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KNOLTURE

(individual volunteering stages)

2021-2-RO01-ESC51-VTJ-000045008

INFO PACK

AN ESC PROJECT

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
2022



Dear Applicants,

As the National History Museum of Romania, we are looking forward to welcoming you in Bucharest, as we intend to achieve the full potential of the project “Sharing Cultural Heritage and Knowledge”, a project possible by the funding of the European Commission through the European Solidarity Corps programme.

We wish to come before you with this info pack in order to provide a better understanding of the ESC availability and at the same time, information regarding the environment hosting you while the activities will unfold.

Regarding your host

Established in 1970 and open to the public in 1972, the National History Museum of Romania/ Muzeul Național de Istorie a României (MNIR) is a great representation of the cultural Romanian scene and one of the most prolific institutions of its kind among South-Eastern and Central Europe. The museum is a national cultural public institution and also shares the role of a research organization. The historical monument, home to the headquarters, can be found on Calea Victoriei, 12 and presents its own history as an architectural symbol of Bucharest.

In recent years, MNIR has cooperated with various Romanian core institutions such as Romanian Cultural Institute (ICR), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE), the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI), the National Archives, the National Bank of Romania (BNR) and the Universities of Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca (Babeș-Bolyai), just to state a few. In order to stage so many beautiful exhibitions, collaborations with various embassies and municipalities, NGOs and cultural institutes, abroad have played an important role and not to ignore was the part that the volunteers have taken in establishing these representations of national culture and history.

Home to some exquisite permanent exhibitions (the Lapidarium, the Replica of Trajan's column and the Historical Treasury), the National History Museum of Romania also takes pride in various temporary displays at the headquarters and those hosted by other institutions throughout the country as well as abroad. (15-20/ hq; 5-10/ national; 10-15/ abroad). In the last two years, exhibits of this kind have become a main attraction for the public as they have witnessed on display "The Gold of Chinese Emperors", "Roupele 1941. The Battle for the Defense of Greece", "Toy Museum", "Nicolae Iorga - 150 Years Since His Birth" and "Romania During the Second World War", just to name a few.

By engaging in numerous events and other nonconventional activities throughout the year and counting on both our staff members and volunteers (30-40/ year) that these events become a cultural success, we wish to grow the number of our beneficiaries and attract the audience to get involved in our endeavours regarding non-formal education and not only, as both participants, as well as volunteers.

Project Information

Name:

SHARING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND KNOWLEDGE

Acronym:

KNOLTURE

Ref. No.:

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Project Start Day:

01.01.2022

Project Total Duration:

12 months

Place of Activities:

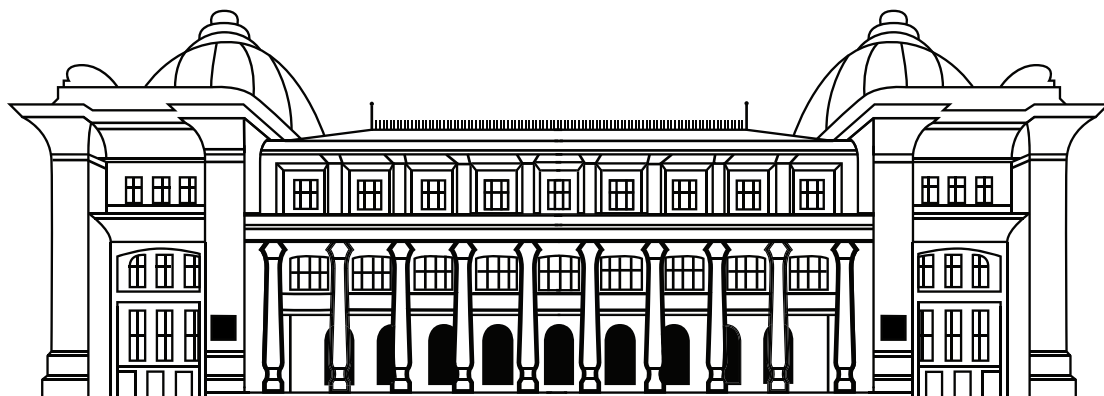
Bucharest, Romania

Volunteering Stage:

**6 months, except travel days
(1st July - 31st December 2022)**

Format:

(2 ESC volunteers from EU+ 2 Romanian volunteers)



The main aim of this project is to expand the public of MNIR, while it is guaranteed our inclusive policy base is respected. By monitoring the needs of the community, we could be best assuring the raising of awareness around solidarity.

For this to be possible, three main objectives have been set:

- MO1: Establishing a stronger professional and personal evolution in the competence of our volunteers regarding their cultural management abilities, values of non-formal education and learning about Romanian history and culture through multicultural methods.
- MO2: Increasing the number of the beneficiaries that come in contact with the ESC programmes while it is made sure that they are made as known as possible, not only in the museum field, but all other types of public institutions as well.
- MO3: Raising the level of solidarity within the community by interactions between various groups, support of everyone's own personal and cultural identity while developing a joint European identity.

