



Platforma dobrovoľníckych centier a organizácií  
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## CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS



For one volunteer from program countries EU  
Project title: Discover Volunteering! Acronym: DiscVol  
Project N° **2019-1-SK02-ESC11-002044**  
Service from: preferably from September 2019, latest start possible November 2019  
Deadline for applications: 31.08.2019

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**Hosting organisation:** Platform of Volunteer Centers and Organisations (PDCO)  
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### ABOUT US

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The Platform of Volunteer Centers and Organizations (Platforma dobrovoľníckych centier a organizácií) was established in August 2011. It's a member organization unites volunteer centers and organizations working with volunteers in Slovakia (currently has 17 members). The platform is also the member of the Government Council for NGOs and CEV member.

The main goal of the Platform is to support the creation of an environment favorable for the development of volunteering. We are expert organizations in the area of volunteering in Slovakia, and we are providing consultations, as well as training for volunteers and volunteer coordinators throughout Slovakia. We helped support the development of volunteering infrastructure. Thanks to the participation in international projects, we are bringing many innovations in the volunteering field in Slovakia, for example, inclusive volunteering, volunteering of unemployment people and recognition of skills gained through volunteering, volunteering in social services.

The Platform coordinates two most famous campaigns promoting volunteering – Volunteer Week and Regional Volunteer Awards – Heart on Palm. Since 2012, the Platform is active also in the field of recognition and validation of non-formal learning through volunteering. We have been involved as a coordinator in the creation and implementation of Strategy for Education of Children and Youth for Volunteering, which was adopted in April 2018.

Our office is situated at the Matej Bel University in the Banská Bystrica town; there is a direct link to the academic field. We have several part-time employees that are working on specific programs or projects. We have been involved in consultation during the preparation of the European Solidarity Corps. Until now we do not have experiences with the implementation of this program, and we didn't host EVS volunteers in the Platform, but people currently working in our organisation have many experiences with the local, as well as international volunteers.



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## WHO WERE ARE LOOKING FOR?

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The call is opened for one young person aged between 18 to 30 years. We are planning to host her/him for 12 months in Banská Bystrica City (Central Slovakia).

We are looking for a creative young person who is interested in the topic of volunteering, wants to learn more about it, support, spread, and promote its idea. Someone who has a good idea, and enjoys working with the camera, PC, but also the social networks. Through the processing of creative contents (pictures, photos, videos, posters, invitations, etc.) and social networks, she/he will be willing to spread the idea of solidarity to our society.

We are looking for an active person who has the desire to learn, to work on, and to develop her/himself. A communicative person can approach others. We are searching for flexible, open to a stand-alone person with a responsible approach to the tasks combined with the teamwork, or under supervision.

The project is primarily aimed on volunteers with fewer opportunities from Spain, but we are opened to communicated with motivated and interested candidates from all EU Member countries.

## WHAT WILL THE VOLUNTEER DO?

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All the project activities are focused on promoting, support, and dissemination of the idea of volunteering. The activities are by the mission and objectives of the Platform of Volunteer Centers and Organisation.

The essence of the work is collecting material (photos, videos, interviews) outside of the office (in the community - between volunteers, organizations, during campaigns, workshops, training, conferences and other events, including ESC activities). The acquired material should be archived and also processed by graphics software. The final product should be attractive and interesting media file capable by the volunteer to spread the idea of volunteering. These activities include active work with social networks, mainly FB, Instagram (or similar). Also creating, managing, and feeding account of our institution on Instagram. The volunteer will have the opportunity to design and develop his project, which promotes volunteering.

## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

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- Space for personal and professional development
- Professional background, team support and guidance (coordinator, mentor, supervisor, staff and language support) in an experiential learning process based on „Service Learning“ methodology
- An individual and human approach based on individual learning needs and aspirations

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- Knowledge, skills, and competencies for future employment, studies, and everyday life
- Validation of acquired knowledges, skills and competences through EU and national validation tools: Youthpass and D-Skills (certified)
- Conditions for self-fulfillment, creativity, ideas and own project
- Interesting and stimulate working-, local- and social environment (Banská Bystrica - university town, office in the University of Matej Bel, NGOs,) where the volunteer can meet young and nice people, volunteers, people from the NGOs sector

## CONDITIONS AND FUNDING

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**Duration of the service:** 12 months in Banska Bystrica City

**Travel:** Covered travel to and from the service, the maximum amount depends on the distance to Banska Bystrica from departure place.

**Accommodation:** Private/shared room in a rented apartment near the city center, shared and equipped kitchen, bathroom.

**Meal and personal allowance:** Weekly / Monthly meal and personal allowance including during the holiday period.

**Working hours and Holidays:** Monday-Friday, 30-35 hours/week, two days of holiday per month to be taken at any time upon prior agreement with the project coordinator. Extra holiday available for family or personal reasons.

**Health Insurance:** International ESC insurance plan arranged

## HOW TO APPLY?

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1. Please fill in the application form available [here](#)
2. Send your CV to [office@dobrovolnickecentra.sk](mailto:office@dobrovolnickecentra.sk) latest on 31/08/2019.
3. Selected applicants will be invited for an online Skype interview.
4. For more information contact ESC coordinator:  
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## SOME MORE INFORMATION

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About Slovakia: <http://slovakia.travel/>

About Banska Bystrica City: <http://eng.banskabystrica.sk/>

The Platform of Volunteer Centers and Organizations: <http://www.dobrovolnickecentra.sk/en/>

About European Solidarity Corps: [https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)



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