

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.

ACT has implemented over 15 volunteering projects so far, having hosted over 120 volunteers in the last 5 years of experience.

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Open Call for the *ACT for Community project - ESC (European Solidarity Corps)*

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

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

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

ESC Stage Duration: **6 months - April 2024 to September 2024**

How many volunteers: **4** 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 6 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 6 months in Bailesti, 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 for Community project?

The current project aims to promote knowledge, skills and eco-friendly attitudes among youth while also aiming to provide local youth community development and empowerment by supporting youth to take action, be pro-active and get involved in pushing for eco-friendly actions (like cleaning up affected areas) and behaviors (adopting reduce/reuse/recycle behaviors). The project will allow for youth leadership, foster social engagement while also helping the municipality and high schools bring the issue of environmentally friendly behaviors to the spotlight of public attention.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

ACT is committing to ensuring that young people have the knowledge, skills, and motivation to be effective civic participants who bring their environmental values to public decision-making. To do this we are partnering with schools and local administration from Bailesti to bring non-formal environmental education for their beneficiaries.

The general objective of the project is to raise the awareness of 70 students on environmental protection measures and get them involved in the development, planning and implementation of 4 community Eco-friendly initiatives. By implementing the project we want, with the help of the volunteers, to promote to students from the high schools, through non-formal activities and workshops, the following 5 principles of environmental education:

- 1- Awareness: to acquire knowledge of pollution and environmental degradation.
- 2- Knowledge: to acquire variety of experience in, and acquire a basic understanding of the environment and its associated problems
- 3- Attitudes: to acquire a set of values for environmental protection.
- 4- Skills and capacity Building: acquire the skills for identifying and solving environmental problems. Further, to develop ability to draw unbiased inferences and conclusions.
- 5- Participation: To provide them with an opportunity to be actively involved at all levels in environmental community initiatives.

The project will consist in:

1. Rise awareness, knowledge and skills on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle of 70 youth in 2 high schools in Bailesti by implementing 80 non-formal workshops that use non-formal methods. The workshops will be organized by ACT and project volunteers and will use a wide variety of non-formal games and methods(handicraft using recyclables, role playing games, learning by doing, presentations, etc.) to create eco-conscious future citizens that understand and are willing to play their part in protecting the environment.
2. Organize the school students to design, plan and implement in common 4 community eco-friendly initiatives. This will aim to have the volunteers galvanize the school student population into debate about eco-friendly initiatives, collect ideas, brainstorm, plan and finally help facilitate, organize and implement the initiative. We will organize 1 such initiative per month, with the exact initiative being the planned together with the beneficiaries (it can be many things such as organizing a wide area clean up in one of the areas of the city such as the river banks, planting trees, exposition of recycling ideas etc.). The goal here is to get students used to and enthusiastic about eco-friendly initiatives, provide direct community impact, lead by example and provide youth empowerment.
3. Rise skills and competences of 5 volunteers on environmental education and the 3R's (reuse, reduce, recycle) and in organizing and implementing activities that aim to teach others these skills. The volunteers of the project will get to hone their knowledge in the area of environmental activism as well as increase their skill as public communicators and promoters of environmental protection.
4. Promote the European Solidarity Core and its opportunities to over 200 young people in Bailesti.

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 for Community 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 Bailesti**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi). Please note that you will share the room (2 volunteers per room, separate single beds).

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 **12 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 5 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**.

You will receive a Monthly food allowance: 150 euro/month and a monthly Pocket money: 120 euro/month. These will be paid directly to the volunteer by ACT, in local currency (RON), at the beginning of each 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 and send them to officengo.act@gmail.com
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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