

**INFOSHEET****for short term volunteering project  
"International Volunteer Day"  
11/11/2018 - 10/01/2019****Dear volunteer,**

We are very happy that you are interested in our project.

With this info-sheet we want to give you more detailed information about what to expect from the project, when and how to arrive, how to contribute, what to bring with you etc.

We believe that not only the project but also each volunteer will benefit from the EVS project. Working together for a good cause, living in an international group, meeting new people, exchanging ideas and learning from each other is a special and unique experience. **Your really unique experience will also be about celebrating International Volunteer Day and the arrival of a New Year in another country!!!**

We wish you a great experience!

**About the organisation and the project**

This European voluntary service (EVS) project is hosted by *Association for promotion of IT, culture and coexistence (IKS)*; (*Udruga za promicanje informatike, kulture i suživota (IKS)*).

Association IKS was established in 2003 and has as its mission empowerment of citizens by developing a sense of responsibility and taking the initiative for the progress of the entire community. Our vision is a more humane, democratic environment in which Association IKS acts as a generator of changes and a stronghold of positive ideas.

Our regular activities include: Civil society organisation capacity development; Democratic citizenship development and promotion of volunteering; Youth 'leisure time' activity organisation; Empowerment of socially vulnerable community members; Encouraging employment of women and youth, Non formal education and information for youth.

With the help of the staff and local volunteers at association IKS, EVS volunteers will participate in a short-term (2 month) project called "International Volunteer Day".

**"International Volunteer Day"** is an important day on the 5th December recognising the value of volunteering, the hard work and dedication of volunteers and their priceless contribution to the community at large. This Group volunteering activity has the objective of Raising awareness about the meaning of International volunteer Day and the importance of celebrating the values of volunteering and contribution of volunteers as active citizens.

The volunteers will learn about Event Management, Promotion and Marketing, Non-government work, Cross-sector cooperation, Fundraising and....how to have fun while doing something really worthwhile!

Volunteers will make attractive promotional materials and a presentation which they will present in the community hall, within primary and secondary schools in the region, at

meetings with local and regional government representatives and within other public institutions. They will especially promote youth volunteering and the Erasmus+ programme, promoting mobilities of youth through volunteering projects and the European solidarity corps, as well as the value of the European "community" approach in solidarity. They will assist in planning and organising the actual event - celebration on 5th December and be the stars on the Day of the celebration where community members will also have the opportunity to learn about the volunteer's cultures and countries. The last task will be to put together a small promotional brochure which will serve to disseminate project group activity information and results.



*Volunteers create the programme together with locals and organise the event...*

Total number of volunteers: 10

Partner countries: Italy, Hungary, France, Macedonia (FYRM), Bosnia & Herzegovina

Volunteer tasks:

- developing fun 'youthful' materials for social networks to promote youth mobility projects for young people from 13-30 years of age
- designing different promotional materials for the event, for different target groups
- designing a presentation for Associate partners in the region to promote the event
- assisting in the planning, developing and organising of the actual event "International volunteer day": logistics, program, guest list, invitations, fundraising for volunteer awards, preparing the premises, making video 'teasers' and radio spot as promotional material, organising entertainment, food and refreshments...
- preparing to present your country and culture in the community in a creative, fun way

With every EVS project we are promoting the values of volunteering, active citizenship, non-formal education and multiculturalism. Promoting human rights, solidarity, and tolerance is important for development of post war communities like Petrinja.



