



EUROPEAN
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VEIL-CORPS

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(TRAVEL DAY INCLUDED)





VEIL-CORPS

FOSTERING INCLUSIVE LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AND CLIMATE ACTION

VEIL-CORPS is a two-year project involving organizations from eight countries: Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, and Ukraine.

The project includes two rounds of Volunteering Teams (VTs), aiming to provide meaningful learning experiences for participants and create a positive impact on communities in Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. Volunteers will support local social initiatives and help mitigate climate change-related risks such as fires, floods, and landslides.

A total of 200 volunteers will be involved in 20 different VTs. Over the 24-month period, preparatory visits and coordination meetings will complement the volunteering activities.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A booklet with useful tips for organizing volunteer teams, particularly for young people with fewer opportunities.

Video interviews featuring experiences from participants and organizations



AVENTURA MARÃO CLUBE

We are the hosting organization.

Find more about us here:



Since 2009, Aventura Marão Clube (AMC) has managed Casa da Juventude de Amarante (CJ Amarante), the first public facility in Portugal run by a private entity. Recently accredited by ESC and Erasmus+, AMC focuses on promoting healthy living, supporting social inclusion, enhancing volunteers' skills through Non-Formal Education, and encouraging intercultural dialogue and European mobility opportunities.



PROJECT MISSION

This project promotes creativity by collaborating with the ESC team to develop a painting initiative at the ADESCO cooperative, which supports students and individuals with special needs in the Amarante area. Coordinators and long-term volunteers will assist in every stage, from sketching to painting. Additionally, volunteers will organize two interactive activities for the cooperative's users, fostering engagement and inclusion.



The heart of this project lies in its solidarity-driven approach, focusing on bringing joy and creativity to elderly people and children. With AMC's experience in successfully running similar initiatives, you'll have the support to explore and showcase your artistic talents. Are you ready to unleash your creativity, make a meaningful impact, and have fun along the way? Let's team up and create something truly inspiring together! ✨



IN SHORT

INTEGRATION

During the integration, we will introduce you to our association, team, and staff. We will also organize a presentation of the city and provide an in-depth overview of the program.

PROJECT MISSION

Your main goal is to create a beautiful mural at ADESCO center, supported by long-term volunteers and Casa da Juventude members. If time allows, you can also explore other activities like working with schools, farms, elderly centers, and more.

FREE TIME

During the week, free time begins at 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM, depending on the workload. We always start at 9:00 AM. Weekends are free, and on the first Saturday, we will cover your ticket to visit Porto on your own. 😊

TEAM BUILDING

The coordinator and long-term volunteers will help plan team-building activities like game nights, walks, or anything else you suggest. We'll schedule these together during the program presentation, so feel free to share your ideas, like yoga or other activities!

PRACTICALITIES

You'll stay in dormitories with four beds each, reserved for your group, with separate gender accommodations. Blankets, bed linens, and towels are provided—just bring personal hygiene products. The youth center offers a washing machine, and nearby self-service laundromats are also available. Meals are provided by our vegetarian restaurant, except Sundays, when you'll have a €20 budget to prepare your own food using CJ's facilities. Please let us know of any specific needs to ensure a smooth experience.

IMPORTANT

We'll create the schedule together, adding activities that interest you. While the main goal is the performance, if finished early, you can explore other solidarity activities. We're flexible and open to your suggestions!

Don't forget to share your talents with us! If you need specific items like a guitar, ukulele, or painting materials, let us know before your arrival so we can arrange them together. Theater experience is recommended but not mandatory—our AMC team is an amateur group too! 😊🎨



PRACTICALITIES

Food and Accommodation

Accommodation is provided at the youth center, with free laundry. Participants will share rooms with other team members. The youth center is equipped with internet, workspaces, and a bar/restaurant.

Meals (vegetarian with protein options) are provided Monday to Saturday at the center, with one non-vegetarian dinner per week. Volunteers receive €20 for Sunday meals (reimbursed with invoices).



Language Support

Volunteers will have access to the Portuguese Language Basics Course on the EU Academy portal. Once in Amarante, they will also receive basic Portuguese lessons conducted by the long-term volunteers.

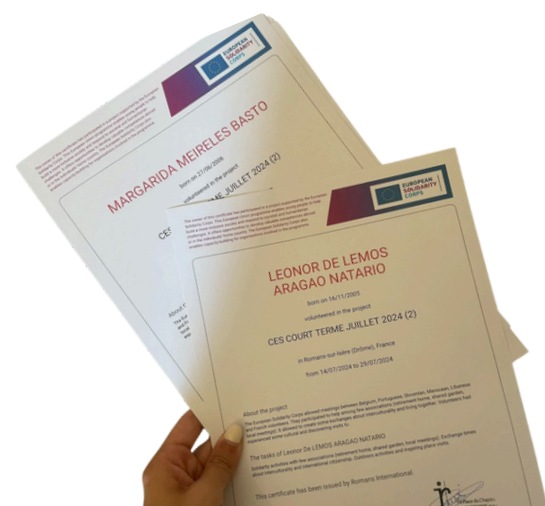
Insurance and Health

Participants will be covered by private insurance through HENNER, which ensures full coverage throughout the project. The registration process will be explained after the volunteers are accepted. For those entitled to an EHIC, the HENNER insurance serves as complementary coverage. Additional details will be provided during the preparation phase.



Youthpass

Youthpass is the official tool for recognizing non-formal and informal learning in youth projects. Through participation in the ESC team, volunteers will be guided to reflect on their learning journey and will receive a Youthpass certificate at the end of their experience.





AMARANTE

Amarante is a charming city in northern Portugal, known for its stunning landscapes, historic architecture, and vibrant cultural scene. It offers a mix of nature, rich history, and a relaxed atmosphere, perfect for exploring during your free time. The city is also close to the beautiful Douro River, providing plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities and enjoying local traditions. Additionally, Amarante is well connected to Porto, with affordable daily transport options available.



LINKS

