

## ESC individual volunteering project in France with Concordia Rhône-Alpes and the Maison des Européens Lyon

**“Animation about European mobility and European citizenship in the House of Europe”  
8 months project  
January 2021 - August 2021**

**Concordia Rhône-Alpes**, 2016-1-FR02-KA110-012049, as coordinating organization, proposes an ESC volunteering project for **8 months** (January 2021-August 2021) in the hosting organization called the **Maison des Européens Lyon / Centre d'Information Europe Direct Lyon (House of Europe / Europe Direct Information Centre Lyon)**.

The **Maison des Européens Lyon** is a non-profit-making organization located in the city of Lyon. However, it carries out the activities in 5 departments representing more than 4 million inhabitants. This association belongs to the French Federation of Houses of Europe (37 Houses of Europe in France) and has a Europe Direct label, designated by the European Commission: (49 Europe Direct Information Centres in France).

The Maison des Européens Lyon provides general information about the European Union (EU) to the audiences of all ages by different activities and various tools. To do so, it works closely with diverse networks of partners in Lyon and in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region: associations, local authorities, twinning committees, cultural and linguistic institutes, other Houses of Europe or other Europe Direct Information Centers, etc.

Main tasks of the Maison des Européens Lyon:

- Information:
  - Personalized responses to the citizen's questions about the EU: at the office, by phone, by mail;
  - Free distribution of documentation on the EU.
- Animation:
  - Information sessions or creative activities on different European topics at school, with youngsters, with general public, with elderly persons;
  - Creation and loan of educational material on the EU subjects;
  - Training sessions on various European themes adapted to the different audiences;
  - Organization and participation in different type of events on the EU in Lyon and in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region (conference, debate, seminar, film festival, concert, forum...)
- Advice:
  - Advice in finding European funding for projects;
  - Orientation to the relevant sources of information according to citizen's request.

## Project environment

The main part of the ESC project will occur in the **Maison des Européens Lyon, situated in Lyon**. However, concerning different missions and activities to carry out, it is possible that volunteer will be sent occasionally on a business trip in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region or even abroad in another EU country. The accommodation of the volunteer will be in **Concordia's volunteers house, situated in Lyon** (except the business trip, in this case accommodation is taken in charge by the hosting organization).

**Lyon** city is the capital of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and finds itself at the heart of a natural showcase made up of vines, lakes, mountains and volcanos. The Lyon Metropole is a territorial community that encompasses the 59 communes that make up Greater Lyon (1.3 million inhabitants). This territory is a great playground to be explored, with many activities devoted to games, sports, well-being, hiking, typical markets, and guided tours. Lyon is dynamic and modern city that draws its strength from its world-famous traditions, which are gastronomy, silk and cinema. Probably this is the reason why it is among the Top 10 most popular European cities on Google\* and in 2016 it was elected Europe's Leading City Break Destination during the World Travel Awards.

Lyon is a city with excellent **transport links**. Whether it be by plane (with the 4th busiest airport in France and over 120 regular direct national and international routes), train or TGV (with 3 stations, including Part-Dieu, the largest international station in France), boat or car, it's easy to get to Lyon, and once you're here, just as easy to get around the city (with 4 metro lines, 2 funiculars railways (aka "ficelles"), 4 tram lines and 120 bus lines, the Lyon Metropole boasts one of the densest public transport networks (TCL) in France; Vélo'v has more than 4,000 shareable bikes that assures a practical, eco-friendly and cheap way of scouring the 483 kilometres of cycling routes in the city).

## **Tasks and activities**

The volunteer will be asked to support the Maison des Européens Lyon staff, to raise awareness among the different audiences mostly on the European citizenship topics but also on the general European issues.

In particular the activities will deal with:

- Daily responses to citizen's requests on the European mobility and citizenship, primary information about the EU;
- Interventions during information sessions and workshops about European mobility and citizenship or Europe in general with youngsters and/or adults;
- Dealing with the European documentation and educational tools demands;
- Taking care of the digital platforms of the Maison des Européens Lyon ([website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#));
- Participation in the various animations with the Maison des Européens Lyon.

The detailed activities will be defined both by the volunteer and the Maison des Européens Lyon team, according to the volunteer's skills and interests.

## Requirements

- Adaptation, sense of organisation and anticipation;
- To be communicative and easy to approach to different audiences;
- Have a good knowledge of French or to have the basics of the language but to be really motivated to learn French;
- Motivation for the European topics;
- Availability for a **8 months project starting at the end of January 2021**.

## Practical conditions

- **Working Hours:** The volunteer will work 28 hours per week, distributed in 4 days a week. He/she will have 3 weeks of holiday in august (when the Maison des Européens Lyon will be closed) + the national holidays.
- **Living conditions:**
  - **Accommodation and food will be provided.** The accommodation of the volunteer will be in a flat composed of 3 rooms, a kitchen/living room, a bathroom and a courtyard. The house is alongside the office of Concordia. This place is situated in "Jean Macé" area, 7th district of Lyon, with public transports and different kind of conveniences in the neighbourhood. The Maison of Européens Lyon is situated 10 min away from Concordia's volunteers house. He/she will share this apartment with 2 other ESC volunteers doing their service for different organisations. He/she will be able to do his/her own meals in the common kitchen. Wi-Fi access will be available.
- **Budget:** Concordia will provide every month to the volunteer 7,50 euros for the 3 days per week spent in Lyon + for all the holiday weeks. In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money from Concordia (180€ per month).

**Application deadline: 10/01/2021 included**

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and write "**Animation about European mobility and European citizenship in the House of Europe**"

in the subject of the e-mail + specify your sending organization.

**NB after receiving the applications, we may arrange Skype/Phone interviews**