

# “YOUTHink Together” EVS Project

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## What is EVS?

The **European Voluntary Service (EVS)** is part of the Key Action 1 - “Mobility for young people and youth workers” of the Erasmus+ Programme. It supports transnational voluntary service by young people. Its aims are to develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, primarily so as to sustain social cohesion in the European Union. It encourages active citizenship and enhances mutual understanding among young people. These general objectives will be achieved by:

- helping young people participate in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union;
- giving young people the opportunity to express their personal commitment through voluntary activities at European and international level;
- involving young people in projects fostering solidarity between citizens of the European Union;
- involving young volunteers in a non-profit-making, unpaid and full-time activity for the benefit of the general public in a country other than their country of residence.

The European Voluntary Service is a “learning” service: through non-formal learning experiences young volunteers will improve and acquire skills for their personal, educational and professional development, and add to their general social integration.

Source: EACEA Info Kit

The European Voluntary Service is financed by the European Union through the Erasmus+ Programme. *YOUTHink Together* is also an EU-funded project (nr. **2016-2-IT03-KA105-008989**).

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## The project

**YOUTHink Together** is an EVS project focused on putting at the Centre the role of volunteers in creating a real shift at local level. The project will be placed in a former industrial place near Naples converted to cultural, sport and youth activities where a flourishing youth group is growing. Such a building is placed close to the center of the town, hence close to all the services.

The **two European volunteers** will be integrated in the ordinary activities of the Centre and the Association, but they will be also part and creators of new activities.



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## The project

- Duration: **10 months**
- Start date: **1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2017**
- End date: **10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018**
- Venue: the project will take place in a **youth center**, where Futuro Digitale has its office. The Center is attended by about 1.000 youngsters per week.
- **Financial conditions:** food, accommodation, training and travel are fully covered by Erasmus+.
- A monthly **pocket money** is foreseen.



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## Hosting Organisation

The project will be hosted by **Futuro Digitale Association (Campania)**.

Futuro Digitale Association works to promote youth empowerment through concrete possibilities of development connected to e-learning, traineeships, voluntary activities and personalised patterns of working periods. We focus in orienteering youth through non-formal education strategies, but also as agency for micro-credit consultancy (mentorship and bureaucracy support) and for Italian teaching for foreigners as well as an ICT training centre.

We have worked with more than 400 youth for KA1 Erasmus+ (youth exchanges, training courses and EVS projects) and we are collaborating in 14 KA2 Erasmus+ actions. We work in three Italian regions and we have already hosted a lot of European youngsters for Erasmus+ and mobility experiences.

To find out more, just visit us at [www.futurodigitale.org](http://www.futurodigitale.org)

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## Sending Organisations

The partnership is composed by 3 organisations:

- **Associazione Futuro Digitale** (ITALY) as Coordinating and Hosting organisation [evs@futurodigitale.org](mailto:evs@futurodigitale.org) - [www.futurodigitale.org](http://www.futurodigitale.org)
- **Europa Aquì** (SPAIN) as Sending organisation (1 volunteer)  
contact: [europaqui@gmail.com](mailto:europaqui@gmail.com)  
website: [www.europaqui.org](http://www.europaqui.org)
- **Globala Kronoberg** (SWEDEN) as Sending organisation (1 volunteer)  
contact: [joana.pinheiro@globalakronoberg.se](mailto:joana.pinheiro@globalakronoberg.se)  
website: [www.globalakronoberg.se](http://www.globalakronoberg.se)

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## Where

The project will be implemented in Sant'Antonio Abate (Province of Naples). It is a quiet town of 20.000 inhabitants, located in an amazing position in terms of attractions, touristic places and opportunities.

Municipality: [www.comunesantantonioabate.it](http://www.comunesantantonioabate.it)

