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VOLUNTEERS

HERE and THERE

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Venue: Baia Mare,
Romania

Few words about Baia Mare:

Baia Mare is a medium sized city, located in the north-western part of the country, near the Hungarian and Ukrainian borders. The city has a population of 150.000 inhabitants including different ethnic and religious minorities:

Romanians (82,85%), Rroma (5,3%), Hungarians (14,79%), Ukrainians (0,25%), Germans (0,35%), Jewish (0,04%).



Situated in a mountainous region and surrounded by famous peaks creating a unique landscape, the small cities surrounding Baia Mare offer a great atmosphere for tourists, especially foreigners. Maramureş is also one of the most famous historical regions in Romania, where traditions are still followed by the people living in rural areas in the same way their ancestors used to do it. There are a lot of monuments and cultural attractions like: the merry cemetery of Sapanta, the wooden gates and churches, folklore customs.

Despite the attractions it has to offer, the county is still struggling to promote its potential. There are little investments in the promotion of tourism in Maramures at the moment and that makes it difficult for people who live from agro-touristic activities to sustain their business. There is strong need for activities that strengthen the visibility of the area.



Content, activities and aim

The project “Volunteers Here and There” is an EVS project developed by Team for Youth Association in partnership with other NGOs from Serbia, Germany, Portugal, Poland, France, Italy, Macedonia, and Turkey. Eight volunteers will be hosted for 8 months in Baia Mare, Romania.

The youngsters brought together by the project will promote **European citizenship** and **cultural diversity**; will encourage the young people they come in contact with to take an **active part in the social and civic life of the community**. They will spend a great amount of their time working in schools from the rural areas around Baia Mare, thus giving the **teenagers and children** there the opportunity to get in contact with European citizens from other countries and broaden their cultural knowledge.. The volunteers will take part in language classes, where they will assist the English and French teachers, and in sports classes, where their main task will be to organize **outdoor activities**.

As in rural areas the choices of spending **leisure time** are limited, the EVS volunteers will also organize **after-school activities** where using **non-formal methods of learning** will familiarize the pupils with concepts such as **volunteer work, European citizenship, antidiscrimination, social inclusion, cultural diversity**.

An equally important part of their activities will be **promoting the EVS** and volunteering in general. This will be done by periodical info-campaigns held in the high-schools from Baia Mare. They will also teach private language classes to people who cannot afford private tutoring.

The **main goals** of the activities mentioned before are:

- To give a group of 8 volunteers the possibility to take part in a long term, international project, in the frame of which they will experience a multicultural environment;
- To offer the 8 participants in the project the chance to work together and carry out activities that will concur to their personal and social development, on one side, and on the other, it will contribute to the social change in the hosting community;



- To promote voluntary work and the non-formal methods of learning among the youngsters in the host community and the rural areas around it;
- To encourage the intercultural dialogue, both within the group of volunteers, and the local community, thus raising awareness and promoting a positive attitude towards cultural diversity.

Expected outcomes

After the service, the volunteer will have gained the following competences:

- ✓ how to use their creativity in projects with and for children;
- ✓ how to work with children with fewer opportunities;
- ✓ how to teach their mother tongue;
- ✓ how to use non-formal methods;
- ✓ how to plan leisure activities in rural areas;
- ✓ how to work in international teams;
- ✓ they will improve their social, communication and intercultural awareness.

The volunteers will choose a project that better suits their needs and skills.

There is an option for them to be included in more than one project if the environment of each activity allows it. One of the important characteristics of the project consists of the fact that each volunteer will be challenged to organize his/her own schedule according to the activities chosen. This will help them gain time management skills.



Partners

France – Together France

Germany- CJD Zehnthof Essen

Italy – Vicolocorto

Macedonia - Together Macedonia

Poland – EFM

Portugal – Casa da Horta, Associação Cultural

Serbia – Resurs centar Leskovac

Turkey – Gaziantep Gençlik ve Kültür Derneği



Practical arrangements

Food:

The volunteers will receive 400 RON (approximately 100 euros) monthly, food money paid in cash at the beginning of each month. For this money, the volunteers will have to gather the receipts and the bills, and give them to the person from the financial department at the end of each month. If the volunteers are attending training or a project-related seminar where they are provided with food, they will receive half of the money for the duration of this training, respectively seminar.

Accommodation:

The volunteer will share a flat with other long-term volunteers.

Working hours, days off per week, holidays:

The volunteers will work six hours each day. Each week they will have two free days, usually the weekend. If the volunteers are asked to work during the weekend, they will get free weekdays in return. National holidays are free; furthermore the volunteers have two free days per month. The free days can be taken each month or collected to take a longer period of time off. It is possible for the volunteers to take off a longer period of time, but only during school holidays (a summer break or a winter break).

Pocket money:

The volunteer will have 60€ pocket money each month, paid in cash at the beginning of each month.



About US

Let's Team up
&
get down to business!

Team for Youth Association is a cultural youth association, nongovernmental and non-conformist that develops cultural projects on a regional and European level. The organization uses as a main resource the abilities and competencies of its group of young volunteers. As a general aim we try to stimulate cultural initiatives through volunteering and to participate to social transformation by activating young people civically & culturally.

We consider volunteering to be an opportunity for youngsters to learn actively, to develop new skills, to work in international groups, and to make a difference for the society.



Our organization aims at implementing projects like:

- Cultural workshops & Debates
- European Voluntary Service
- Performing art activities
- Trainings & Seminars
- Youth exchanges
- Social campaigns
- Street Theater
- Art Exhibition
- Art events



Team for Youth has short but intensive experience in EVS projects. We have been accredited since 2009 and already hosted more than 24 long and short term volunteers. We have 3 trained mentors and 7 language teachers for our EVS volunteers. We also provide them English support. We are the first organization in Maramures to start sending volunteers. We sent 13 volunteers abroad, more than any other Romanian association.



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