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European Solidarity Corps Programme – Summer 2022

Group: International. 13 volunteers including coordinator

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Duration: 16 days (including 2 travel days).

Working Hours: 6 hours per day approximately

Camp leaders: Experienced camp-leaders and host will facilitate the work of the volunteers and support them before arrivals with logistic and travel information.

Language: English (knowledge of Italian is welcome but not necessary)

Insurance: volunteers from EU countries must have their EU health card. The volunteers will benefit from the ESC complementary insurance scheme for health or accident (CIGNA). Third liability insurance is provided by InformaGiovani.

Infosheet: Will be sent to supporting organisation/volunteer one month before the beginning of the activity.

Travel costs: will be reimbursed according to the partnership agreement. The amount will be calculated according to Erasmus+ distance band calculator (275 Euro for travel between 500 and 1999 Km; 360 Euro for travel between 2000 and 2999 Km)

Pocket money: volunteers will receive € 80,00 by InformaGiovani (i.e. 5,00 per day of activity, travel days included).

Important. Participants need to sign an agreement with Supporting and Hosting organisation. And to subscribe to PASS. Also to fill an online report at the end of the activity.

NOTE: participation is free of charge (both fee or extra-fee) being the activities funded under ESC High Priority Area programme.

CODE/NAME	Location	DATES (DD/MM/YYYY)	Type	No. vols	Age	Placement
IG22-01-ESC Geraci Siculo 1	Geraci Siculo (Sicily), Italy	06/07/2022 - 21/07/2022	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open
IG22-02-ESC Biviere di Gela 1	Biviere di Gela (Sicily), Italy	28/06/2022 - 13/07/2022	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open
IG22-03-ESC Isola delle Femmine 1	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	03/07/2022 - 18/07/2022 -	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open
IG22-04-ESC Isola delle Femmine 2	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	20/07/2022 - 04/08/2022 -	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open
IG22-05-ESC Biviere di Gela 2	Biviere di Gela (Sicily), Italy	08/08/2022 - 24/08/2022	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open
IG22-06-ESC Geraci Siculo 2	Geraci Siculo (Sicily), Italy	26/07/2022 - 10/08/2022	Manu, Envi	9 (+3 locals) + 1L	18-30	Open

IG22-01-ESC and IG22-06-ESC Geraci Siculo



IG22-01-ESC Geraci Siculo 1 - 06/07/2022 - 21/07/2022

IG22-06-ESC Geraci Siculo 2 - 26/07/2022 - 10/08/2022

***PLEASE NOTE that dates are in DD/MM/YYYY format**

City: Geraci Siculo (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+3 locals) + 1L

Min/Max age: 18/30

Work type: MANU, ENVI

Remarks: Interest in environment issue related to recycling and reduction of plastic consumption. **Motivation letter** with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation provided. **European Solidarity Corps Programme Countries only.**

Local partner: The Municipality of Geraci Siculo is located in a very beautiful area in the Regional Park of Madonie, excellent spot for mountain and nature lovers. Geraci Siculo is a small town located on a mountain pick with beautiful views and peaceful surroundings. A very nice place for exploring the countryside of Sicily.

Work description: Volunteers will be involved in cleaning and maintenance of public areas, streets and public spaces, castle ruins area and path in the wood. Volunteers will work alongside local volunteers and workers of the public administration responsible for green area.

Important. In the afternoon, volunteers will work together to create an event/campaign to raise awareness about recycling and reduction of plastic consumption and decomposition time. This activity will support the ongoing initiative "plastic free" launched by the Environment Ministry and already joined by the municipalities.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation will be in a school located in the town. Volunteers will sleep in the gym on air-camping mats provided. volunteers have to bring their own sleeping bag. The school is equipped with a kitchen that volunteers will use to prepare meals by themselves in group; food to be cooked will be provided by the host organisation. Bathrooms with hot water showers are available inside the school. NO Internet in the building.

Special requirements: Geraci Siculo is a small town in the mountains. This camp is suitable for people willing to live in a small town, nature and hikers amateurs.

Location and free time: During your free time volunteers can hike in the mountains surrounding Geraci Siculo, there are a lot of beautiful walks. There are soccer and tennis fields in town. Geraci Siculo is very isolated, you can take a day off and go to Palermo or to Cefalù (to the seaside) with public transportation but be aware that there are very few buses per day and very often they leave early in the morning. It is better to take a private local couch which costs can be shared among volunteers.

