

Alternating current: plug yourself into Europe



INFOKIT TO EVS PROJECT

Key Action 1

Learning Mobility of Individuals

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Amigos de Europa, We are Amigos de Europa; an organization that works with young people, offering them opportunities of comprehensive training programs, while giving priority to those who are unemployed or have a cultural, social or economic disadvantage. We aim at social inclusion and thus provide the space and projects that will allow youngsters to develop their social skills.

In partnership with other organisations, we also develop exchanges and youth camps where participants are brought close to nature. All participants are volunteers who build interesting and innovative projects as well as connect with each other through the sociocultural activities they engage in. Our team has extensive experience in the creation, organization and implementation of educational and free time activities. These include meetings between different associations (each hosting about 5000-6000 participants), participation forums, debates and multiple other communication tool-promoting activity. All of these serve to promote non-formal education and a learning system capable of transforming the reality that surrounds us.

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Our aims

We work on different topics depending on our respective goals.

- Participate in aid programs and raising awareness about the need of cooperation regarding development in Third and Fourth World countries.
- Organize and disseminate training activities and information events on the topic of Health and Disease Prevention.
- To inform, sensitize raise awareness and manage activities related to the environment. These aim at environmental protection, educating the public, disseminating useful information and ensuring an enjoyable time for their participants.
- Carry out activities such as courses, seminars and training days regarding leisure time and more.
- To contribute to the personal development of individuals and help them to achieve their full potential – physically, intellectually and socially – as citizens. Attention is given to those who are most in need of assistance. These could be people unprivileged socially, culturally, economically,

physically, mentally, ethnically etc.

- Develop Actions and Programs for Social Intervention and Integration.
- Carry out Activities, Classes, Camps, Youth Exchanges, Tours, and trips with and for children and young people, linking to the areas of Formal and Non-Formal Education.
- Develop all kind of activities in Free Time and Non-Formal Education.
- To promote activities, programs, projects relating to societal integration and the incorporation of immigrants into our society.
- Develop proposals and actions on gender equality, providing support to women, and promoting their inclusion and equal participation in society.

Activities and experience of the organization.

We are a sending organization which fulfills its projects' potential and assigns motivated and active participants (including knowledgeable group leaders). Our youth workers have attended a training course on European citizenship organized by SALTO, and are able to encourage Spanish citizens to also explore this concept. We are able to put together a highly motivated group of participants which will contribute to the fullest towards the success of each project.

We enable participants to implement new skills in their work and extracurricular activities (we support them in organizing their own events, use their newly acquired knowledge after a project, etc.)

We work together with fellow participant organizations for the dissemination and utilization of a project's results

Participant's tasks and how they are selected

Our organization currently consists of 200 members and is continuously increasing in size. Our target group is young people in the age range of 14-35 years old. Putting their ideas into action, these are people motivated to participate in different projects and be part of organizing them. Our members also include group leaders, who are youth workers. They put their ideas into action within the range of a given project; coordinate the work of the young participants and help to coordinate the project.

Some of our projects developed

- Erasmus + K1 (youth exchange) – I don't have a job, but, I am working on it December 2016
- Erasmus + K1 (Training Course) – Your future under construction – January 2017
- Erasmus + K1 YE - Follow the crops for your health – January 2017
- Erasmus + K1 YE - Hi(king) – March 2017
- Erasmus + K1 YE – Search, Find, Start your own way - March 2017
- Erasmus + K1 YE - Youth! Action! Change!

What offers the EVS project Alternating Current: plug yourself into Europe?

Based on the experience in all our years of development of various projects of European mobility in the Youth in Action program and the new program Erasmus +, our association has detected, based on the ongoing processes of internal assessment, design, structures and new lines to follow, the need to go a step further in generating experiential learning opportunities following the methods of non-formal education to our young partners and the local community of Lucena for to give the opportunity to the youth of our region and the European volunteers to share their experiences and European culture.

We firmly believe that every young person with a broad desire to be integrally formed as active and participatory citizen integrated into the European community, must live an EVS project based on an experience of non-formal learning that seeks to provide knowledge, skills, and attitudes for person involved in this action program and that result in the acquisition and development of skills, where participants must be aware of the learning process in which they are immersed. For this, it is essential to learn to learn, chasing one hand help the volunteers to reflect on what they want and can learn during their EVS project and on the other hand, offer learning tools to achieve your goals learning inside and outside the EVS.

