

WORKCAMP PROGRAM COCAT 2026



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About us & our values



COCAT is a Catalan non-governmental organization and non-profit coordinating platform created to represent Catalonia's international organizations.

COCAT links the international and the national (local) levels of voluntary movement. Our work camps are real-world volunteering experiences at the local and global levels.



- 500 young Catalans volunteer abroad each year.
- 200 international youths join workcamps in Catalonia.

We develop workcamps and volunteer projects to promote personal and community development, grounded in interculturality, peace, social justice, and equality.

In workcamps these values are reflected in ...



The cooperation with other volunteers and the local people!



The respecting of cultural and social diversity of participants and locals.



The contributing with energy and actions as a group member to the camp day life.



ALLIANCES

Local, national and global levels

Local organizations and COCAT's members: these organizations design projects for the community and youngsters in different areas. They organise and prepare the workcamps, care for the needs of the community and ensure the educational value of the camps.



Direcció General de Joventut: this area of the Catalan government is involved in the development of workcamps held in Catalonia, and it offers financial support to the organizations.



Generalitat de Catalunya
Departament de Treball,
Afers Socials i Famílies



F · O · C · I · R

FOCIR: the Federation of Internationally Recognised Catalan Organizations, is a Catalan civil society platform founded in 1995, with the mission of promoting Catalan organizations' participation in the international world.

Lafede.cat: this federation made up of 128 entities fosters global justice and works actively to eradicate inequalities everywhere, through cooperation, the defense of human rights and the promotion of peace.



CATALONIA



All our workcamps take place in small towns and villages of Catalonia. It is a good chance for volunteers to learn more about the country, to see its picturesque landscapes, and to experience its traditions.

Catalonia is in the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula, has a territory of 32.114 km² and close to 8 million inhabitants.

The Catalan landscape is varied from Pyrenean mountains to coastal regions, all under the beautiful Mediterranean tones.

Culturally, there are vibrant customs and celebrations that we are proud to exhibit. The historical invasions and political conquests gave Catalonia the awareness to open its doors to intercultural dialogue and to live old and new traditions of the Catalan community and values.

PARLES CATALÀ?

The language of the country is Catalan, one of the western neo-latin languages. Even though everyone learns Spanish and English at school, and, there is no problem for non-Catalan-speaking visitors, Catalan is a living language studied at schools, colleges, and universities. It's used in the everyday life of a lot of people, as well as on radio, television, and newspapers

Catalan speaking communities span beyond Catalonia, going into France, Andorra, and Italy.



This year COCAT proposes...

4

Workcamps for adults

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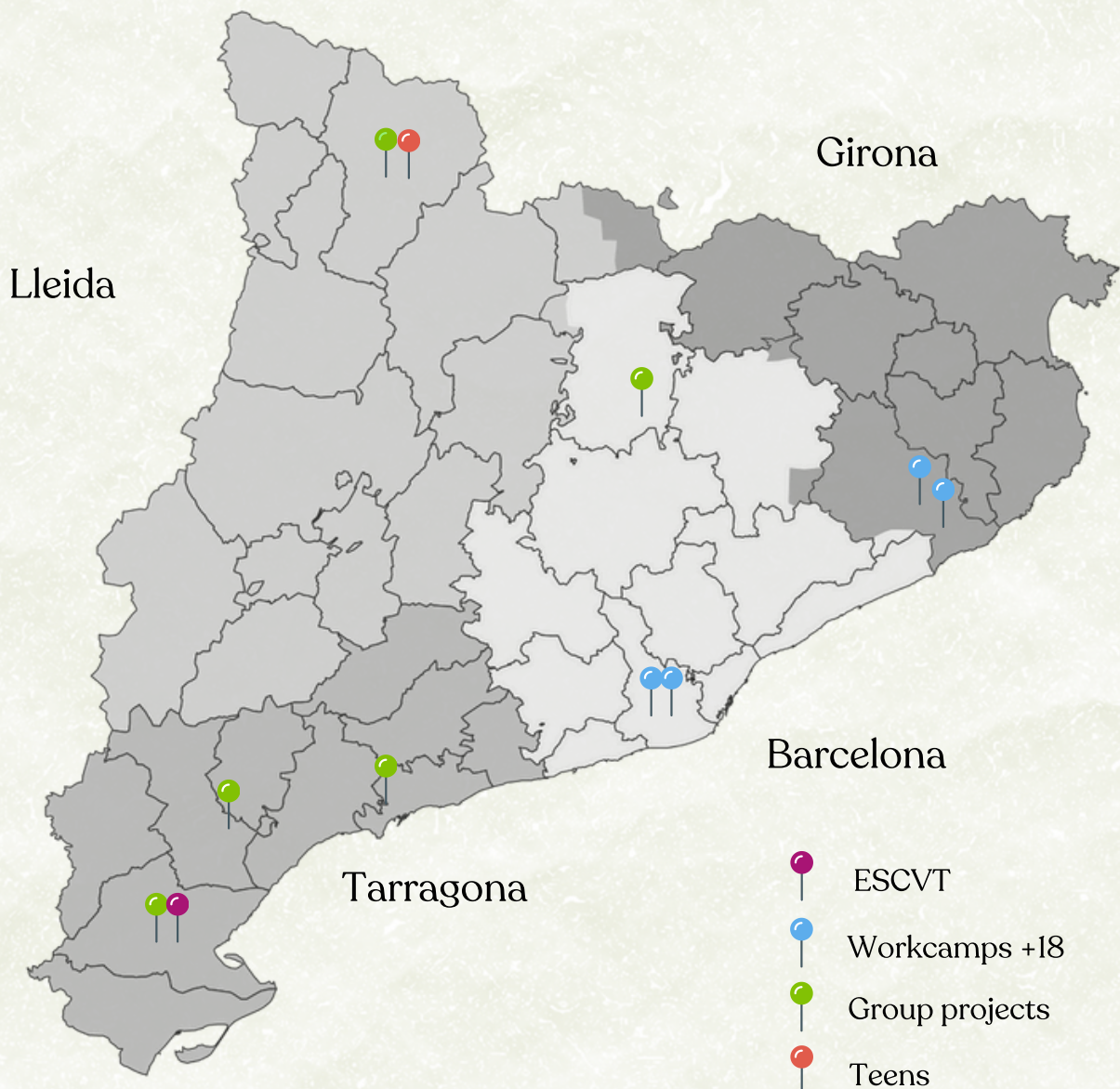
ESC Volunteering teams