*EVS volunteers singing a song in Croatian at the International Volunteer Day celebration*

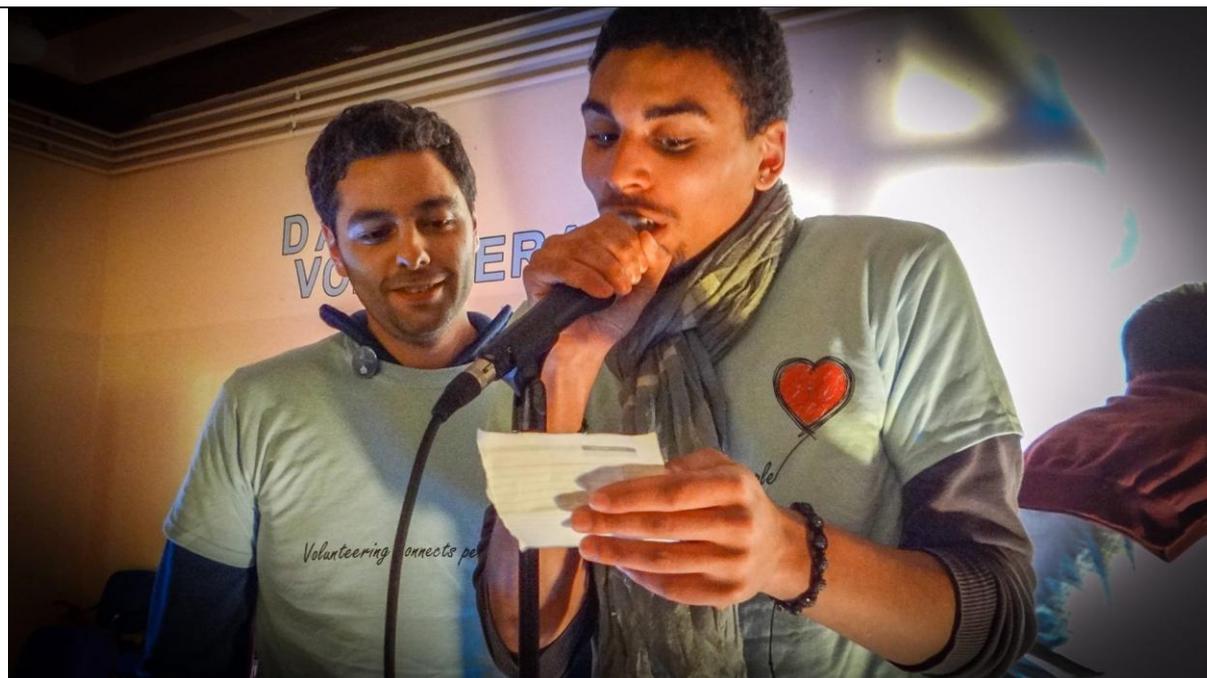
### What can you expect?

During the EVS project:

- volunteers will work approximately 6 hours per day
- Saturdays and Sunday's are free unless there are specific project events or important international days on the weekend in which case they will get weekdays off
- Volunteers will have a mentor, who will provide peer support and assist the volunteer in adjusting to their new environment and help the volunteer with the Youthpass
- Mentors are usually local youth volunteers at Association IKS
- Volunteers have a coordinator and supervisor who will be looking after the project and supporting the volunteers' development

### Participation in an EVS project means:

- Commitment to a team experience
- Commitment to working out decisions and problems together
- Completing the entire project
- Being sensitive to problems in the community
- Being open to learning, sharing and developing new skills
- Contributing fully to the work
- Having lots of self motivation and self initiative
- And, of course, having fun! ☺



*Volunteers Jaime and Mickael from Spain and France*

#### Where will we stay, food & free time?

Petrinja is a small town (24,858 inhabitants) in central Croatia, just under 60 km from the Croatian capital Zagreb. It is a microregional centre with good transport connection by bus, near the main railway which connects Zagreb with other parts of Croatia and the borders.

Petrinja is nestled on the banks of rivers Petrinjčica and Kupa, the home of the first salami factory, in the region of Banovina, situated in Sisak-Moslavina County. The people in this region are well known for their wonderful hospitality and gastronomic specialities. The region is known for its beautiful clean rivers, rolling hills, natural springs and rural scenery.



