



Erasmus+ volunteering with CVS in Bulgaria – 2021/22

CVS Bulgaria promotes the development of societal values and encourages responsible behavior towards peace, social justice and nature protection culture. This is achieved by organizing volunteer initiatives and educational programs.

The project starts **around January 2021** and lasts 12 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program “European Voluntary Service (EVS)”. More info about the EVS program you find [here](#).

Activities

The volunteer can choose from the activities in three circles. Each circle will have its focus but the volunteers will work as a team and will be included in all the tasks and events provisioned within the project. At the moment the situation with COVID does not allow for activities connected to direct work with refugees to happen. Marked with red are the activities which for the moment are a bit uncertain, might happen- might not, or might have a new form.

VOLUNTEERING CIRCLE

The focus areas of the Volunteering Circle will be:

- Online and offline promotion of volunteering opportunities such as: volunteering in local projects, international volunteer projects, trainings and seminars, youth exchanges, short and long-term volunteering within the European Solidarity Corps framework. Supporting the organization of Volunteering circles (series of events dedicated to promote volunteering as an instrument for active participation and youth empowerment, ESC promotion, supporting of vulnerable groups, breaking stereotypes and building a positive image of the target group of the project etc. Involving different vulnerable groups to take part e.g. roma, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.
- Working with local partners and organizing info sessions and different events.
- Media content creation: videos, articles, infographics and podcasts. Increasing the presence of the project in the Social media/online promotion/info bulletin. Supporting the Communication officer in working with the social media of the organization.
- Organizing CVS-UNI workshops for knowledge sharing among volunteers on different topics.

REFUGEES CIRCLE

The focus areas of the Refugees Circle will be activities connected with human rights, forced migration, solidarity, anti-discrimination no-hate speech and media literacy:

- Working directly with asylum seekers, refugees and migrants within the Refugee Project initiative (www.refugeeproject.eu).

- Assisting the volunteers' coordinators in recruiting, training, supporting and performing the final evaluation of the local volunteers of the Refugee Project and other projects connected to the topic.
- Supporting and leading the excursions, fundraising and events working groups within The Refugee Project.
- Organizing regular volunteer meetings for team building and knowledge sharing within The Refugee Project.
- Organizing Tolerance workshops (The Tolerance project) in schools, which will aim at raising awareness on topics such as: refugees, human rights, hate speech etc.
- Organizing info and solidarity events as well as summer volunteer workcamps on the topic of forced migration.
- Continuing the Anti-Rumor Campaign activities.

CINEMA CIRCLE

The focus areas of the Cinema Circle will be:

- Participating in the volunteer coordination and organization of the Sofia International Film Festival: preparation of the festival and assisting the volunteers' coordinators in recruiting, training, supporting and performing the final evaluation of the local volunteers, focusing on the volunteers with special needs.
- Assisting the team of Sofia International Film Fest in their initiative "Travelling Sofia Film Fest".
- Organizing the joint activities of CVS-Bulgaria and The Cinema House, promoting the volunteers activities of CVS-Bulgaria and local partners and focusing on "Sofia Film Fest for Students" initiative.
- Preparing media content during and after different activities, showing the linkage between cinema and volunteering: videos, articles, infographics and podcasts.

Additionally the volunteer will have the chance to take part in organising and carrying out of the following event: trainings, human libraries, volunteer national meetings and evaluation event, **The Refugee Month, Solidarity fest and No More War fest.**

Practical arrangements are as follows:

- **Pocket money:** 235 BGN /4 EUR per day x 30 days / per mont
- **Food:** 250 BGN per month, the volunteer will be responsible for their meals
- **Local transport:** City public transport card for the whole period of service will be provided.
- **International transport:** The participant is entitled to travel reimbursement which will occur at the end of the service upon providing with the original travel documents.

- **Language support:** The organization will support the participant in enrolling in a language course for Peace

- **Accommodation:** The participant will be accommodated in a shared apartment, where he/she will have a private room and shared bathroom, kitchen and common spaces. All conditions for decent living shall be provided incl. internet access. The participant can't keep any pets in the apartment.
Phone: The participant will be provided with a local sim card with a pre-arranged service plan. If the participant does to respect the plan arranged, he/she will contribute to covering the extra cost.
- **Personal project:** The participant is entitled to receive an agreed with the coordinator budget for developing a personal project.
- **Mentor:** The volunteer will be appointed a mentor, who will be available for personal support, socialization and setting the learning objectives and evaluating their progress.
- **Days off:** The participant will have 20 days off for the year plus Bulgarian National holidays and weekends,

The practical and logistic matters will be handled by CVS Bulgaria. SCI Switzerland will organize all administrative matters like insurance and visa.

Please write to evs@scich.org if you are interested in becoming an Erasmus+ volunteer. Please note that you can only apply if you are between 18-30 years old and if you have not volunteered through the Erasmus+ before.

Send your application via email to evs@scich.org with the subject **Application CVS Bulgaria**, and include all the following documents in English:

- CV, Curriculum Vitae
- Specific motivation letter for the project

Deadline for the application: **as fast as possible**.

More details about CVS Bulgaria and our activities can be found at <http://cvs-bg.org/?lang=en>