Furthermore, after consolidating the youth work focus in international programs, Lucena is recognized nationally and internationally as a place where the youngsters can find chance for their future easily. Now, we needed for our locality through the acceptance of EVS project, because it's hard work to show to citizens this concept of a wider Europe in small populations that are not equal to a big city

We offer to the participant involved in this project, one ambitious volunteer municipal plan that consists of activities to develop in five organizations working in different areas related to the population of Lucena of the field as:

- The environment and protection of abused and neglected animals.
- Assistance to groups with special needs and abilities
- Employment, entrepreneurship and promotion opportunities.
- Culture, promotion, dissemination and openness to new countries of our product par excellence, the white wine.
- Comprehensive education of children based leisure activities and free time.
- The promotion of European mobility programs like Erasmus +, EVS and learning opportunity in non-formal education.

All these activities are coordinated and supervised at all times by the host entity and coordinator of EVS project, the association AMIGOS DE EUROPA

The associations where the volunteers will collaborate besides of Amigos de Europa will be:

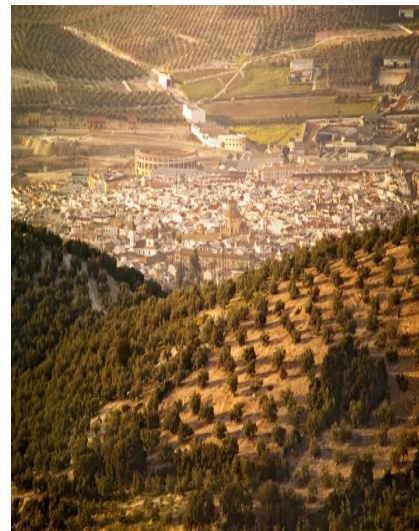
- Youth Delegation of Municipality of Lucena.
- Lucena Acoge. (NGO focus in Immigrants and refugees).
- Asociación Esto es Jauja (Rural NGO focus in youngsters of Jauja)
- Asociación Cultural Selpia (Cultural NGO).
- Acuarela de Barrios (NGO focus in children with less opportunities).
- ENEA (NGO focus in Ecology).

Aims of the EVS project " ALTERNATING CURRENT: PLUG YOURSEL INTO EUROPE"

- Create a stable volunteering bag that meets the needs of both users and the entity
- Appropriate training of volunteers in a social model focused standardized and participation in non-profit organizations helping to carry out activities for people and their interests
- Providing human and material resources necessary to voluntary action
- Meet the new competencies (knowledge, skills and abilities) that can acquire through their work or own context that surrounds your project after adaptability to different environments.
- Acquire new social skills and learn to work together.
- Learn and master a second language, in addition of the culture, customs and traditions of other different country to his.
- To assimilate and put into practice the concept of European citizenship, disseminate and promote the European mobility program "Erasmus +" as an opportunity for continuous learning and recognition.
- Develop a Multicultural coexistence with peers of EVS project, local and provincial citizenship of Lucena.

The place where you will live:

Lucena (population c. 43,000) is a town in southern Spain, in the province of Córdoba, in Andalusia, 60 km southeast of Córdoba, 85 km north of Málaga, 140 km east of Seville, 105 km west of Granada, and 90 km southwest of Jaén. It is the second major city in the province after the provincial capital (also called Córdoba). It's located at the conjunction of important highways in the geographical center of Andalusia. People from Lucena are called "Lucentinos." The city was originally known as *Eliosana*, from the Hebrew אלי הושענא *Elí hoshanna*, "May God save us". Muslims called it البشانة *Al-Yussana*.



CONDITIONS OF THE EVS

- The volunteers will live in a flat with all the facilities. Each volunteer will have her own room. The flat, will be provide by Amigos de Europa and it will be allocated in a central place of Lucena near to hospital, pharmacy, police, supermarkets....
- Amigos de Euopa will pay the cost of water, light and internet services. Gas cost will be cover by the participants.
- The volunteers will cooperate in the programme of this project during 5 days per week and will have two free days per month, having totally 100 days. You can check the schedule of activities in the document anexed.
- The volunteers will receive a medical insurance.
- The volunteers will receive each month 105€ as pocket money.
- The volunteers will recieve each month 180€ to cover their expenses.
- The volunteers will receive linguistic support throught two spanish courses, online and personal course.
- Tickets to rountrip from their homes to Lucena.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Based on the official guide of Erasmus + program and corresponding to action K1 about EVS projects long-term these are the corresponding percentages for their volunteers.

You can check through the official tool for calculating distance.

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

ARMENIA: From Yerevan to Lucena 4203,66 km.

- o Maximum contribution for transport is of **820€**

ITALY: From Chiari to Lucena 1499,20 km.

- o Maximum contribution for transport is of **275€**

We hope with much illusion that the project is to your liking and that we have the opportunity to enjoy the incredible experience of having living with us for 10 months to 2 persons of different countries and learning from experiences with they.

SEE YOU SOON!!!