Your accommodation will be near the city centre (short walking distance) and you will share the apartment with other volunteers. The apartment will have bedrooms, a shared kitchen and dining room, bathrooms and everything else that is needed. Your living and food expenses will be paid for by the European Union project funding and you will also receive pocket money each month. With that, you can cook, share your delicious food with other volunteers, enjoy a cup of coffee in our local coffee shops and buy everything you need for your everyday life.

Like we said before, you will work around 6 hours a day, so you can enjoy your afternoons and weekends in some activities of your choice. We recommend taking a walk around river Petrinjčica or Kupa or visiting the nearby city of Sisak, the centre of Sisak-Moslavina County. The Capital City of Zagreb is also very close so if you have the need to get into a big metropolitan city mood, feel free to discover all the museums, cinemas, clubs and bars that Zagreb offers.

### Language

The official language in our project will be **English** but you will have a mentor who can help you with learning some everyday phrases to communicate with the locals in shops and cafes or when asking for directions.

### When and how to get here?

Your European voluntary service begins on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep your boarding pass and all the tickets you use to get to Petrinja, so that your travel expenses can be reimbursed.

Petrinja is well connected with Zagreb, which is your place of arrival to Croatia.

If you arrive by airplane, there is a regular airport shuttle bus every half hour to the Zagreb main bus station. The bus stop is just outside the airport entrance. Fare is 30 kuna (4 euros) and the bus leads to the main bus station in Zagreb.

From the main bus station in Zagreb (Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb) you can take the bus Zagreb-Petrinja which is around 37 kuna (5 euros). The main bus station has a Tourist info point, so if you get lost or confused, don't hesitate to ask for help. Croatians are well known for their hospitality. 😊

You will find the airport bus timetable on the following link but anyway check again when you arrive at the airport. <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/en> (PLESO PRIJEVOZ is the PLESO (ZAGREB) AIRPORT BUS COMPANY)

**Čazmatrans (<https://cazmatrans.hr/en/>) buses travel from the Zagreb bus station to Petrinja at the following times:**

ZAGREB		➔	PETRINJA	
		Brest		
vrijeme polaska	dani		vrijeme dolaska	
06:15	rd		07:20	
16:15	rd		17:20	

ZAGREB		➔	PETRINJA	
		Sisak		
vrijeme polaska	dani		vrijeme dolaska	
05:30	rd		07:05	
07:30	rd,s		09:00	
08:00	rd,s		09:35	
08:30	n		10:10	
10:00	rd,s		11:30	
11:30	rd,s		13:05	
13:00	rd,s,n		14:30	
13:30	rd		15:10	
14:15	rd, s		15:45	
15:00	rd,s,n		16:30	
16:15	rd,s		17:45	
17:00	rd		18:30	
18:00	rd,s,n		19:35	
19:45	rd,s		21:15	
21:00	rd,s		22:30	
22:00	rd,s,n		23:30	
23:20	rd,n		01:00	

legenda: rd Work days (Monday - Friday)  
s Saturday  
n Sunday

### Croatian Climate / What to wear around here

Petrinja climate is continental. Meaning, monthly temperatures range between 1 to 10°C (November) and -2 to 7°C (in December). Your service will start in November so it will be useful to bring some variety of clothes but mainly warm clothes for these winter months. We pretty much layer clothes around here because it is very warm with heating indoors and much, much colder outdoors. You will not need your bikini's but prepare for a snow-ball battle, log-fires and some pretty amazing winter scenery!

## Other useful and practical information

Croatian public telephones work on telephone cards, which have their worth expressed in kuna: 15 HRK, 30 HRK, 50 HRK or 100 HRK.

During the conversation, the credit will decrease every minute if you've dialed a national fixed network number or every 30 secs if you've dialed an international or mobile phone.

### **Money**

It makes the world go round, must be funny, it's the rich man's world. Needed by all, appreciated by many, despised by some. Nevertheless, here's something about Croatian money and prices.

Croatian currency is called KUNA, shortened KN (more common) or HRK. 1 kuna is 100 LIPAs.

