

# EVS INFOPACK

## What is SOCIAL BOND?

Five countries (Portugal, Bulgaria, Romania, Tunisia and Lebanon), ten non-profit organizations (Rota Jovem, ALEM, GAT, CVS, Dominou, Association de Progression de Jeunes Tunisiens and MAP) and eight volunteers are involved in the project "Social Bond".

**ROMANIA HOSTING:** Children and youth in Romania have very little contact with both intercultural and non-formal education, since both these fields are underdeveloped in Craiova and rural areas, and foreign presence is almost non-existent. This underdevelopment brings also a lack of general interest from these fields, leaving these future adults without contact with 2 major factors present in modern Romania. We also noticed that the the "Scoala altfel" activities lack infusion of new methods, community work and means of realisation.

Many of the children come from disadvantaged backgrounds (rural area, Roma) or have difficulties in learning. Several local institutions (schools and kindergartens) need volunteers to support some of their non-formal activities and cultural events.

We planned to address these needs through attractive activities based on non-formal methods realised with EVS volunteers support.

## Mobility activities

**Who?** 1 volunteer from Portugal

**When?** 9 months of European Voluntary Service from May 2019 to January 2020.

### What?

The volunteers will work with youth and children in rural and urban areas from partner institutions to promote intercultural education and diversity using non-formal education methods.

The Host Organization guarantees minimum of 30 and maximum of 40 working hours per week for the Volunteer. The number of hours worked per day may vary depending on the tasks related to specific events but a total number of hours worked per week shall not

exceed 40. Saturday and Sunday are days off. (Language lessons, mentor meetings, etc. don't take extra time).

The general schedule for the volunteers for both activities is 6 hours of daily activity per week, 5 days per week (Monday-Friday), it comprises activities with children and with the local coordinator inside each community, planning of a personal project, weekly mentoring, dissemination activities, language learning, personal development activities and digital activities when needed.

The tasks will be discussed with the volunteers, the mentor, the project manager and the tutor on the partner site.

**Pro-active behavior and responsibility will be encouraged.**

Tasks the volunteers can choose from (min 3):

- educational support for **disadvantaged/disabled children** in learning foreign languages, self-empowerment, intercultural education, digital competences, peer support and tutoring, school extracurricular activities, sport activities, motivational activities, support already running projects - organizing contests, artistic and cultural events within the city of Craiova or the Dolj county in order to increase the motivation of the target groups of the projects

- raising awareness on the needs of the community and how different projects support them, promoting volunteering, EU values, intercultural dialogue, active citizenship, sustainability among min 500 young people in Dolj county

- promotion of the project on off line and on line channels, media creation, content creation - project blog, project video

- administrative activities, project management, logistics, if the volunteers are interested, being part of the daily life of a non governmental organization

- creative projects organized by the volunteers with the support of the association members

**During the summer** the volunteer will work directly in the association, giving support for organization of youth and youth workers mobilities, together with other international volunteers.

Local institutions volunteers will be working with during school year: schools and kindergartens (Liceul teoretic M. Viteazu Bailesti, Dolj; Scoala Gimn. Ostroveni, sate Ostroveni si Listeava, Dolj; Grad. T. Vladimirescu, Craiova; Grad. Poenaru, Craiova; ANCAAR (autistic children and youth); Th. Aman County Library, Oltenia Museum.

Working methods of volunteers used in the project: intercultural activities, non formal learning activities such as games, living library, roundtable discussions, theatre, outdoor activities, role plays, living library, simulations, group work and other creative methods that the volunteers prefer.

## Where?

The volunteering will take place in **Craiova** (South- West part of Romania), which is a university city with a good night life and Erasmus community. Cultural events exist, you can support us to make more of them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4REc-gCa00>

## The Weather in Craiova:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craiova#Climate>

## About Romania

Romania is the largest country in southeastern Europe and the twelfth-largest in Europe. Romania's terrain is distributed roughly equally between mountainous, hilly and lowland territories. The Carpathian Mountains dominate the centre of Romania, with 14 mountain ranges reaching above 2,000 m.

