



# The volunteering project “NEDS” brochure of the results



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Title of the activity: NEDS (Nature, Environment, Development and Sustainability)

Project leader: Ecological Association „Krka“ Knin

Partners at the project: France: Concordia Rhone -Alpes, Lyon and Youth ID, Paris

Germany: VIA e.V. – Verein für internationalen und interkulturellen Austausch, Lüneburg

Portugal: ProAtlântico – Associação Juvenil, Cruz Quebrada

Italy: „Noi@Europe“ Napoli

Spain: Building Bridges, Madrid

Duration of project implementation: 24 months, from 1.1.2022. to 31.12.2024.

Project is co-founded by European Union within the program of European Solidarity Forces and was approved by the Agency for mobility and programs of the EU.



## O PROJEKTU

Activities "NEDS" in accordance with the main goals of the association and include activities aimed at preserving and protecting nature and the environment, encouraging environmental and cultural awareness of citizens, especially young people and children, encouraging organic agriculture and the development of cultural, rural and ecological tourism, improving the quality of life, developing society and encouraging development processes in the local community, encouraging and developing civil society, promotion and development of volunteerism, promotion and development of democratic political culture and culture of nonviolence, provision of all kinds of assistance to all categories of society, with an emphasis on socially sensitive categories, and in order to improve the quality of life and development of society, assistance in the protection of fundamental rights of man and citizens and the development and promotion of education for all categories of citizens.

Project consists of two activities in which 7 young international volunteers from Italy, Portugal, Germany, France and Spain participated. The aim was contribution to promotion and development of the ecological awareness, sustainable development of the community and solidarity.



## Project activities:

- Organization of various educational workshops for citizens that aim to contribute to the promotion and development of environmental awareness, sustainable community development and solidarity;
- Organizing various actions of cleaning the environment with the aim of preserving and promoting valuable natural and cultural spaces and water resources of the City of Knin and the Krka River;
- Education and informing the public with the aim of changing values and behavior by encouraging active participation in environmental and nature protection and encouraging activities that contribute to reducing waste and increasing recycling;
- Organization, implementation, development and promotion of all forms of education, including lifelong learning and adult education;
- Work on improving the quality of life through the organization and design of leisure time for all target groups, holding and conducting eco workshops, courses, forums, organizing events, concerts, exhibitions and other various forms of rest, entertainment and recreation;
- Promoting and developing a democratic political culture and encouraging citizens to participate in decision-making;
- Writing, applying and implementing smaller local or national project proposals and conducting all types of promotional and marketing activities that contribute to the achievement of the goals covered by NEDS activities;



## Project objectives:

·To raise environmental awareness of the public - to involve citizens and communities in climate and environmental action, by conducting education, workshops, seminars, info campaigns, cleaning actions, etc. for citizens, we plan to strengthen the environmental awareness of the public and thus contribute to the achievement of the objective of the European Climate Pact;

·Strengthen the knowledge and skills of citizens, contribute to the sustainable development of the local community and improve the quality of life – continuous strengthening of knowledge and skills through education of citizens on topics: sustainable development with an emphasis on economic development, strengthening personal and business knowledge and skills, strengthening digital knowledge and skills, knowledge and skills necessary for inclusion in the local public to reduce unemployment and reduce the risk of poverty, strengthen active citizenship and society, and improve quality of life;

·Contribute to solidarity in the community, prevent discrimination and promote diversity and multiculturalism - continuously implement actions in the local community that will support socially marginalized people and work to promote the inclusion of diversity and multiculturalism. By involving volunteers from different backgrounds, we significantly contribute to the existence and acceptance of diversity in our local community, and at the same time promote volunteering and encourage young people in our community to participate in ESS programs, all with the aim of strengthening a non-discriminatory society, solidarity, continuous progress and sustainable community development so that everyone has equal opportunities and opportunities in society;

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## Ecology

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## Results of the project achieved:

- 7 young international volunteers from Italy, Portugal, Germany, France and Spain participated;
- More than 3000 volunteers hours were done;
- More than 25 video clips about voluntarism, inclusion, cultural and linguistic differences, ecology, importance of the development of the skills, sustainable cooking, separation of the waste and volunteers experience;
- More than 10 brochures on volunteering, ESS and Erasmus+ youth opportunities, composting, bio enzyme, plastic harms, plastic caps, sustainable habits, reuse and recycling;
- More than 10 workshops were held with the pupils of Primary school “Domovinske zahvalnosti” about sustainable cooking, reuse, recycling, culture, inclusion and volunteering.
- More than 500 children, youth and citizens participated in the project activities;
- About 10 actions of cleaning and arrangement of the green areas;
- Collected over 200 kg of plastic caps for UOLL Čakovec;
- 5 creative workshops to encourage reuse and recycling for children, youth and citizens were held;



