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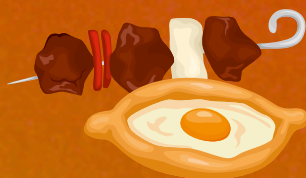
Entrepreneurship4IVS

gaining entrepreneurship mindset to run and innovate IVS activities

Do you want to...

- better understand which skills are needed for an entrepreneurial mindset,
- reflect on your personal challenges in being entrepreneurial in IVS organisations,
- gain various creative and engaging entrepreneurial competences,
- develop concrete strategies for implementing the entrepreneurial mindset in the IVS organisations and activities,
- implement the action plan as well as evaluate them?

Apply for Entrepreneurship4IVS and get ready for a great Georgian adventure!



Background

International Voluntary Service (IVS) organisations are facing various challenges due to limited finances, active volunteers, camp leaders, time or staff members, or decreased number of volunteers going abroad. Many ideas and (external) opportunities are available, while at the same time, the organisations can't often afford investing before they will get the possible benefits from it. Entrepreneurship skills may sometimes also be lacking in the organisations. There is therefore the need for IVS organisations to gain more entrepreneurship competences in order to create innovative opportunities for the organisations, staff, active members and international volunteers.

Part of the training will be the participants reflecting on their own needs to become more entrepreneurial and which competences they lack for this. This will be followed by a co-creation of workshops organised by trainers and participants to gain entrepreneurial competences through a learning community. This concept will fully allow a learner-centred approach, while the participants also gain skills through preparing and running the workshops for each other.

Entrepreneurship4IVS is SIW's commitment towards supporting the quality of international volunteering and is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

Project Set-up

Entrepreneurship4IVS is structured as follows:

- Phase 1: Online preparations in April
- Phase 2: Training course in Georgia, 25 April - 2 May 2026 (including travel days)
- Phase 3: Testing out the newly acquired competences in your organisation and activities in May-August
- Phase 4: Online evaluation in September



Target Group

Entrepreneurship4IVS training programme is open to anyone:

- Involved in the field of IVS (volunteering, staff, board member, etc.), preferably through an organisation that is a member/partner in CCIVS, Alliance and/or SCI.
- Based in an EU Programme Country or Partner Country (region 1-3).
- Interested in gaining entrepreneurial competences.
- Committed to actively participate in all phases of the project.
- Excited about improving the IVS experience and its outcomes for (future) participants.
- Minimally 18 years old by April 2026.
- Able to speak sufficient English to be able to express yourself during the training as well as the (online) evaluation afterwards.
- Looking forward to a fun week with an international group in Georgia!

Participants with fewer opportunities are highly encouraged to apply.

Arrangements

- Accommodation and meals during the training course are provided
- There is no participation fee
- Travel compensation: actual bus/train/flight costs with a maximum (distance calculated from the place of residence to Misaktsieli, Georgia on [Distance Calculator](#) | [Erasmus+](#)) as indicated below:



Distance travelled	Non-green travel	Green travel*
10-99 km	EUR 28	EUR 56
100-499 km	EUR 211	EUR 285
500-1999 km	EUR 309	EUR 417
2000-2999 km	EUR 395	EUR 535
3000-3999 km	EUR 580	EUR 785
4000-7999 km	EUR 1188	

* This maximum applies if you travel at least one way by shared car, bus or train

- Kindly note that the caps will be deducted by EUR 32 to cover local transportation in Georgia which will be arranged by the organisers.
- Compensation for visa costs for those that need a visa (capped by EUR 25 each)

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK ANY TICKETS UNTIL YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP4IVS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED!

About SIW

SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten (SIW International Volunteering Projects) is a Dutch non-governmental, non-profit voluntary service organisation that was founded in 1953.

The mission of SIW is to allow (young) people to discover their impact abroad. This is achieved by bringing volunteers into contact with different cultures. Every year, SIW sends approximately 150 volunteers abroad.

Besides that, SIW organises around 9 IVS camps in the Netherlands every year in cooperation with Dutch organisations like the Dutch State Forestry, Emmaus (an international charitable movement to combat poverty and homelessness) and asylum seeker centres. SIW is part of international networks like CCIVS, the Alliance and SCI.

About the team

The project is based on the principles of non-formal learning. The project will be run by the following team:

Csenge Fazekas is an intercultural trainer with over 15 years of global experience. She thrives on using creative, fun, and experiential methods to boost team dynamics, cultural fluency and she loves training facilitators too! She aims to make training joy - and impactful, no matter the context. Csenge is also a chocolate and Zumba addict.

Pujiarti who goes by her nickname Puji and has years of experience in international voluntary service and international training. She started her experiences by volunteering in an international workcamp in Indonesia that brought her to work at the secretariat of the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA) in 2004-2006, she continued as a project coordinator for Indonesia International Workcamp (IIWC) for more than 5 years. Puji was also holding the position as General Secretary of NVDA (2006-2008) and later she served as the first female president in 2008-2010. In 2013, Puji continued her career path with the US Peace Corps Indonesia as a training manager which sharpen and deepen her skills as a trainer and training organizer. In 2017 she started her master degree in Southeast Studies. Currently, besides doing freelance facilitation for different training and capacity buildings for different institutions as her part-time job, she is doing her Ph.D. on Gender studies at Goethe University Frankfurt.

Rob van Leeuwen has been involved in IVS for the past 20 years as a volunteer, coordinator and trainer. He sees himself as a social entrepreneur through innovating new activities for a good cause. As an intercultural learning and non-formal education junkie, Rob is a fun, out-of-the-box facilitator who loves cats. He might trick you into a theatre based educational activity here and there too.



About the venue

The project is hosted by Youth for the World (Georgia). The activity will be held in Misaktsieli which is part of Mtskheta municipality, 30 min away from Tbilisi. The venue is "KAPILONI" hotel. It is a great location for outdoor and indoor activities with all the necessary facilities to live and work in. Participants will share a room with 2-3 other participants and 3 meals per day will be provided there too. A shuttle service between Tbilisi and the venue on arrival and departure day will be arranged for the participants.



What's Next?

Apply by 26 January 2026 through the [online application form](#). We are inviting genuine personal answers and discourage general AI formulated responses. Results will be shared shortly after the deadline around 1 February 2026. Any questions about Entrepreneurship4IVS? Contact Rob van Leeuwen through rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl.



Need further convincing?

Here are some quotes from previous participants:

"This training completely exceeded my expectations. I got to know myself in a really different way and I opened up in a way I had never done before. I really recommend this training to everyone interested in IVS and personal development. You will not regret it!"

"It was a very educational experience, the participants were all selected carefully and were really involved and interested in the topic of IVS. Also, the trainers were very experienced."

"You get the opportunity to develop in a group as well as improve personal goals. The connection with the group you form is really special."

"I was happy to meet new friends from 17 nationalities. The program was well designed to facilitate interactions, learning, discovering and spending a good time together."