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SUPA SAPS

Single Use Plastic Awareness - Stop All Plastic Straws



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General information

Project title:

Single Use Plastic Awareness - Stop All Plastic Straws (SUPA SAPS)

Call for:

80 young people from 5 countries in 5 different activities in 5 countries

N° of participants with fewer opportunities: 40

N° of participants in each municipality: 16

Date/Duration: 14 days

Coordinating organization:

Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) ([more information in Page 7](#))

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BBE (Berlin, Germany) ([more information in Page 8](#))

Strovolos Municipality (Strovolos, Cyprus) ([more information in Page 10](#))

Padova Volunteer Centre (Padova, Italy) ([more information in Page 12](#))

Cork Municipality (Cork, Ireland) ([more information in Page 14](#))

Fundació Catalunya Voluntaria (Barcelona, Spain) ([more information in Page 16](#))

Idea of the project and volunteers tasks

The **issue to be addressed** is the need for a greater understanding of the importance of reducing the single-use or disposable plastic. While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become addicted to single-use or disposable plastic — with severe environmental and climate change consequences. The contribution of the ESC volunteer teams in this project will provide a much needed boost to the ongoing efforts of local volunteers already engaging to protect the environment and combat climate change.

The **activities** foreseen are those necessary to get awareness of the dangers caused by single-use plastic and reduce it by knowing how to improve the way we manage our plastic waste. This can include: signing “no plastic pledges”; giving leaflets to the customers and the bar owners explaining why we should take action against plastic pollution and information about upcoming or ongoing changes to the local and National laws about this as a result of the 2019 EU Directive.



Volunteers activities: step by step

Before travelling to the team volunteering activity in another country:

- All the volunteers will be connected with their **fellow volunteers from the same country** in a closed group on social media and they will have the opportunity to physically meet.

Upon arrival:

- Each volunteer goes through suitable **in-house introductory training**, typically lasting 1-2 days. This is a **training workshop** focusing on Intercultural Learning, Communication

skills and the 'hard' skills related to cleaning or restoring that will be required by the project.

- Volunteers will be assigned a **mentor** who is independent from the participating organisation and from CEV.
- After the in-house training, the volunteers will be introduced to the detailed action plan with the **supervisor** and their fellow volunteers. Any questions or doubts from the volunteers will be answered at this stage and any changes or suggestions about how to improve the proposal that come from the volunteers will be considered.
- The volunteers have **regular meetings** (every two to three days) with the supervisor to evaluate and review the activity plan, and propose changes where necessary.



During the activity:

- The volunteers will also have a **volunteer coordinator** from the participating organisation based at the activity location who will mainly deal with issues related with the implementation of the activities, health issues and problems related to the effective access to the programme.
- There will also be a **volunteers' manager** who will be responsible for tasks related to support and planning the activities with the volunteers.
- The project will also operate a '**buddy system**' where the volunteers coming from other countries will be paired with a local volunteer who will help them to integrate into the local culture and assist with any administrative issues.
- Volunteers will also be encouraged to join and interact with the **ESC peers group online** and connect with the **ESC Facebook group and ESC APP** in order that fellow ESC volunteers and ex-ESC volunteers not connected with the project can also be a source of advice and guidance.
- Each volunteer will additionally work with different **CEV staff** who will provide the volunteer with direct support in implementation of their activities and tasks when necessary.

At the end of the activity:

- Each volunteer will prepare with their mentor a **'next steps' plan** and the applicant organisation will be responsible to follow up six weeks after the activity with each volunteer to see if they are experiencing any challenges and/ or if further support is necessary in order to assist with their 'life path' after the placement.
- Each volunteer will be given a **Europass certificate** in relation to their learning outcomes of the experience. They will also be given the opportunity to choose one soft, transversal skill (eg creativity, empathy) to be validated using the Lever Up validation tool for non-formal and informal learning acquired through volunteering that has been developed by the Applicant organisation.



- They will also be facilitated in creating a **Europass CV**, or updating an existing one, in order to properly reflect their ESC Volunteering Team experience, the learning outcomes obtained and skills and competencies validated.
- Each volunteer will be asked to develop a **Youthpass certificate** as part of the process.
- Each volunteer will also receive an **ESC Certificate** generated through the ESC portal.

