

ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti South West Oltenia region of Romania. ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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Open Call for the ACT Volunteering Center project - ESC (European Solidarity Corps)

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **ACT Volunteering Center** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Solidarity Corps**

Venue: City of **Craiova, Dolj County**, South West part of **Romania**

ESC Stage Duration: From **01/07/2021** to **01/05/2022** – **10 months** -

How many volunteers: **10** International Volunteers

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 10 months.
- **Active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to **learn** and see their **experience** as a **learning process**.
- **Basic level of English** (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:

You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 10 months in Craiova, Romania.

All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.

What will I DO in the ACT Volunteering Center project?

With the current project we want to help popularize the concept of the Solidarity Corps and that of volunteering in Craiova. Our idea is to use the team of 10 volunteer to improve awareness on volunteering center. The project shall answer directly to the Solidarity Corps objectives by, first of all, offering 10 young people as well as another 50 local volunteers the opportunity to engage in volunteering activities that promote social cohesion and solidarity.

In the long run the volunteer in center shall help countless youth to enjoy volunteering and do something for their local communities. This will also be facilitated through the local volunteering partnership that will be signed. Also, the volunteers will benefit from a personal development process that helps them develop and enhance their own skills.

Additionally, the project promotes the concept of solidarity at several different levels, once by giving young people opportunity to engage in socially meaningful actions and secondly by engaging young people in working with disabled and disadvantaged youth from social institutions. This promotes the social inclusion of these beneficiaries while generating learning outcomes for everyone involved.

Finally, the project will directly promote the Solidarity Corps, its mechanisms and how young people can access it.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The general objective of the project is: Develop and operationalize a local volunteering center that provides continuous volunteering opportunities to young people in the areas of social work and culture.

The project will consist in:

1. Adjust the working methodologies of ACT and develop new best practices by offering 10 volunteers the opportunity to implement in cooperation 3 non-formal programmes around the thematic of culture, sports and recycling/handicrafts for over 150 participants. Implementing the 3 non-formal programmes will provide the opportunity to test out the capacity of the volunteering center to manage volunteers, implement non-formal activities and support further local volunteering initiatives.

2. Develop 1 local partnership for volunteer that will see at least 7 local educational, social and cultural institutions offer support to volunteering programmes. Achieving this objective means that ACT shall get the support of all major institutions in Craiova for actively participating in the support, development and hosting of volunteering programmes. This means getting the city hall, museums, school/high schools, theatre, other NGO`s into a partnerships that facilitates the development of volunteering activities for as many young people as possible. The partnership shall state principles of action, areas of support, future cooperation mechanisms.
3. Operationalize the ACT Volunteering Center by offering 10 long term volunteering opportunities and 50 short term volunteering opportunities over the course of 10 months.
4. Promote the concept of volunteering and of the Solidarity Corps in Craiova by way of large scale information campaigns.

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities bases on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

What will I learn in the ACT Volunteering Center project?

Our methodology of learning by doing or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourage commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

In the project we will be employing a Learning by doing methodology based on a 4 cyclical stages model:

1. Concrete Experience – going out and engaging with the activity
2. Reflection on that experience on a personal basis – self-reflection and guided reflection assisted by the mentor which aims at derivation of general rules describing the experience, or the application of previous experiences and knowledge to it
3. Abstract Conceptualization – supported by the participatory planning model and dynamic role distribution practiced the management team. In this stage the management helps the volunteer in the of ways of modifying the next occurrence of the experience
4. Active Experimentation – turning the abstract into concrete activities and restarting the cycle at no.1

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT team** and a **personal mentor** in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a **Youthpass certificate** which is a **European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills** acquired in ESC

Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

Travel: ACT will purchase **flight tickets** while the Sending Organisation will make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

Local transport: will be **covered by ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: ACT will host the volunteers **in rented apartments** in the **city of Craiova**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).

Working programme: working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities**.

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of **20 days of vacation in the project** that you can use as you want.

Language support: The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 9 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM cards** for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly.

Financial aspects: International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities **are covered directly by ACT**.

Monthly food allowance: 150 euro/month

Pocket money: 90 euro/month

What support will be available during your mobility?

The **mentor** will be responsible for **the general personal support of the volunteer**. They are in charge of **solving practical problems** arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the **volunteer's go-to person for any personal problems** as well as being responsible for **guiding the volunteer** through the **learning process**. The mentor will be there to help you identify **learning needs** and **opportunities**, help you **plan** your learning process and help in the **self-evaluation**.

The **counterparts** (staff from the schools – **teachers/professionals**)-that will be **supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities**. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

Additional support will be offered by ACT in the form **Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme** which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.

Have we caught your attention? Here `s how to apply!

1. Prepare a CV (preferably using the europass model <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>) and a motivational letter
2. We will have an **online interview** with you
3. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

If you are interested and want more information you can also [CONTACT US AT](#)

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