## Results of the project achieved:

- Held about 20 workshops with the association of disabled "St. Bartolomej" Knin for the creation of additional content in the community and inclusive environment and on topics: ecology, culture, cooking, volunteering, sustainable habits, developing activities, games, learning, etc.;
- About 250 painted cloth bags to citizens in actions to collect plastic caps;
- More than 50 post on the Facebook page and Instagram profile of the project NEDS, through which over 1000 citizens are informed, educated and aware of the following topics: environmental and nature protection, reuse, recycling, measures to reduce waste generation, composting, ecology, skills development, volunteering, ESS and Erasmus+ program, etc.;
- Held 5 workshops for primary school pupils on the topics of ecology, the importance of volunteering and skilled development, opportunities for young people through the ESS and Erasmus+ program;



## Results of the project achieved:

- Over 20 activities of informing, educating and raising awareness of the importance of preserving the environment and nature, volunteering, sustainable development, encouraging creativity with an emphasis on reuse, sustainable waste management, opportunities of ESS and Erasmus+ programs, development of green skills and practices and creation of additional content for children, youth and citizens through learning new languages, creativity, exhibitions, quizzes, cultures, etc.;
- Increased ecological awareness of the public about the importance of influence on climate and environment which contributed to the achievement of the aims of the European Climate Pact;
- Enforced knowledge and the skills of the children; youth and the citizens which contributed to the sustainable development of the local community and improvement of the quality of life.;
- Enforced solidarity and creation of the inclusive surrounding in the community in order to provide everyone equal opportunities and options in the society.;



Effects of the project on participants, organizations, target group, local and international community:

- By implementing the volunteer project "NEDS", we have achieved many positive effects both at the organizational level and at the local and international level. This project also had great positive effects on the personal and professional development of volunteers that participated in its implementation.
- 7 young international volunteers have gained new knowledge, skills and competences about sustainable development, ecology, protection of the environment and nature, managing the projects, sustainable waste management, reusing, recycling, volunteering, solidarity, inclusion, work and operations of the NGOs, digital team work, green skills and practices, program Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Forces as well as about new culture, language and traditions;
- Over 100 young people were informed about volunteering opportunities, Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, mobility, volunteering, solidarity, non-formal learning, acquisition of new skills and knowledge, ecology and sustainable development;



Effects of the project on participants, organizations, target group, local and international community:

- Over 250 participants of citizens, local institutions and institutions are involved in spreading solidarity in the local community through active participation, and acquired new knowledge on sustainable waste management, sustainable development, ways to reduce waste generation, environmental and nature protection and adopted new green sustainable practices and skills;
- Over 500 children, youth and citizens encouraged to actively engage in the local community and contributed to the empowerment of the local community;
- 200 kg of collected plastic caps contributed to the protection of the environment and nature, the spread of solidarity and volunteerism, the reduction of waste generation and the sustainable development of the community;
- Participating organizations have larger international dimension and visibility; increased spreading of partners networks and cooperation on local and international level;
- Strengthened the capacities of the participating organizations for quality implementation of the projects;



Effects of the project on participants, organizations, target group, local and international community:

- Volunteers actions have contributed to the improvement of the quality of life in local community by spreading solidarity, EU values, awareness about the benefits of volunteering, diversity and interculturalism among citizens and strengthening citizens' knowledge and skills, and social development by encouraging the creation of inclusion, social justice and equal opportunities for all citizens;
- Volunteers actions have contributed to the sustainable development of the local community by strengthening the knowledge and skill, green practice of the citizens on the importance of the preservation of the environment and nature, sustainable development and sustainable waste management, emphasizing reusing;
- Achieved results of the project have contributed to the priorities of the ESS program, reaching the aims of the Association, EU aims for the youth as well as to the achievement of the global goals of sustainable development;





If you want to learn more about volunteering opportunities, learn, travel, get to know new cultures as part of the European Solidarity Corps program, please contact us at these contacts:

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