VOL’IN GREEN
GROUP VOLUNTEERING

19 of May - 19 of June
in the south-east region of France

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Hors Pistes offers the opportunity to 15 young people from Europe to experience «team volunteering» with the European Solidarity Corps in the south of France.

This 30 days experience (in may–june 2022) will gather together 15 young people from France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Romania to discover environmental organisations based in the south-east of France, and exchange about healthy and responsible lifestyles. Also, the goal is to empower young people to actively get involved, individually or collectively, in ecological activism and share moments of collective life in an intercultural community.
OBJECTIVES

- raise awareness on environmental issues using non-formal education
- create an international group with different backgrounds, and provide them with methods to help them manage local projects in their communities
- give the opportunity to the volunteers to engage and get inspired by local actors in the region
- immerse the volunteers in the rural and urban diversity in the south-east of France in order to understand the needs, problems, and resources of each context
- develop problem-solving skills through teamwork
- experience community life and positive ways to interact and influence each other
Every sending organisation will select their own participants. Before finalising the selection, we will have calls to present the project and meet everyone. 3 volunteers per country with a deadline in April.

We will always stay in touch among the sending partners in order to keep a balance between the participants (gender, age, young with fewer opportunities...) and to see if some organisations have difficulties finding participants.

On our side, we will try to select participants from the city of Marseille, and we encourage our partners to aim for a local group as well.

**We are looking for participants who are:**

- 18–30 years old
- Motivated and interested by environmental issues
- Ready to do manual work, construction work, gardening
- Comfortable with the idea that we will do camping in the first part of the project: tents and all the rest of the material will be included
- Ready for a modest way of living and aware we are going to move in the region several times. No need for a big luggage! Mostly backpack style if possible
- No need for a specific level of English or French.
PHASES OF THE PROJECT

PRE-DEPARTURE
1 or more days preparation with the sending organisation beginning of May (date to define depending on the sending organisation)

MOBILITY IN FRANCE
19th of May to 19th of June
(Arrival in Marseille before 14h00 on the 19th of May
Departure from Marseille from 14h30 on the 19th of June)

POST VOL’IN GREEN
1 or more days of evaluation and local engagement/commitment plan with the sending organization - end of June (date to define before the departure depending on the sending organisation)
Activities of the Month

Soleio
Week 1
Teambuilding and inclusion activities, plus some environment-related workshops for the volunteering group.

Cannes
Week 2
Participatory “chantier” (restoration) on an island called île Saint-Marguerite, working on an old fortress.

Guillestre
Week 3/4
Help the locals with the organization of the annual festival called Artgricoles, farming activities and outdoor workshops.
**Volunteering Hours**
- 30 hours per week
- 2 days off per week
- Food allowance - food provided

**Accommodation**
Get ready for different types of accommodation such as shared rooms and camping. All camping material (tents, sleeping bags and mattresses) are provided.

**Practical Information**

**Pocket Money**
- 180 €

**Transport Reimbursed**
- France 20 €
- Italy/ Spain 180 €
- Germany/ Romania 275 €

**Meals**
During this project we will experiment with different individual and collective food sharing and cooking activities, with a strong focus on preventing food waste and having a local consumption.
We would love for the ecological spirit to be maintained in all aspects of the project, so we would encourage you to travel with the lowest carbon footprint possible. We know that for some of you, the plane is the easiest possibility, but if you can, we hope you take into consideration our idea of this eco project in all senses.

Marseille is located in the region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. We'll only spend one weekend in Marseille during the month, but we will be able to explore other parts of the region. The region has a lot to offer, with a wide range of natural treasures to discover such as mountains, canyons, the sea and beyond. Spending time in the mountains, as well as on an island in the sea, you will be able to enjoy this diversity to the fullest.
WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

clothes and suitable shoes that can be used in the gardening and construction work
swimsuit and sunscreen
try not to bring a lot of hygiene products, as we will create our own (zero waste deodorant, detergent) in the beginning of the project
a backpack, as we will change our activity and place every week
A WORD ABOUT HORS PISTES

Hors Pistes is an organisation working in the non-formal education field, founded in 2013, and based in Marseille, France. The name means thinking outside the box, accepting unexpected discoveries and changing perspectives. We work with interculturality in all its forms; sending, hosting and coordinating youth exchanges, volunteering programs, and trainings. We also organise local workshops on this and other relevant topics (group dynamic, conflict management, communication, etc) for varying audiences. Our volunteers are also an active part of our local actions, organising linguistic cafés, constructing their own personal projects, and doing outreach events to raise awareness for youth mobility.
FRENCH SURVIVAL KIT

- Pardon - Sorry
- Salut! - Hello/ bye
- Où est ... ? - Where is...?
- Merci - Thank you
- Je ne comprends pas - I don’t understand
- Je ne sais pas - I don’t know
- J'ai besoin de ... - I need...
THE TEAM

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