Following the end of the volunteering team activities:

- Volunteers will be invited to attend an **information session** conducted by local vocational training providers and local volunteering organisations who will explain about different opportunities for further training and experience in cultural heritage and restoration projects.

The complementary activities will be:

- **Workshops** and **informal outdoor 'Agora'** aimed at local young people, and citizens of all ages, that will serve to explain the importance of the reduction of plastic waste for combating climate change and protecting the environment. They will be developed during the volunteering activity (a day during approximately 3 hour).

Accommodation and financial support

Accommodation will be organised in **homestays, hostels or campsites** and the volunteers will be required to participate as a team in preparing food and undertaking some chores such as shopping and recycling.

Provision of the **accommodation and food, payment of pocket money and assistance** with daily needs will be taken care of by the participating organisation.



Equipment

The ESC team volunteers will be issued with **ESC T-shirts and caps**. Moreover, the participating organisation and the applicant will ensure that all necessary equipment for undertaking the activities will be available in addition to any **special clothing, footwear or safety equipment** e.g. goggles or hard hats that will be provided to volunteers upon arrival and during the first training sessions.



Agreement

Each volunteer will sign an **agreement with CEV and the participating organisation** responsible for the daily management of the team volunteering activity where they will be engaged. This agreement will include: the list of actions and tasks to be undertaken by the volunteer in the volunteering activity and as regards the living arrangements; the financial and logistic support the participating organisation will deliver to them (according to the programme's regulation); the engagement period; the travel details; other relevant support that can be given according to the different particular needs of the volunteer.



Selection process

Volunteers profile

The **criteria to select the young people** will be based on their personal connection to an area of Europe where plastic waste from summer enjoyment of the outdoor “beach” culture ends up in landfill or the oceans. They may be living there at the time of selection and/ or have been brought up there. They should be able to demonstrate an interest in, and basic knowledge about, the need for action against climate change and be interested and motivated to share that with other young people and citizens from across Europe.



There will be **no specific requirement for the volunteers in terms of formal qualifications or specific language, skills and competencies.**

Recruiting phases

1) Announcement of the ESC opportunities on the ESC portal with clear explanation and deadline for the application procedure.

2) After the deadline for application, the volunteers will be selected from the young people registered in the ESC platform (ESC Members).

3) ESC registered participants will be asked to:

- Write a **motivation statement** to explain their connection to the objective;
- Describe their **previous volunteering experience** (if any);
- List any relevant **training or vocational skills connected to waste management or marketing and communication;**
- Express their **willingness and ability** to participate in the team volunteering activity in a multicultural atmosphere.

Centre for European Volunteering (CEV)

The **Centre for European Volunteering (CEV)** (until 1 July 2020 known as the European Volunteer Centre), established in 1992 and based in Brussels, Belgium, is the **European network of over 60 organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteers and volunteering in Europe at European, national or regional level.**



In this project, CEV will act as a **coordinating organisation** and will submit the application.

CEV, together with the participating organisations are **best placed to deliver this project** since the relationship and knowledge about quality volunteering is well established between them all and there is a clear common understanding of added value of a European project focussing on cultural heritage in the manner envisaged by the ESC WHAT! Project.

CEV has been closely engaged with the development of the ESC since its launch and has contributed to the creation of, and understands very well, the principles, objectives and level of quality required in ESC. CEV also has **extensive experience in hosting and sending ESC/EVS volunteers** and in hosting long and short term trainees from ESC, Erasmus Plus and other programmes. The Director and the Policy and Project Officer also have many years of experience in youth work and the organisation of local youth volunteering, youth camps and so-called 'workcamps'.



Get more information:



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BBE Berlin

About the organisation ([website](#))

The BBE is a national network linking organisations and associations from the third sector (non-profit organisations) and civil society, from business and work life and federal and community institutions. Everyone involved benefits from the cooperation and moves closer to the common goal. The key objective is the improvement of the general legal, organisational and institutional conditions for civic involvement. They want to deepen the sharing of experience at national, European and international levels, and make the findings of academics and research on the topic of civic involvement accessible to a broader public.



About the city of Berlin

Berlin is the capital and largest city of Germany by both area and population. Its population of around 3.8 million inhabitants makes it the most populous city of the European Union, according to population within city limits. Berlin is surrounded by the state of Brandenburg, and contiguous with Potsdam, Brandenburg's capital. Berlin's urban area has a population of around 4.5 million and is the second most populous urban area in Germany after the Ruhr.



