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Infopack for the
European Solidarity Corps Volunteering Project

“Polis and Biodiversity”

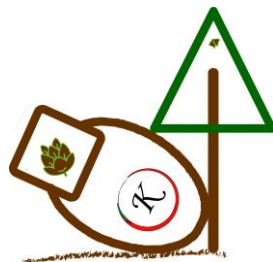
In Polia (VV) - Italy

Association KALISTRATIA is looking for 4 Volunteers to promote organic agriculture, organic food, forestry, rural development, consumer rights, cultural rights, social exclusion, animal rights, education, innovation and entrepreneurship in green sector.

Number of volunteers	Beginning of the project	End of the project	Total duration
4	May 2023	September 2023	5 months (21weeks)

Who we are?

We are a "young" association, even though the members of the association have over 10 years of experience in the field of environmental protection and landscape protection. By doing permaculture courses and direct and indirect experiences in the environmental sector, we now want to stimulate volunteers from all over Europe that it is possible to combine technology with respect for the environment to reduce the carbon footprint. So our main activities are particularly environmental, but also cultural, youth and intergenerational, promoting young people in rural and urban environments



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degraded, creating equal opportunities and access to them where it is more difficult to access resources and services. In this regard, we are particularly sensitive to those who live like us in geographically isolated areas. Several members of our organization have participated and promoted various projects in other EU countries.

Our Organization work areas are:

agriculture, organic food, forestry, rural development, consumer rights, cultural rights, social exclusion, animal rights, education, innovation and entrepreneurship in green sector.

Moreover the main aim are:

- developing environmental awareness and taking initiatives to protect the natural environment from all kinds of interventions;
- promoting activities related to the protection of local culture and local tradition;
- the elevation of the social cultural and spiritual level of the members and inhabitants of our wider region and of the entire Mediterranean;
- promoting mutual understanding, cooperation, the cultivation of communication and solidarity relations among members of the Association and the exchange of experience between members and between them and other associations, organizations at European, national and local levels.

WHAT WE DO:

We want to give to youngsters the opportunities to experience practical activities in nature. We encourage daily voluntary work in the field of permaculture and green building, and take care of natural surroundings. Informing and forming. In other words, we do all environmental activities with the aim of raising awareness among local communities, individual citizens.

For example, recycle as much as possible, avoid packaging, planting of native trees and plants appropriate, so We look forward to assisting in the diminishment of rural exodus through re-establishing agriculture ecologically and the enhancement of eco-tourism.



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Therefore, the volunteers we seek are people who believe in the power of nature as an entity over the parts that must be respected in any form. We wish to have in our association people who daily do something to avoid polluting the planet earth. Let's start from the principle that we will not change the world but we will change ourselves. We start to go as little as possible to the supermarket. We produce beer, wine, soap, we cultivate the land to harvest fruit and vegetables. The goal is to take up the ancient traditions of living life using technology that can be useful. By adopting this approach, we live better because it is gratifying to collect our fruits and know the right value of things for subsistence, as a consequence we produce less packaging and do less kilometers. Obviously, we have a long way to go, we still depend on the supermarket but compared to 5 years ago, now we have a lifestyle that pollutes less. We are constantly evolving to learn from other experts what are the methods to reduce our carbon footprint because there is no general rule, every environment must adapt to the specific needs of man and vice versa.

PROJECT CONTEXT:

Polia is a small village located in the Calabrian hinterland. Famous for the springs of water, rich in beech and other plants. It is located 20 minutes from the beaches of Pizzo Calabro, 35 minutes from Lamezia Terme international airport and 5 minutes from the woods :) Who comes here wishes to embrace a rural and slow way of life.

- more informations <https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polia>
- Find and follow us here:

Website: <http://www.kalistratia.org>

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kalistratia>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kalistratia/>

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Tasks that the volunteers will have the opportunity to perform fall within the follow topics:

- Territorial cooperation and cohesion
- Rural development and urban regeneration
- Climate action, environment and nature protection



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In detail, Kalistratia odv each person carries out different activities. Who plants trees, who writes articles about the environment, who studies how to reduce the carbon footprint, who teaches children how to respect the environment through non-formal activities, who builds and designs with the rules of construction. In addition to this, we meet daily to talk about how to better spread culture in the protection of the environment. Our team wishes to offer opportunities for meetings by promoting greater synergy between the local population and young volunteers who represent the European themes of EU solidarity. The role of volunteers is to follow these activities voluntarily, leaving them free to choose a particular job as a volunteer. Kalistratia combines passion for nature with the ideal of social development and especially in disadvantaged areas of southern Italy. Encouraging the formation and knowledge of permaculture and green building through projects and workshops that seek to "create business" and support everyone. It starts from the principle that staying in small reality in countryside, cultivating, loving the territory allows you to appreciate your own roots without recriminating other places and other cultural diversity. So, Kalistratia want to create a social agriculture program, educate in eco-sustainability, promote a more conscious way of living the foundations of our future. In June and July many days will be dedicated to supporting the preparation of the great Calabrian festival of eco-sustainability (www.kalabriaecofest.it). Moreover, during the week the activities will be mainly in the early morning until noon, as we are early birds enjoying working outdoor. In the afternoon possible social activities with the community. Depending on the weather conditions, the activities may vary as we mainly do outdoor permaculture activities.

CONDITIONS

ACCOMODATION: SHARED APARTMENT (ROOM SHARING or SINGLE ROOMS)

POCKET MONEY: 150 EUR/MONTH

FOOD: 50€ + FRESH GOODS COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND COMMUNITY GROCERY PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISATION. We wish to promote as much as possible community life among the volunteers, with common shopping list, community cooking and healthy and sustainable diets according the permaculture principles.

TRAVEL BUDGET: 275 EUR (or 320€ for GREEN TRAVELS)

OTHER SUPPORT: OLS ONLINE LANGUAGE COURSE, LOCAL MENTOR, HEALTH INSURANCE



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SELECTION CRITERIA

- *Knowledge and working experience in permaculture or environmental protection.*
- *Creative and proactive person*
- *Basic skills of Italian language*
- *A friendly, communicative and active attitude*
- *Wishing of development interpersonal relationships*
- *Open-minded and with a responsible attitude*
- *Strong motivation to join this experience*

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- YOUR CV
- LETTER OF PRESENTATION to understand one's attitudes in the environmental protection sector in synergy with rural villages.

Deadline to apply: 10th April 2023

Only the suitable profiles will be contacted back to have a Skype interview

Please send ALL these documents to putting as subject "candidature ESC 11 year 2023" to:

info@kalistratia.org

Links

- Information about Youthpass: <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/>
- Information about the European Solidarity Corps Insurance:



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<https://www.cignahealthbenefits.com/en/plan-members/>

- The European Solidarity Corps principles: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/young-people/principles_en or https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/european-solidarity-corps_en https://europa.eu/youth/sites/default/files/european-solidarity-corps-guide_2020_en.pdf