

SOLIDARITY IN RURAL COMMUNITY



VELIKI ŽITNIK, Croatia 30.10. - 13.11.2021

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERING PROJECT



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

The ESC program is a program of the European Commission that helps young people take part in projects in a wide range of fields that **benefit communities** while developing their **skills and competences**.

In order to participate in this project, you need an **ESC** registration number.







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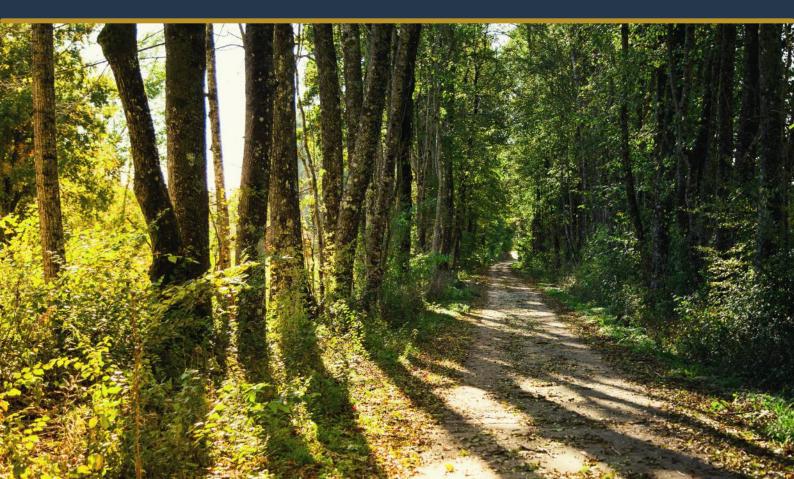
THE PROJECT

A 2-week group volunteering activity in rural mountain region Lika, Croatia, where you'll have chance to:

- Help locals in their seasonal works (in the garden, with preparing wood for winter and similar)
- Help the nature and environment through cleaning actions in the forests and around the local river
- Help in decoration and maintenance of the educational center of the hosting organization
- Spend great 2 weeks with 15 volunteers from different countries, practicing English, exchanging experiences, culture, ideas and making international friends

IMPORTANT PRACTICAL INFO

- Arrival to Veliki Žitnik: 30.10. 2021 in the afternoon/evening, dinner will be provided
- **Departure: 13.11. 2021** in the morning, breakfast will be provided
- Activities begin **31.10. 2021**
- Food (breakfast, lunch, dinner) accommodation, and insurance provided - All costs covered!
- 4 free days in between the two project weeks, organized by volunteers themselves





The Outward Bound Educational Center

- Located in a small, remote village Veliki Žitnik in the Croatian countryside
- 6 km away from the nearest town Gospić
- No close-by shops or bars in walking distance
- Due to the rural location a weak phone signal (depending on provider)
- **NO WIFI** (available only for special and emergency situations)
- Alcohol is not allowed in the center and during the working hours

VENUE

- Hostel-style accommodation in 2 dormitories of up to 15 people
- Big common room for inside activities
- Professional kitchen
- Two spacious bathrooms with showers
- A big yard with fireplaces for evening hang-outs!











PARTICIPANT'S Profile

- 15 young people
- Age: 18 30
- From EU member contries
- Motivated for volunteering and community work, no previous experience required
- Priority for participants facing fewer opportunities (facing economic, social, cultural, geographical obstacles)



ARE YOU...

- motivated to spend 2 weeks in beautiful nature on the countryside helping the local community
- enjoying spending time outdoors and working with hands? Not afraid of physical work?
- open towards **new people and experiences**, living together and **working in a team**?
- willing to **contribute to the local community**?
- ready to develop new skills and competences?





- nearest airports: Zagreb, Zadar, Split, Ljubljana, Budapest
- public transport available to Gospić, where we can pick you up by car
- <u>Bus tickets (link)</u>
- <u>Train tickets (link)</u>

BUDGET PER PARTICIPANT:

Distance from your place to Veliki Žitnik

180 EUR: 100-499 km **275 EUR:** 500-1999 km

Calculate your budget <u>HERE</u>

Please send us your travel proposition per e-mail and wait for our confirmation before purchasing the tickets!

REIMBURSEMENT

We will reimburse you the costs of your **travel** and the necessary type of **Covid-19 tests up to the following amount.**

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KEEP ALL ORIGINAL TICKETS (boarding passes, etickets etc.) and **BRING THEM WITH YOU**. The reimbursement will be done no later than **three months** after the end of the project.



COVID-19 UPDATE

During the volunteering project, we'll do as many activities as possible **outdoors**. We're disinfecting all rooms of the education center regularly and following the rules of our Civil Security Board.

Check your country's regulations about what rules you need to follow when returning back from Croatia!

TRAVEL

- to enter Croatia you must present a negative result of a PCR test for Covid-19, not older than 72 hours, OR a negative result of a rapid antigene test not older than 48 hours, or proof of vaccination older than 14 days
- <u>all foreign passengers are advised to fill the</u> <u>announcement in advance at Enter Croatia.</u>
- additional information

NOTE: POSSIBLE COSTS OF THE TESTS ARE ONLY COVERED UP TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF YOUR COUNTRY'S BUDGET



OUTWARD BOUND CROATIA

About Us

Our main field of activity is organizing **outdoor experiential learning programs** for school children and youth, with special concern to youth with fewer opportunities.

We are a member of the world-renowned network Outward Bound International.

Besides outdoor education, we contribute to developing young people's skills through international volunteering and mobility projects within the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programs.

We give special attention to **social and environmental responsibility** and the impact of one's actions on the group and society as a whole.



Are you ready?





APPLY HERE

Any questions?

Do not hesitate to write us at: esc@outwardboundcroatia.com