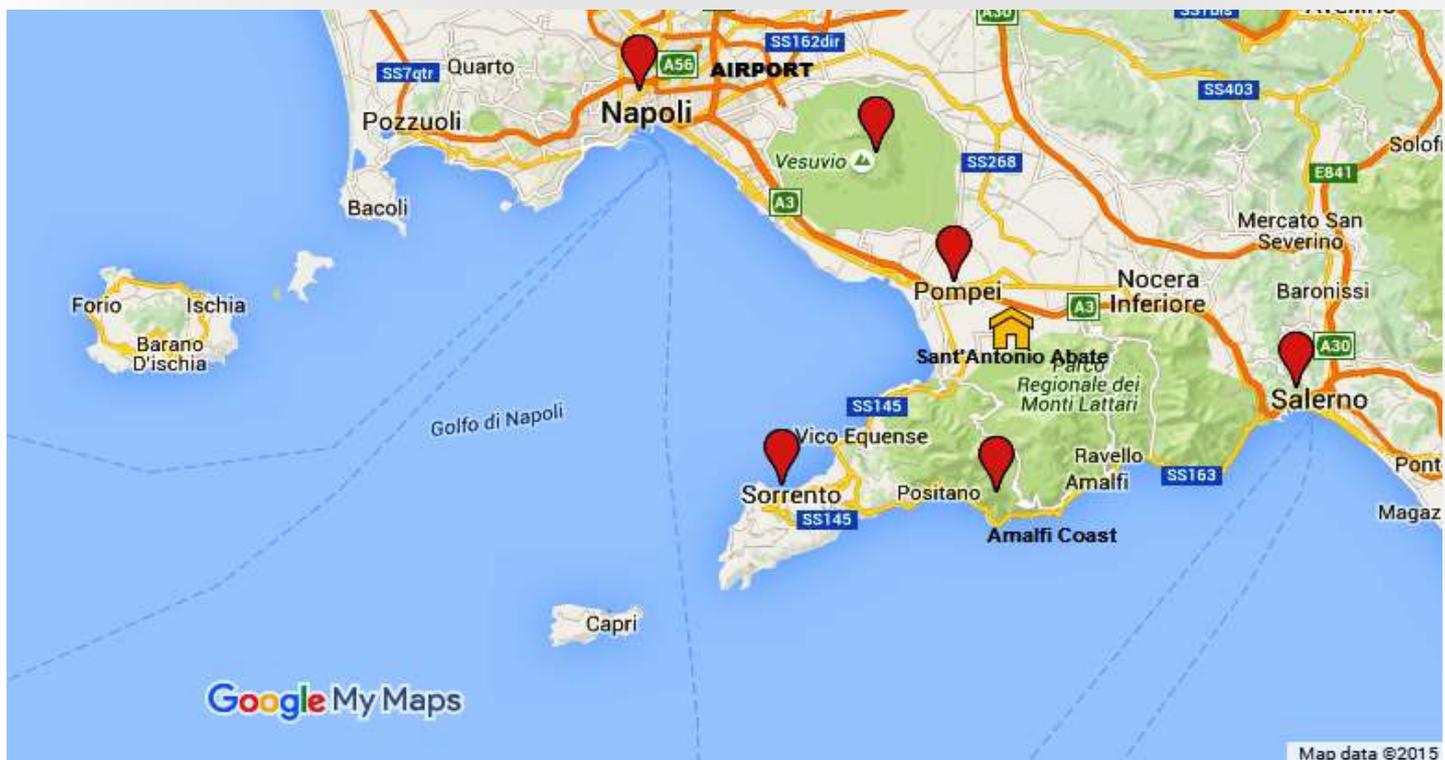
Video of youth videomakers about the city: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsOt\\_tDTihY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsOt_tDTihY)



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## Surroundings

Sant'Antonio Abate is very close to a lot of important cities and places of Campania Region. Some examples: **Naples** (30 km), **Sorrento** (20 km), **Amalfi Coast** (15 km), **Vesuvius** (20 km), **Salerno** (23 km), **Pompeii** (5 km).



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## How to reach Sant'Antonio Abate from the airports?

1. From the airport of Naples - Capodichino, there are shuttle buses every hour leading you to Castellammare di Stabia (direction Sorrento), very close to our town. The bus company is "Autolinee Curreri Viaggi". You will find the bus just out of the airport.

Bus timeline: [http://www.curreriviaggi.it/autolinee/images/AUTOLINEE\\_CURRERI.pdf](http://www.curreriviaggi.it/autolinee/images/AUTOLINEE_CURRERI.pdf) .

We can also provide a private car service to pick you up at the airport. It costs 15 euros.

2. In case you land in Rome: from Fiumicino or Ciampino airports there are also trains and buses leading you to Termini Station, the main railway station of Rome. Here you can check prices and time tables for your buses from the airport to Termini station.

<http://www.tambus.it/index.php?lang=es>

[http://www.terravision.eu/spagnolo/airport-transfer/bus-aeropuerto-de-fiumicino-roma-3/?noredirect=es\\_ES](http://www.terravision.eu/spagnolo/airport-transfer/bus-aeropuerto-de-fiumicino-roma-3/?noredirect=es_ES)

<http://www.sitbusshuttle.com/es/fiumicino/>

From there, you can find connection to Naples Central Station. Then, buses to our town, company name "CSTP", out of the station.

We can also provide a private car service to pick you up at Naples Central Station. It costs 10 euros.

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## Project's activities 1/3

The volunteers will be actively involved in **different and various tasks**. First of all, they will be part of the ordinary activities of Futuro Digitale, such as the participation and organisation of EU and intercultural events, but also on specific projects created for “*YOUTHink Together*”. One of the aim will be their **inclusion in the local community**, for a bilateral contribution to the social and human growth of the people involved.



## Project's activities 2/3

The overall calendar will reflect a number of activities referred to the association Futuro Digitale:

- Practical work in **revamping the ex-industrial structure** (some areas are being converted in sports pitches, in theatre places etc.). Volunteers will be working together with the local youth to support them in the local planning & restoration and in the requalification of the building;
- Volunteers will be in charge of **creating educational activities on transversal skills** (the eight foreseen by EU) both for children and for youth, in order to prepare them on **Erasmus+ Programme**, as well as supporting them in their social empowerment referred to employability and entrepreneurship.
- Volunteers will have to steer educational activities together with local youth workers such as **workshops, info days, school meetings**, theatre activities etc. A lot of **events** will take place during the 10 months of the project: Move Week, Europe Day, OroRosso (a festival about traditional foods), Volunteering Day, Multiliguism Forum, etc. Futuro Digitale carries out these events every year, but the contribution of the EVS volunteers can be a real added value to innovate them.