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Spree river

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Strovolos Municipality

About Strovolos Municipality (Cyprus) ([website](#))

The Municipality of Strovolos was established in 1986 according to the Municipal Law N. 111/85 and is the second largest Municipality in Cyprus after Limassol, with a population of over 70.000 inhabitants. Strovolos is now a big city that covers an area of 25km² is divided into six parishes: Chryseleousa, Ayios Demetrios, Apostolos Varnavas and Ayios Makarios, Ayios Vasilios, National Martyr Kyprianos and Stavros.

Their vision is the continuous sustainable development and the upgrading of the quality of life, in a modern and friendly city to live in and work.

The Municipality of Strovolos is a finalist in the European Volunteering Competition 2021.



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Pedieos, the longest river in Cyprus

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Padova Volunteer Centre

About the organisation ([website](#))

The Padua Voluntary Service Center has been managed since 2004 by the Association of Padua Solidarity Service Center. The services offered are promotion, orientation and territorial animation, training, information and communication, research and documentation, consultancy, solidarity projects, technical-logistic support. The Padua Volunteer Service Center works to guarantee access to all the services available through a network of branches distributed throughout the provincial territory, accessible to all those who wish to receive assistance and advice.



About the city of Padova

Padova is a city and comune in Veneto, northern Italy. It is the capital of the province of Padua. It is also the economic and communications hub of the area. Padua's population is 214,000 (as of 2011). The city is sometimes included, with Venice (Italian Venezia) and Treviso, in the Padua-Treviso-Venice Metropolitan Area (PATREVE) which has a population of around 2,600,000.



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The Brenta River

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Cork Municipality

About Cork Municipality (Ireland) ([website](#))

Cork is a city in the Republic of Ireland, capital of the homonymous county, located in the south-west of Ireland, in the province of Munster. With a population of 125,622 inhabitants in 2016,¹ as a result of an extension of the city limits in 2019, this figure has increased to approximately 210,000 inhabitants. It is the second most populous city in the country, behind Dublin, and the third on the island after Belfast.

The city centre is an island positioned between two channels of the River Lee which meet downstream at the eastern end of the city centre, where the quays and docks along the river lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world.



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River Lee, near Cork City

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Fundació Catalunya Voluntaria

About the organisation ([website](#))

The Catalunya Voluntaria Foundation takes up the witness of Barcelona Voluntaria, a non-profit organization, which was born in 1999 by the hand of three young Catalans.. On October 25, 2007, the Barcelona Volunteer Association became the Catalunya Volunteer Foundation, following the same spirit and philosophy, being an instrument of civic and social training. They are focused on facilitating the participation of young people in situations of vulnerability, risk of social exclusion and fewer opportunities. They collaborate with different non-profit entities, networks and public and private organizations, at the local, regional and international levels.



About the city of Barcelona

Barcelona is a city on the coast of northeastern Spain. It is the capital and largest city of the autonomous community of Catalonia, as well as the second most populous municipality of Spain. With a population of 1.6 million within city limits, its urban area extends to numerous neighbouring municipalities within the Province of Barcelona and is home to around 4.8 million people, making it the fifth most populous urban area in the European Union after Paris, the Ruhr area, Madrid, and Milan.



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Know more about ...

European Youth Portal



The European Youth Portal offers European and country level information about opportunities and initiatives that are of interest to young people who are living, learning and working in Europe.

The European Youth Portal addresses young people, but also other stakeholders working in the field of youth (youth organisations, youth workers, policy makers, etc.).

Get more information on their ([website](#)).

European Solidarity Corps



If you are between 18 and 30 and you are looking for an opportunity to help the wider community, in Europe and beyond, you could do this with funding and support from the European Solidarity Corps, which helps young people take part in projects that benefit communities, either abroad or in their own country.

These projects offer an inspiring and empowering experience, as well as the chance to bring change while developing your skills and competences.

Broadly, you can get involved in: **volunteering, traineeships, jobs** and **local Solidarity Projects**.

These can be in a wide range of fields – education and training, citizenship and democratic participation, environment and natural protection, migration, culture, and many others.

Get more information on their ([website](#)).

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