3

Workcamps for teens

5

Group projects



WORKCAMPS

This year we propose:

4 workcamps for adults (18-29 y.o) + 1 TBC

1 ESC Volunteering Teams

3 workcamps for teenagers (14-17 y.o) with an extra fee of 200€

Code	Camp (to be confirmed)	HO	Dates		Type	Pax.
CAT02/ 26	Beyond the vineyard: the stone heritage	Fundesplai	18/07 - 01/08	L'Ordal		24
CAT02.1/ 26	Among vineyards and dry stone walls	Fundesplai	02/08 - 16/08	L'Ordal		24
CAT03 26	Reading life in the rocks	CRUC	Dates TBC	Talam		15
CAT04 26	St. Iscle's Castle: looking for a past	Grup d'Esplai Vidrerenc	16/08 - 30/08	Vidreres		15
CAT08/ 26	Management and restoration of protected Catalan wetlands	Fundació Emys	01/08 - 15/08	Sils		24
CAT09 TEENS/ 26	Nature path in the Siarb Valley 1	Balmes Blancs	29/06 - 13/07	Vilamur		15
CAT21 TEENS/ 26	Nature path in the Siarb Valley 2	Balmes Blancs	15/07 - 29/07	Vilamur		15
CAT09.1 TEENS/ 26	Nature path in the Siarb Valley 3	Balmes Blancs	01/08 - 15/08	Vilamur		15
CATII ESCVT/ 26	Sant Antoni's Tower	Obre't Ebre	02/07 - 16/07	Jesús		15



enviromental



cultural/heritage
construction



archeological



INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS 2026

BEYOND THE VINEYARD: THE DRY STONE HERITAGE

Workcamp from 18 to 29 years old
From 18/07 to 01/08 in L'Ordal

The workcamp's main purpose is to recover a huge stone wall in a vineyard area and a shepherd's stone hut. Participants will also work on improving accessibility to a Spanish Civil War trench area. The support of experts from the Subirats will contextualise the work, the history of the area and the role played by dry stone and vineyards.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Fundació Catalana de l'Esplai (FUNDESPLAI).
- Location: L'Ordal.
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: The participants will stay in the school of L'Ordal. They will sleep all together indoors on bunk beds. They will eat outdoors and a catering service will serve the food.
- Free time activities: Participants will visit cultural and historical areas and museums in the Subirats, a wine and champagne factory and also Vilafranca del Penedès, the Catalan wine capital. They will also visit the city of Barcelona, which is only 45km from Ordal.
- Extra fee: no.