- 1 EUR is app. 7.4 kn
- 1 USD is app. 6.1 kn
- 1 GBP is app. 8.5 kn
- 1 CHF is app. 6.2 kn

(more information on Croatian National Bank web-site)

***<http://www.hnb.hr/tecajn/htecajn.htm>***

To give you an idea, a small bottle of water costs 6 Kn (in supermarket); the typical price of a small bottle (1/2 l) of juice costs 7-9 Kn (in supermarket).

Money can be changed at any bank or exchange office; there are lots of them at Zagreb Airport, Autobusni kolodvor (Bus station) or Glavni kolodvor (Train station), at the main square in Zagreb etc. But we suggest you do not exchange large amounts of cash or withdraw from ATM during your trip because in Petrinja there are plenty of ATMs and banks, as well as a couple of exchange offices.

### **A small DICTIONARY:**

In Croatian language every written letter is pronounced. You should remember this useful rule. It will help you to read nameplates and street signs in the cities, read the following dictionary of the most common and the most necessary words and phrases in Croatian, but also communicate with local people and find your way to the right address. The pronunciation of particular letters is very close to Italian. The letters that are not common in other languages are “š” (pronounced “sh”), “č” (“ch”), “ž” (like French “j”), “đ” (Italian “gi”) and “dž” (“j” as in “join”). That will help you for the start.

And yeah, we know, it sounds overwhelming but you will get used to it, believe us. All of our previous volunteers can proudly say that they can speak 'a little' Croatian. You will get help from Croatian volunteers so at the end of your service, you will also know the basics. 😊

**Basic Croatian**

<b>English</b>	<b>Croatian</b>
How much is a ticket?	<u>Koliko košta karta?</u>
Good morning	<u>Dobro jutro</u>
Good evening	<u>Dobra večer</u>
Thank you	<u>Hvala</u>
Hi	<u>Bok</u>
My name is...	<u>Zovem se...</u>
Yes / no	<u>Da / ne</u>
Do you speak English?	<u>Govorite li engleski?</u>
I don't understand.	<u>Ne razumijem.</u>
Where is the street?	<u>Gdje je ulica ...?</u>
Shall we go for a beer?	<u>Hoćemo li na pivo?</u>
I like you	<u>Sviđaš mi se!</u>
You look really good, honey!	<u>Dobro izgledaš, dušo!</u>
I'm sorry	<u>Žao mi je</u>
I don't understand	<u>Ne razumijem.</u>
How are you?	<u>Kako ste?</u>
Left / right	<u>Lijevo / desno</u>
Good / bad	<u>Dobro / loše</u>
Can I use the telephone please?	<u>Mogu li, molim Vas, telefonirati?</u>
How far is...?	<u>Koliko je daleko...?</u>
How long?	<u>Koliko dugo?</u>
Two hours	<u>Dva sata</u>
Can you stop here, please?	<u>Možete li stati ovdje, molim?</u>
What time is it?	<u>Koliko je sati?</u>
Where is bus / train station?	<u>Gdje je autobusni / željeznički kolodvor?</u>

Other useful sites:

<http://croatia.hr/en-GB/Homepage>

<http://petrinjaturizam.hr/>

<http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/gettingthere/>

<http://www.croatiatraveller.com/Getting%20toCroatia.htm>

<http://www.world66.com/europe/croatia/gettingthere>

[http://meteo.hr/index\\_en.php](http://meteo.hr/index_en.php)

<http://www.weatheronline.co.uk/Croatia.htm>

<http://www.crolinks.com/tourism.htm>

**Last but not least...**

- It's strongly forbidden using drugs or exaggerating in drinking alcohol during your stay here
- Smoking is forbidden in IKS's place of work but not in cafe's and pubs
- Take into consideration that being in a project in Croatia doesn't mean being by the seaside so please check the map ☺
- But we do have rivers around here and if you're lucky they may be frozen during this winter period, and that's beautiful, you'll see ☺

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/udrugaiKS>

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mail us if you have any  
questions, some problems or  
misunderstandings!**