## Project's activities 3/3

- Volunteers will organise **linguistic activities through language cafes** in order to support local youth to acquire better language skills both in English and in the volunteers' native language.
- Volunteers will have to back also Futuro Digitale's activities, such as **networking** (offline and online), conference organisation, **project writing** and revamping of digital documents.
- Volunteers will participate to the **local democratic meetings** which are regularly held by the local associations. Futuro Digitale is part of the NGO local forum. Volunteers will learn and understand how to cooperate with other associations and how to act in a democratic society.
- Volunteers will be **learning Italian** through regular sessions organised by Futuro Digitale.
- Volunteers will be formed also in **storytelling** as they will be working to tell the stories of their EVS as well as to engage other youth to be volunteers through Erasmus+. They will be formed by Futuro Digitale in how to tell stories and how to use digital tools to better express themselves.

The dissemination activities will be focused on a strategy of digital storytelling and organisation of offline events for the community. An important part of the project will be referred to the preparation and follow-up.

A very important a huge space will be offer to the implementation of a personal project created by the volunteer him/herself.

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## Accommodation

The volunteers will be accommodated in an **independent apartment** with a wonderful view on the Vesuvius. The apartment is at the second floor, furnished of everything, with two bedrooms (+ one that can be used if we will host interns), one bathroom, one kitchen/living room. Futuro Digitale will provide bicycles for the volunteers, so they can reach the venue(s) of the activities in few minutes and in a sustainable way 😊

As regards the **food allowance**, each volunteer will receive a weekly amount of 40€. The life cost in the area is very cheap, so the pocket money (that is given monthly) will be enough to enjoy free time in the city and its surrounding. The **pocket money for the EVS in Italy is 115 € per month.**

From the beginning of the experience Futuro Digitale will focus on the language course for the volunteers, in order to put them in the condition of communicate with the local people as soon as possible.

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## Weather



The climate in Sant'Antonio Abate is warm.

Summers are very hot, with more than 30° maximum. Don't worry, the sea is very close! 😊

Winters are cold, but not frosty. January is the coldest month, with an average of 4° minimum and 10° maximum.

So, bring some clothes suitable for a Mediterranean weather.

### What to bring also?

It would be useful to bring with you also clothes useful for sport events and for activities outdoor, for the requalification of some part of the building, when we could use paints, colours and work tools.

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## Training

As EVS volunteer, you will receive specific training during the implementation of the project.

- 1. Pre-departure Training:** preparation about the project, practical aspects, Country, activities, etc. This Training is done before starting the Service, by your Sending Organisation.
- 2. On-Arrival Training:** meeting with other EVS volunteers in Italy, intercultural learning, communication skills and understand EVS better. It is organised by the Italian National Agency for Youth.
- 3. Mid-Term Evaluation:** for evaluating how things are going, reflecting on positive experiences to enhance motivation. It is organised by the Italian National Agency for Youth.

Furthermore, during the activities, you will receive from the staff of Futuro Digitale, **specific training**, based on non-formal education and learning by doing.

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## Youthpass

### What is Youthpass in EVS?

The simple answer is that Youthpass in European Voluntary Service (EVS) is a Certificate which confirms the participation of volunteers and describes their specific EVS project. It is also a Certificate that describes what volunteers learned during their project using the Key competences for Lifelong Learning as a framework.

And the more sophisticated answer is that Youthpass and the linked political context offer recognition of non-formal learning within the Youth in Action Programme.

### Why Youthpass?

For volunteers Youthpass is the official proof of their active participation in a European Voluntary Service project. They can use it as a reference when they apply, for instance, for a job or an educational course. But a Youthpass also means - more importantly - recognising their own active participation in a project, their mobility experience and emphasising their ability to learn from this intercultural experience and to develop personally and professionally.

*Source: Youthpass in European Voluntary Service, Youthpass.eu*

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## Some pictures



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## How to apply?

**Basing on the Country of departure, you have to apply to the related Sending Organisation.**



For Spanish candidates: contact Maria: [europaqui@gmail.com](mailto:europaqui@gmail.com) , sending your CV and Motivational letter, possibly in English.



For Swedish candidates: contact Joana Pinheiro at [joana.pinheiro@globalakronoberg.se](mailto:joana.pinheiro@globalakronoberg.se) , sending your CV and Motivational letter, possibly in English.

**Deadline** for application: **26 February 2017**

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### Associazione di Promozione Sociale Futuro Digitale

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Facebook official page: [www.facebook.com/associazionefuturodigitale](http://www.facebook.com/associazionefuturodigitale)

We are also on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

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Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/bt4d4vTKWjx>