Volunteer in Romania!

European Voluntary Service

April – October 2016

Braila, Romania
Title of the project:

“FIRST STEP IN EDUCATION, FIRST STEP IN VOLUNTEERING”
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About the organizers:

Asociatia Pro Democratia Club Braila is a non-governmental, non-profit and non-party affiliated organization established in 2002. The main fields of interest are: strengthening the relation between the electorate and its elected representatives, observing the correctness of the electoral process, civic education; citizens' participation in the process of the public policies drafting, the transparency of public institutions and their control by the civil society; protecting human rights. One of the strategic objectives of Asociatia Pro Democratia Club Braila is to develop projects with and for youth. So lately we have had in implementing in Youth in Action program three projects under Action 2 - European Youth. During the projects - „Volunteer Today, Involved European Citizen Tomorrow!” (RO-21-68-2012-R2) Volunteering - challenge between generations (RO-21-61-2013-R1), and “Advocacy for environment” young people from Portugal, Turkey, Georgia , Poland, Spain and Romania had the opportunity to work together during the projects. They developed personal projects but with impact in the local community they had various trainings on human rights and democracy, on mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution, on the role of the family in the society and the equality between the sexes, Workshop methods of non-formal education and trainings on conflict management.

Asociatia Pro Democratia Club Braila, works with a team of competent people, well-trained in youth project management. We intend to involve young people who are searching for a job, either they finished university or not. Also, young people who need this EVS in order to help plan their career better.

General description of the EVS project:

The EVS stage will take place in Braila, Romania, between 1st of April 2016 – 31st of October 2016. The project will involve 10 volunteers from Armenia, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Turkey, 2 from each country. The volunteers will work closely with kindergarten children from Braila.

The main objectives:
- Learning by the volunteers of non-formal education
- Development of volunteers’ abilities and skills in the areas of communication, teaching, and coordination of non-formal activities
- Understanding of cultural diversity within European Union and increase tolerance among young people from different countries
- Gain skills that could potentially guide careers.

Activities for the EVS stage:
The weekly activity schedule for volunteers consists in:
The volunteers will work on project activities 5 days per week from Monday to Friday.
The volunteers will benefit of Romanian language courses. They will have hours of mentorship meeting per week. Volunteers will also participate in the coordination team for various projects organized by the host association in Romania.

**Profile of the volunteers**

In order to take part in the project, the candidates that want to make a voluntary stage in Braila, Romania must fulfill certain important criteria:
- Age of the volunteers must be between 18 and 25
- A gender balance is recommended
- The persons selected must be active, enthusiastic, have team spirit, prove willingness for involvement in voluntary activities with young people.
- Volunteers must prove light experience in working with children and involvement in previous youth projects
- Volunteers must support the host organization in fulfilling the tasks according to the activities of the project
- Volunteers should have an average knowledge of English

**Transport, accommodation**

Local transport in Braila will be fully covered by the host organization. Each volunteer will receive monthly subscription to local transport company. Accommodation costs are fully covered by the host organization. The volunteers will live in a college dorm 5 persons in a room. Monthly allowance for meal will be provided by the host organization. Meals can be provided by the college where they will live.

**About BRAILA:**

Brăila is a city in Muntenia, eastern Romania, a port on the Danube and the capital of Brăila County. During the 19th century, the port became one of the three most important ports on the Danube in Wallachia, the other two being Turnu and Giurgiu. The city's greatest period of prosperity was at the end of the 19th century and in the early 20th century, when it was an important port for most of the merchandise coming in and going out of Romania. Streets radiating from near the port towards Brăila's center are crossed at symmetrical intervals by concentric streets following the geometric design of the old Ottoman fortifications.

The old center of the city has many 19th century buildings, some of them fully restored. The most important monuments are the Greek Church, erected at 1865 by the Greek community, the Sfinții Arhangheli Church, former mosque during the Ottoman rule (until 1831), the 19th century Sfântul Nicolae Church, also from the 19th century, the Maria Filotti theatre, the Palace of Culture and its Art Museum, the History Museum, and the old Water Tower. Another important site is the Public Garden, a park situated above the bank of the Danube with a view over the river and the Măcin Mountains. Early in 2006 the municipality received European Union funds to renovate the old center of the city, aiming to transform Brăila into a major tourist attraction of Muntenia.
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