanding of ESC, EYE, and Erasmus+ programs** and how to promote them;
- **How to coordinate an Erasmus+ project:** participants' selection, prepare the national team for a mobility project, evaluate and disseminate the projects' outcomes;
- **How to write and implement an Erasmus+ project;**
- **English and basic Romanian.**

ATTITUDE

- **Respect for Human Rights and European values** and willingness to promote them;
- **Appreciation and curiosity for cultural diversity** and intercultural communication;
- **Openness to critical and constructive dialogue;**
- **Tolerance and open-mindedness** towards different viewpoints and willingness to **learn from each other;**
- **Critical, responsible and confident usage of digital platforms and social media;**
- **Will to set goals and develop** in terms of confidence, self-motivation and problem-solving;
- **Curiosity for development opportunities;**
- **Resilience in overcoming obstacles** and coping with changes;
- **Enthusiasm in empowering other NEET youngsters** and share previous experience.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Working hours		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starting time	Ending time	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
10:30	13:30	Romanian lessons	Erasmus+ project coordinating	Own Idea project Day	Raise awareness/Humanitarian aid Campaigns	Raise awareness/Humanitarian aid Campaigns
13:30	14:30	LUNCH				
14:30	18:00	COSI Organizational meeting Brainstorming, planning the week activities, tasks, dividing tasks	Erasmus+ project coordinating	Own Idea project Day	Raise awareness/Humanitarian aid Campaigns	Mentoring meeting

About COSI



Bucharest



Volunteers will work around 32.5 hours/week from Monday to Friday with 2 free days/month.



Click on the pictures.

Join our team by sending the CV and Application Form to asociatiacosi@gmail.com until 1st April!