These are surrounded by the Moldavian and Transylvanian plateaus and Pannonian and Wallachian plains. If you love nature or want to learn more about the mythical Transylvania, you made the right choice.

Our currency is the Romanian Leu (RON): 1 Euro = 4.70 RON  
Romania is member of the EU since 1st of January 2007;

## Prices in Romania

Prices in Romania are not so high and this is true for nearly every kind of goods, except for cigarettes, fuel, coffee and alcohol. It will help you live comfortably with your EVS allowance, unlike in other European countries.

### Examples for prices in Romania:

Bread 500 g +/- 1,00 EUR  
Beer 0,25 ltr +/- 1.5 EUR  
Softdrink 0,25 ltr +/- 1,5 EUR  
Sandwich +/- 1,80 EUR  
Dish of the Day +/- 4 EUR

## Practical details

- You will live with a local host (alone in the room) or together with other volunteers (2 per room)
- All house expenses are paid by us, except any destruction of property you will cause, which is your responsibility. We hope you won't do that :)
- We will provide you with a local phone card with 4 euro credit in the beginning, then it is your responsibility to recharge it.
- You will have Internet access.
- Every month we will give you a transport card (when more independent, you will buy it and we will reimburse it immediately).
- Every month you will receive by bank transfer 120 euro for food and cleaning products and 60 euro pocket money – for Romanian prices, it is enough for basics. EVS does not fund lives of luxury :) but encourages independence and learning, including on budgeting and keeping house.

- You have the right to 2 days of vacation for every month worked. Take good care how you use them! Any extra time worked will be replaced with free time in dates of mutual agreement.
- You will have a mentor to help you with practical details, integration in the community and to plot your learning course (1 meeting/week + cultural activities).
- Together with the mentor and your host, house rules will be established so all of you can live in harmony with each other and take care of your place.
- We are interested in developing good relationship inside the team, based on mutual respect. If you need something, ask. If it is possible, we will try to accommodate you, within the rules of EVS and the project. If not possible, we will tell you why and try to find alternatives.

## Who are we?

The Domino association from Romania (non-governmental and not for profit) has been founded in 2004 and has 6 board members and 147 active members (teachers, trainers, volunteers, pedagogical advisers, young students).

Our goals include supporting formal, non-formal and informal education of children, youth and adult people in order to acquire the necessary skills and personal development skills for future employment and active citizenship, including promoting of human rights, cultural diversity, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

It organizes accredited courses (by the National Council of Adult Development Training) in 27 fields.

Our activities involves sports and recreation games, youth exchanges, sports competitions, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, etc. on topics of general and European Community interest, establishing and maintaining ties of friendship and mobilization between adults for knowledge purposes and encouragement for their initiatives; activities in support of cultural diversity, development of activities that promote equality between women and men, to support disadvantaged adults

(disabled, Roma, poor socioeconomic status, unemployed, etc.), activities that promote healthy lifestyles.

## Before coming

### Tasks to prepare:

In order to fully engage in the EVS experience, if you are selected, we kindly ask you to prepare some activities before coming:

1. Read carefully **infopack** and **EVS info kit**; talk with your family.
2. **Ask questions** to sending or receiving organization.
3. Please prepare a **traditional story** and an object related to the story.
4. Please think and prepare also a **personal learning story** that you would like to share.
5. Please get ready to teach a **traditional dance** and a **national song**.
6. Please find out how to cook **traditional food and drinks**.
7. Please bring your **national flag**.
8. **Be prepared for change and new wonders!**

Thank you very much in advance!

### IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR THE PROJECT YOU HAVE TO:

1. **FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM** and send it to [sve@rotajovem.com](mailto:sve@rotajovem.com) and [silvia\\_patru@yahoo.com](mailto:silvia_patru@yahoo.com) until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have never heard about EVS in your life, please check the following website from the European Commission for more information about it: [http://europa.eu/youth/eu/article/46/73\\_en](http://europa.eu/youth/eu/article/46/73_en)

## **Contact information**

If you have questions, something is not clear or you want to know more about the voluntary stage, you can use the contacts below:

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