AMONG VINEYARDS AND DRY STONE WALLS

Workcamp from 18 to 29 years old
From 02/08 to 16/08 in Olesa de Bonesvalls

This project is a camp based on dry stone works, which were declared cultural heritage by UNESCO. Participants are going to recover stone walls in the vineyard area and also a shepherd's stone hut. They are also going to work on adapting local roads and trails in order to make them more accessible to visitors. The place is a rural area with little towns and villages, so the impact is quite big.

- Partner organization: Fundació Catalana de l'Esplai (FUNDESPLAI).
- Location: Olesa de Bonesvalls
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: Participants will stay at a Civic Center located in the town centre, next to the City Hall. The accommodation includes a large shared sleeping room with bunk beds, indoor shared toilets and showers, a recreation room, and an outdoor porch.
- Free time activities: Participants will visit cultural and historical areas and museums, a wine and champagne factory, and also Vilafranca del Penedès. They will participate in the rehearsals of a group of “castellers”, learning how Catalan human towers are made.
- Extra fee: no.



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READING LIFE IN THE ROCKS (12TH EDITION)

TBC

Workcamp from 18
to 29 years old

This project contributes to disseminating knowledge about the natural and cultural heritage of the Passars Jussà and Pallars Sobirà. The main tasks of the camp are the recovery of dry-stone walls, the clearing and cleaning of roads and the creation of new paths.

- Partner organization: Coordinació Rural de Catalunya (CRUC).
- Location: Talarn.
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: Talarn's hostel; Participants will sleep in one room where there are 12 bunk beds with shelves to store personal stuff. There is one kitchen on the 3rd floor, however participants just prepare the breakfast as the lodge provides the other meals.
- Free time activities: participants will visit the Epicenter Geopark in Tremp, they will also take a day trip to Vall Fosca, and visit the Montsec Astronomic Parc.
- Extra fee: no.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)



CAT04/26

ST. ISCLES'S CASTLE: LOOKING FOR A PAST

Workcamp from 18 to 29 years old
From 16/08 to 30/08 in Vidreres

In this work camp participants will have the opportunity to learn about archaeology, wildlife and culture while in a multicultural environment. The main task of the participants of this work camp consists of excavating and restoring the surrounding areas of St. Iscle Castle in Vidreres.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Grup d'Esplai Vidrerenc (GEPV).
- Location: Vidreres.
- Closest airport: Airport of Girona.
- Accommodation: the participants stay in the "Escola Salvador Espriu", one of the Primary Schools in Vidreres (located about 15 minutes walking from the village centre). Participants sleep in the gym of the school and they'll use their facilities: kitchen, dining room, toilets, showers.
- Free time activities: there will be various free time activities offered to the participants, such as visits to Lloret, Estanys de Sils or the Montseny area.
- Extra fee: no.



MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION OF A PROTECTED CATALAN WETLANDS

Workcamp from 18 to 29 years old
From 01/08 to 15/08 in Sils

The main objective of this work camp is to teach participants about the natural environment in the Natural Area of Sils and about how to contribute to the conservation of its wetlands. The participants will get to know the biodiversity of these humid habitats and about methods of conservation and management of these natural areas.

- Partner organization: Fundació EMYS.
- Location: Sils.
- Closest airport: Airport of Girona.
- Accommodation: participants stay in the local cultural centre of La Laguna. There is a large room to sleep in, with gender-divided toilets and showers.
- Free time activities: excursions, group dynamics, games, trips to Girona and Costa Brava towns.
- Extra fee: no.



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Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

CAT09TEENS/26

NATURE PATHS IN THE SIARB VALLEY 1

Workcamp from 14 to 17 years old
From 29/06 to 13/07 in Vilamur

The purpose of this work camp is to recover old paths and the history of the Pyrenees, to learn about its culture and nature, and to participate in different activities of preservation and conservation. The technical work of the project is the conservation of old paths in Vall de Siarb and involves physical work: clearing paths, putting stones aside the way, rebuilding dry stone walls, improving the signals with paint and improving paths of the paved section.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Balmes Blancs.
- Location: Vilamur.
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: participants stay in an area called La Solana, near the village and surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes. Volunteers sleep in tents, shower with cold water and use dry toilets.
- Free time activities: cultural excursions to a medieval town, bunkers and trenches from the Spanish Civil War.
- Extra fee: 200€

CAT2ITEENS/26

NATURE PATHS IN THE SIARB VALLEY 2

Workcamp from 14 to 17 years old
From 15/07 to 29/07 in Vilamur

The purpose of this work camp is to recover old paths and the history of the Pyrenees, to learn about its culture and nature, and to participate in different activities of preservation and conservation. The technical work of the project is the conservation of old paths in Vall de Siarb and involves physical work: clearing paths, putting stones aside the way, rebuilding dry stone walls, improving the signals with paint and improving paths of the paved section.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Balmes Blancs.
- Location: Vilamur.
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: participants stay in an area called La Solana, near the village and surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes. Volunteers sleep in tents, shower with cold water and use dry toilets.
- Free time activities: cultural excursions to a medieval town, bunkers and trenches from the Spanish Civil War.
- Extra fee: 200€

