



**European Solidarity Corps project: Progettazione sociale & Youth Work**

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## Servizio Civile Internazionale Italia

Servizio Civile Internazionale Italia (SCI Italia) is the Italian branch of the movement Service Civil International, an international voluntary movement that is present in more than 80 countries around the world. It has been promoting international volunteering projects for 100 years regarding peace and disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights, and international solidarity, sustainable lifestyles, social inclusion and active citizenship. In the core, there is a real commitment to make a change against inequality, injustice, and violation of human rights.



SCI Italia, founded in 1948, is an NGO recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Advisory Member of UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

It is based in Rome and it is supported by several regional and local groups of activists. The regional and the local groups support the work of the National Secretariat by organizing trainings and promoting volunteering in various Italian regions.

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## La Città dell'Utopia

SCI Italy's project **"La Città dell'Utopia"** started in 2003 and it is located in the neighborhood of San Paolo, a popular suburban area inhabited mainly by elderly people, university students, and migrant families coming from Latin America, northeastern Europe, Asia, and Africa. The building is used to host several groups and associations working on active citizenships, especially in relation to migration, environmental sustainability, antifascism,



gender, and self-determination of food and consumption. Currently, the office where you will work is based here.

The main activities carried out in “La Città dell’Utopia” are:

- Organising and hosting of international workcamps, north/south trainings, and international youth meetings (trainings, seminars, youth exchanges, and capacity building activities).
- Organising and running awareness-raising events.
- Organising conferences, meetings, festivals, photo exhibitions, thematic meals, farmers’ markets, and courses on music, group dancing, language, gardening and arts.

The main goal of the project is to connect internationality to the neighborhood where the building is set, thus providing an additional value to the activities we organize.

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## About the project

This project is suitable for someone who is interested in both grassroots political activism, specifically related to local and international volunteering, active citizenship, social inclusion, and non-formal education for youth and adults. It is for someone who would like to improve their professional skills in social projects, group management, activity organisation and someone who is flexible and can easily adapt to different contexts.

## Objectives

- Including volunteers in an international dimension, to develop intercultural and linguistic skills;
- Encouraging the acquisition of non-formal education tools and methodologies through concrete experiences;
- Sharing and multiplying the values of SCI Italy, the network and the movement of Service Civil International (SCI): international solidarity and volunteering, social inclusion, peaceful conflict resolution, nonviolent communication;
- Raising awareness on the importance of cooperation, partner involvement and systemic approach in the development and implementation of initiatives and projects.



## Activities

Volunteers will be involved both in local and international activities, some of them funded by European programmes, some of them self-funded. Most of the activities follow non formal education methodologies. Topics can be various: environment, social inclusion, gender, migration, anti-fascism, etc. in a serious and professional work environment which follows at the same time informal attitudes in human relationships. More specifically:



- Processing workcamps applications of volunteers via SCI Online Placement System (OPS) on our database [workcamps.sci.ngo](http://workcamps.sci.ngo).
- Managing participants through Erasmus+ projects in Italy and abroad.
- Supporting relationships with partners organisation workcamps in Italy and abroad.
- Supporting the process of workcamps' evaluation.
- Keeping relationships with volunteers in Italy and collecting info and materials about their experiences, supporting the creation of materials for communication.
- Taking part and supporting the organisation of training for volunteers and coordinators.
- Supporting the organisation and the realisation of public events related to volunteering and active citizenship.
- Supporting the management of volunteers participating to social inclusion programmes and to long term and ESC programmes
- Supporting the organisation and attending the activities of the Erasmus+ projects hosted.
- Coordinating workcamps in different locations in Italy.

## Support "La Città dell'Utopia"

- Helping in the planning and organisation of cultural events and workshops on active citizenship, especially in the levels of communication, logistics, and operation at "La Città dell'Utopia".
- Running a course for the neighbourhood (language, music, IT or any other skill) This could be part of your personal project - see below.

## Personal project

- Developing a personal project following the lines of the project and the hosting organisation is an important part of the project. The volunteer must be proactive in proposing a project and SCI Italia will provide support to implement it.
- After the project finishes, the volunteers have the responsibility to organise events, as well as produce and spread materials about their experience here.

## Volunteers Profile

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Have good command of English
- Have good command of Italian (asset)
- Are able to work in a team
- Have good communication skills and motivation to cooperate with colleagues and SCI Italia's activists
- Have good educational and social skills, to be able to work with several target groups motivated to learn and share knowledge and skills
- Have good computer skills (Microsoft Office, email, internet)
- Have a responsible attitude and take initiative towards their tasks



- Have administrative and organisational skills, have an open mind and flexible attitude towards working hours, especially between May-July
- Have a good level of adaptability to basic living and working conditions

The volunteer should be legally resident in one of following countries:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law.

## Learning opportunities

Volunteers will have the opportunity to improve hard and soft skills:

- Work and live in a multicultural context
- Learn about volunteering world
- Basics of project management and group management
- Functioning of an Ngo and of an international network
- How to work in a structured way within the framework of a complex context
- Digital and communication skills
- Management and problem solving skills
- Language skills

The daily program consists of 6 hours per day/5 days a week. There will be 2 consecutive weekly free days and 2 extra days of holiday per month. To facilitate the participation of a high number of volunteers, some activities will take place during the weekend. In these cases, the number of working hours done by the volunteer will be adjusted for the following weeks, by reducing working hour's amount or taking days off so that the total number of working hours per week does not exceed 35h.

## What is the European Solidarity Corps programme?



The European Solidarity Corps is a funding programme of the European Union that creates opportunities for young people to undertake a long-term voluntary placement with financed costs. Projects can be of community interest, in the social, environmental, or cultural field.

To participate in ESC you must be aged between 18 to 30 years old and be motivated by supporting important causes, discovering other cultures and living closely with people from other countries.

Volunteers' life abroad is covered by the project: accommodation, food, travel, insurance and pocket money.

Project language: English, Italian

Local language: Italian

Pocket money: 350 €/month

Travel costs: covered according to ESC funding rules, 309€ as maximum reimbursement (return tickets) - for green travels (no airplanes!) the maximum is 417€.

Visa cost: covered up to 100€

Lodging

In a separate flat in "La Città dell'Utopia", with 3 shared double rooms (up to six international volunteers) kitchen, living room, and bathroom. The accommodation has all the basic facilities (Wi-Fi and washing machine included). It's an historical building, so the accommodation is basic. There is no centralised heating or aircon, so it can be humid, cold in the winter, but also perfectly fresh in the summer. The building is surrounded by a very beautiful garden (which means mosquitos in summer). It is located in a student area close to the metro.

## Application procedure

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter in English) to [esc@sci-italia.it](mailto:esc@sci-italia.it) by 11th, July.

For more information please contact: [esc@sci-italia.it](mailto:esc@sci-italia.it)

Your motivation letter should answer the following questions:

- Why did you choose SCI Italia and this particular project?
- What do you expect to learn and experience during your ESC?
- What can you bring to the work of SCI-Italy?

