



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 encourages creativity through collaboration with the ESC team to develop a painting initiative at the Primary School of Cepelos, a small old public school. Supported by coordinators and long-term volunteers, participants will help restore an existing painting or create a new one, and organize 2 interactive activities for the school community.



Rooted in solidarity, the project aims to bring joy and creativity to both children. With AMC's experience, you'll have the support to express your artistic talents while making a meaningful impact.





IN SHORT

INTEGRATION

During the integration, you'll be introduced to our association, team, and staff, receive a presentation of the city, and get a clear overview of the program.

PROJECT MISSION

Your main goal is to create a mural at Cepelos Primary School, supported by long-term volunteers and Casa da Juventude members.

FREE TIME

Weekdays start at 9:00 AM, with free time from 4:00 or 5:00 PM depending on the workload. Weekends are free, and your ticket for a self-guided Porto visit on the first Saturday is covered. 😊

TEAM BUILDING

Coordinators and long-term volunteers will help plan team-building activities—game nights, walks, or your ideas like yoga—scheduled together during the program presentation.

PRACTICALITIES

You'll stay in four-bed dorms with separate gender accommodations. Bed linens, blankets, and towels are provided—bring only personal hygiene items. A washing machine and nearby laundromats are available. Meals are vegetarian, except Sundays, when you'll get €20 to cook using CJ's facilities.

IMPORTANT

We'll create the schedule together, focusing on the mural but leaving room for other solidarity activities. Share your talents, and let us know if you need items like a guitar or painting materials. Painting experience is recommended but not required.



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.

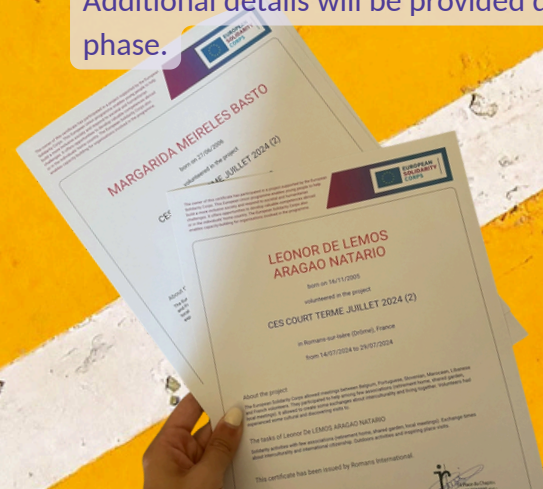
INSURANCE AND HEALTH

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