CAT09.1TEENS/26

NATURE PATHS IN THE SIARB VALLEY 3

Workcamp from 14 to 17 years old
From 01/08 to 15/08 in Vilamur

The purpose of this work camp is to recover old paths and the history of the Pyrenees, to learn about its culture and nature, and to participate in different activities of preservation and conservation. The technical work of the project is the conservation of old paths in Vall de Siarb and involves physical work: clearing paths, putting stones aside the way, rebuilding dry stone walls, improving the signals with paint and improving paths of the paved section.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Balmes Blancs.
- Location: Vilamur.
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona.
- Accommodation: participants stay in an area called La Solana, near the village and surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes. Volunteers sleep in tents, shower with cold water and use dry toilets.
- Free time activities: cultural excursions to a medieval town, bunkers and trenches from the Spanish Civil War.
- Extra fee: 200€



"Beyond Borders" Access for All project

Inclusion and **diversity** are one of the fundamental values of our organization. That is why our workcamps are open for whoever wants to participate in a project.

- We offer **5 volunteers** with fewer opportunities the chance to join a short-term workcamp in Catalonia, meet new people, and enjoy a new adventure. The workcamps where the volunteers can participate are for those 18 to 29 y.o.
- Beyond Borders provides opportunities to those who may face health problems, functional diversity, social barriers related to the educational and training system, socio-economic problems, unemployment, racial discrimination or geographical barriers.

Volunteering Teams

Volunteering projects for young people, who want to participate in a solidarity activity on different topics. There are also reserved places for volunteers with fewer opportunities.

For these volunteers, we propose:

- ✓ Fully covered travel expenses
- ✓ Pocket money: 6 euros/day
- ✓ Henner health insurance



CAT11ESCVT/26

SANT ANTONI'S TOWER

ESC Volunteering Team from 18 to 30 years old
From 02/07 to 16/07 in Jesús

The purpose of this work camp is to preserve the Sant Antoni Tower and its surroundings, to learn about local culture and history, and to take part in social and environmental activities. Volunteers will be repairing an ancient stone well that supplies water to the house. The well is built using the traditional dry-stone technique, so they will help restore its structure, paint the upper part, and improve access to it, since it is also one of the most beautiful and emblematic features of Torre Sant Antoni.



Hard work? - No! The work is suitable for everyone and no experience is required.

Motivation letter? - It is not necessary, but it would be appreciated to get to know you more ;)

- Partner organization: Obre't Ebre
- Location: Jesús
- Closest airport: Airport of Barcelona/Tarragona.
- Accommodation: Volunteers stay at Sant Antoni's Tower in bunk beds or large tents, sharing showers and toilets with others. Be prepared for hot weather and insects, and bring a thin cover sleepingbag.
- Free time activities: Excursions along the greenway and Tortosa, beach trips, group knowledge activities, movies, local swimming pool.
- Extra fee: No

GROUP PROJECTS

Group projects are for those who want to participate in a voluntary activity with a group of people who share a similar motivation and have the same goal to make this world a better place to live.

The organization offers a group several accommodation and meal options for any budget. Its price also depends on the number of participants in the group.

THIS YEAR WE PROPOSE



LA RIBA



SANT ANTONI'S TOWER



ANCIENT TRAILS MUSEUM



RENOVATION AND FOLK



VIDÀLIA COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE





LA RIBA

Building community

La Riba is a youth camp managed by the Fundació Escolta Josep Carol for the Generalitat de Catalunya, designed to allow various youth groups and educational entities to access nature. It is a natural space set up as a camping ground, open year-round for children and youth, with facilities including a kitchen, shelter, swimming pool, showers, and toilets. Over 1,000 people camp here annually, and the wear and tear of some spaces is evident.

This project includes a rehabilitation task for some common areas of the camping grounds to leave them in the best possible condition.



7-day project (5 working days + arrival and departure days)



Between 10 and 30 people



May



From 14 years old



MAIN TASKS



- **Signage:** To make it easier to access the different areas of the campsite, various wooden signs will be made.
- **Insect hotel:** volunteers will create an insect hotel so that participants can observe the different animals that visit the area.
- **Clearing:** To help prevent forest fires in the nearby wooded area, participants will clear the underbrush in collaboration with forest rangers. If weather conditions do not allow for the work to be carried out outdoors, an alternative will be sought.
- **Repairs:** Since there are many participant visits, there are areas of the campsite that need to be repaired and restored.



