

About Internationaler Bauorden

Internationaler Bauorden has been organizing international youth encounters, peace services and aid projects in Europe for over 70 years. With our workcamps we support non-profit organizations, associations and engaged groups of people who need help to realize a cultural, social, non-profitable or sustainable project which contributes to society. In 2025 we offered around 25 workcamps in Germany and 19 workcamps in other European countries. Through our workcamps we support local projects and offer young people (aged 18-26) the possibility of a meaningful engagement.

We want to enable our participants to:

- get involved in a charitable project short-term,
- learn teamwork and try out manual skills,
- get to know the ideas, the environment and the actual people involved in a project,
- live and work in an international group and thus make international contacts and strengthen intercultural skills.

A workcamp is a two-week long voluntary work exchange in a chosen project. A group of 8-12 people from European countries works together on a construction site and lives in a shared accommodation. Food is included as well as an accident insurance (in workcamps in Germany). At least one trained expert supervises the volunteers during the 40 working hours per week. As a result, a certificate of participation can be issued, which can prove practical construction experience or show the intercultural, environmental and social engagement of the volunteer.

In contrast to other organizations, the workcamps of Internationaler Bauorden have a clear focus on construction and renovation work. No previous experience is required to take part. But volunteers should be motivated to try out new things and be willing to lend a hand for a good cause.

Internationaler Bauorden is ...

- ... recognized as a non-profit organization,
- ... networks with other European Bauorden organizations (e.g. Netherlands, Belgium, Austria),
- ... part of the eurodesk network,
- ... sponsored by the federal ministry for family affairs, senior citizens, women and youth.

The Internationaler Bauorden Germany is supported by a non-profit association (Internationaler Bauorden - Deutscher Zweig e.V.), and the work is organized by the office (Gemeinnützige Bauorden GmbH) in Ludwigshafen. Here our team supervises workcamps with the focus on renovation and construction in Germany and Europe. Also check out www.bauorden.de.

Everyone can register individually for our two-week-long camps. In summer we also offer volunteers to stay for two, three or four camps consecutively. We can find a good combination of camps according to wishes in a personal exchange. Please contact info@bauorden.de.