During the 6 months of volunteering stage we are intending to train 4 ESC volunteers and pairing them with 4 of our typical volunteers in order for them to be able to create an environment in which their own culture is publicized all while developing on a multicultural basis their interest in the European heritage.



Activities

The activities we propose will hopefully ensue a full development in what concerns the skills and learning capabilities of our volunteers regarding virtual components and digital transition, sustainable development and climate action through green practices and civic engagement in what concerns a democratic perspective along with social and cultural understanding of inclusion and diversity.

As it follows, a typical week of activities would have the resulting aspect:

Monday – Deciding the themes and main activities of the week, general information and methods of implementing by communicating ideas and negotiating roles and responsibilities through brainstorming, round tables, debates and discussions.

Tuesday – Acquiring of resources, outlining the endeavours of the week and initiation of publicity for them.

Wednesday – Promoting the weekly activity (physical and digital), selecting the target group, risk management of the activity and the completion of what concerns logistics.

Thursday – Implementing the activity and debriefing all parts involved, obtaining feedback with the scope of consolidation.

Friday – Diffusion of the results and preparing the report regarding the past week for the project team/CPP.

Each day will have an addition of 2 hours concerning the cultural mentoring, psychological support, evaluation and reflection and support in language learning.

Applicant's Profile

Basic qualifications:

- Age between 18-30 years old;
- Minimum knowledge of English (recommended);
- Citizen or resident of a country member of the European Union;
- Interested and motivated in development of their own skills;
- Patient, responsible, creative and open-minded;

These factors mean:

Our candidates have completed general education level and want to develop their abilities concerning education through cultural projects;

Embracing intercultural learning and developing attitudes understanding tolerance and understanding towards social inclusion, building cohesion and increasing awareness of active citizenship;

Communicative in initiative, creativity and professional development while sharing with their team;

Driven to build up their skills in project management and incorporating criteria of non-formal education and solidarity;

Open to working with beneficiaries from vulnerable/at-risk categories and with those of fewer opportunities;

Being part of/aware of what social/economic/educational/cultural/geographical obstacles are and how do they manifest.

Conditions and benefits

The participants are expected to work during the volunteering stage 5 days/ week, 4 hours/ day (with exception of training, evaluations concerning the learning process), the minimum of hours required to complete the volunteering stage is 30 hours/ week, with a maximum of 38 hours/ week. In special occasions (events) if the volunteers need to work on Saturday or Sunday, it will be done with their accord.

Time off: 2 days of time off/month (except weekends and public holidays)

Food: Participants will receive monthly during the volunteering stage a sum of 150 € in order to buy groceries and later prepare it for themselves.

The mentors will indicate to the volunteers the most favourable places regarding grocery shopping (shops and markets).

Accommodation: Volunteers will have to share an apartment in Bucharest. They will have their own room or will have to share a room with one other volunteer of the same gender. The apartment will be equipped with bathroom, washing machine, kitchen (fully equipped), the apartments will be fully furnished, as well as being equipped TV (TV cable included) and internet/Wi-Fi.

Local Transport: The organization will provide monthly tickets/passes for public transportation and will inform the participants of the time tables of these ways of transportation.

International Transport: The volunteers will be given 100% the travel cost to and from Bucharest, including the fees regarding visas, accommodation, in accordance with Erasmus+ calculator.

Fees: The ESC program is free of charge.

Health Insurance: For the entire time of their stay, the volunteers will be insured. They will as well receive instructions concerning the safety and protection around the workplace.

Personal support: Language/psychological support, (consolidated) mentorship and intercultural learning (based on Romanian culture), non-formal methodology learning, marketing and trainings/GDPR will all be provided by the staff members of MNIR.

Allowance (pocket money): Each volunteer will receive 90€/month.

Certification(s): At the end of the stage the participant will receive an official ESC certificate, through which their acquired and developed competencies will be recognized. According to European legislation, volunteering is recognized as work experience!

About the city

Bucharest is the largest city in Romania as well as the capital of the country. It is a centre of cultural and social development and a city full of potential places waiting to be explored by the newly arrived here. Apart from the prolific Athenaeum, The Romanian Opera and the National Theatre, Bucharest has many museums and cultural spaces to enjoy ranging from natural and historical values, to art and military complexions. The beautiful parks (Cișmigiu, Carol, Mihai I, Herăstrău, etc.) are always open in order to escape the busyness and noise of the city. The city centre, home to the Old Town, is filled with pubs and restaurants where one can enjoy a meal (traditional or not), an outing with their friends, in accordance with everyone's pockets. All in all, Bucharest has to offer something for everyone's tastes and needs. Welcome!





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