RENOVATION AND FOLK

The project is divided into 2 parts:

The first part of the project is focused on having a short stage in Sant Antoni's Tower in Jesús. The volunteers will start the training for the Music Festival but also some environmental activities together with other groups staying in Sant Antoni.

The second part will be held in Móra d'Ebre during the Music Festival Ebrefolk, which promotes the ethnomusical heritage of the coastal regions of the Ebre River and its tributaries—a shared area between Aragón, Catalonia, and the Valencian Community. Over the course of four days in July, Móra d'Ebre hosts a variety of workshops, celebrations, musical performances, and exhibitions.



Two weeks



10/15 volunteers



July



From 18 years old



MAIN TASKS



- **Training** preparation of the participants in tasks related to Ebrefolk Music Festival and related to environmental tasks in Torre Sant Antoni.
- **Repairing walls** with dry stone technique and restoration and preservation of the Sant Antoni's Tower natural area.
- **Promotion of the festival**, organizing and preparing all the logistics and assembly of the stage, monitoring the entry of the public, preparing and setting up the festival space, conducting and participating in the workshops, food preparation, and cleaning and recycling.



SANT ANTONI'S TOWER

Young volunteers will take part in a hands-on heritage project at Sant Antoni's Tower in Jesús (Tortosa, Catalonia).

Participants will help preserve this historic space through tasks such as repainting doors, building stone walls, painting fences, and creating small stone constructions.

The project also offers the opportunity to connect with the local community and make a meaningful cultural and social experience.



Up to two weeks



10/15 volunteers



February and
June/September and
October



From 14
years old



MAIN TASKS

- Volunteers will conduct the following tasks (the activities might vary depending on the season and time of the project):
 - **Identification and selection of plant species:** they will remove those that are harmful to the environment.
 - **Construction of walls,** rebuilding and repainting different structures in the area (iron access to the pool, iron fences of the house).
 - **Watering cans:** identification, cleaning, and use of watering cans.
 - **Other planned activities are also related to construction** (shelves, tables, etc.) with recycled wood.

The purpose of this group project is to participate in the recovery of old paths and learn the history of the Pyrenees. The technical work of the projects involves the conservation of old paths in the Valley of Siarb and consists of physical tasks: clearing paths, moving stones aside, rebuilding dry stone walls, improving signs with paint, and enhancing the paved sections of the paths.

In parallel, there are also environmental activities focused on the flora and fauna of the area.



MAIN TASKS



- **Road clearing:** mowing grass, bushes that grow in the spring to keep the roads comfortably passable on foot.
- **Remove stones from the road:** pick up stones that have fallen onto the road and place them neatly at the edges to ensure safe passage.
- **Rebuild the simplest sections** of dry stone walls: repair those walls that have fallen and are easily reconstructible.
- **Improve signage with paint:** review the tracking marks of the paths with paint according to the instructions provided by the Alt Pirineu Natural Park.
- **Reconstruction** of dry stone walls.

VIDÀLIA COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

The purpose of this group project is to experience community living and contribute to an ecological initiative at Vidàlia, located in the former textile colony of Cal Vidal.

The project is based on four main pillars: cooperative housing, a strong and supportive community culture, shared collective resources, and agroecology. Participants will learn about cooperative living, shared responsibility, sustainable lifestyles, and community-based organization. The experience promotes values such as care for people and the environment, solidarity, participation, personal growth, diversity, inclusion, gender equality, and autonomy.



Up to two weeks



15-30 volunteers



From March
to October



From 18
years old



MAIN TASKS



The usual tasks carried out by community members or volunteers may vary depending on current needs and may include, for example:

- **Gardening tasks:** planting, harvesting, weeding, watering, preparing land for future crops, improving local biodiversity, etc.
- **Community tasks:** cooking, cleaning, preparing and maintaining spaces, food processing for preservation, etc.
- **Housing-related tasks:** painting walls, repairing windows, removing wallpaper, etc.





TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The hosting organization will provide a technical camp leader (included in the accommodation price)

The group should come with a camp leader

There are different accommodation options and meal options available

Extra fee: 200€ x group

Payment details and cancellation policy:

TIMING OF PAYMENTS

1st payment
Not refundable when group is confirmed **200€**

2nd payment
Not later than 2 months before project starts
*See conditions of cancellation table below

Cancellation Policy

Force majeure (visa incl.)

N/A

Refundable amount

No later than 1 week after the 2nd payment

100%

80%

1/5 month before the project start date

50%

30%

Less than a month before the project start date

10%

0%



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