

Volunteering for Global Ecovillage Network Europe

European Solidarity Corps (ESC) *Capacity for Ecovillage Network Development (CEND2)*

This nine-month long-term ESC project was designed for three enthusiastic young people age 17-30 who are interested in ecovillages and sustainable living, and who want to gain experience and participate in network activities such as communications, organising the European Ecovillage Conference, assisting the managing director and IT tasks as well as in community-building, self-development and work in intercultural teams. During the 9 months you will get to know the life of a Spanish ecovillage and the European network of ecovillages.

What is ESC? The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. It provides an opportunity to join meaningful work and experiential learning while your food, accommodation, traveling, pocket money, insurance and mentorship are fully covered. A person can only do one short term (less than 59 days) and one long-term ESC. You can register for the European Solidarity Corps when you are 17 years old, but you cannot start a project until you are over 18. European Solidarity Corps projects will be available to people up to the age of 30 years old.

When? The ESC project will take place from 1 February 2020 to 1 May 2021. All participants will take part for a period of 9 months, the starting date can range between 1 April till the 1 September.

Where? The Ecovillage that will host the volunteers is Arterra Bizimodu: www.arterrabizimodu.org The living conditions will be simple with the focus on low ecological footprint. You may expect shared housing and common facilities, natural rural environment and diverse social activities together with the group.

Who? Young people in the age range of 17-30, who have not participated in an EVS or ESC project before. We are looking for motivated candidates with a pro-active, creative and problem-solving attitude, with a wish to learn about GEN Europe and ecovillage living.

What? The participants will work as part of the international team formed of GEN Europe volunteers and staff. Supervisors will help the volunteers define and work towards their personal development objectives. The project coordinator will facilitate daily stand-up

meetings to deal with issues that might arise and find fast-track solutions to deal with them, and at the same time gauge and manage the energy levels of team members.

The position that is currently vacant is:

IT Assistance: a volunteering activity that is designed to provide ICT assistance through developing effective and well working ICT systems and administrative processes. Although it is not expected that the applicant would have extensive experience in ICT, a general interest in open source development environments and website development tools such as php, wordpress and wordpress plugins would help.

- Develop wordpress plugins to enhance the functionality of GEN EU's website
- Support with GEN Europe server and system administration
- Setup and maintenance of existing open source cloud based services
- Analysis and development of new open source cloud based services
- GEN Europe's IT office support
- Provide end-user support for software and hardware related to ICT tools for the visually impaired

How? If you are interested in this ESC project, please send your CV and motivational letter to: applications@gen-europe.org

The selection will be done after interviews with the candidates.

Relevant websites Global Ecovillage Network of Europe:

www.gen-europe.org Global Ecovillage Network:

www.gen.ecovillage.org Arterra Bizimodu:

www.arterrabizimodu.org