Closest airport: Palermo (PMO)

IG22-03-ESC and IG22-04-ESC - Isola delle Femmine



IG22-03-ESC - Isola delle Femmine 1 - 03/07/2022 - 18/07/2022

IG22-04-ESC - Isola delle Femmine 2 - 20/07/2022 - 04/08/2022

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City: Isola delle Femmine (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+3 locals) + 1L

Min/Max age: 18/30

Work type: MANU, ENVI

Remarks: Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. **Motivation Letter with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation provided. European Solidarity Corps Programme Countries only.**

Local partner: The "Isola delle Femmine" is a natural reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection) since 1998. This little uninhabited island is located in a strategic place for the migration of a specific species of bird called Gabbiano reale (*Larus michahellis*), this area allows them to rest from migration and to grow numerically. Due to financial cutting, the reserve suffers from maintenance and the support received along the year is not as much as should be provided. This is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organize together every year workcamps to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

Work description: Work will be run in the little uninhabited island in the middle of the sea, therefore, is compulsory to be able to swim!

Volunteers will support natural reserve's staff in restoration of the flora with planting of new plants (this action is part of a thirty-year plan put in practice by Lipu), maintenance of existing vegetation (watering plants), maintenance of the protected area (re-building stone paths). Cleaning of the protected area (the area is subject to different marine streams that bring waste from the sea). Work will be done mainly in the morning and in case of wind or rain the work will be run on another day. Work can be tiring and hard due to hot temperature and Sicilian sun (hat and sunblock are compulsory).

Important. In the afternoon, volunteers will work together to create an event/campaign to raise awareness about marine litter and man-made environmental issues, reduction of plastic and the impact of incorrect waste management on seas.

Accommodation and food: camping setting. Tent and air mattresses will be provided as well as food which volunteers will help to prepare and organize in shift.

Important! Volunteers need to bring a light sleeping bag or two bed sheets.

Special requirements: Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition. Motivation letter is compulsory in order to show interest in the project.

Location and free time: Isola delle Femmine is an Italian town in North-Western Sicily, in the province of Palermo. It is next to the sea so volunteers can spend their free time at the beach, do water sports, snorkeling, etc... Isola is a coast-town close to Palermo and connected with bus/train. Palermo is a beautiful city where there are many sights and places to spend the free time.

Closest airport: Palermo (PMO)

IG22-02-ESC and IG22-05-ESC Biviere di Gela



IG22-02-ESC - Biviere di Gela 1 - 28/06/2022 - 13/07/2022

IG22-05-ESC - Biviere di Gela 2 - 08/08/2022 - 24/08/2022

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City: Biviere di Gela (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+3 locals) + 1L

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: MANU, ENVI

Remarks: Interest in environment issue related to intensive agriculture, massive use of plastic in industrial agriculture and its impact. **Motivation Letter** with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation provided. **European Solidarity Corps Programme Countries only.**

Local partner: The "Biviere di Gela" is a natural reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection). Due to its geographical position and climatic conditions, the lake Biviere (the largest Sicilian coastal lake and one of the few remaining natural ones) is one of the most important Sicilian wetlands for thousands of birds (e.g. ducks, heron etc.) stopping here during migrations or wintering during the colder months. Activities in the nearby, such as intensive agriculture, embankments and drainage for agricultural purposes constitute a continuous threat to the survival of the wetland habitat. Due to financial cutting, the reserve suffers from maintenance and the support received along the year is not as much as should be provided. This is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organized together workcamps to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

Work description: Volunteers will support local staff in the maintenance of the site and vegetation for prevention of fire risk, in the maintenance of visiting facilities and information signs to promote and facilitate a sustainable fruition of the area. Maintenance work will be done mainly in the morning.

Important. In the afternoon, volunteers will define a strategy (event/campaign) to raise awareness about the dangerous effect of the intensive agriculture widespread in the territory and massive use of plastic in industrial agriculture and its impact on the local environment.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation will be partially in a building located inside the Natural Reserve and partially in tents located just outdoor inside the Reserve. Volunteers will sleep in a shared room in bunk beds or in tents. Solar shower and outdoor kitchen will be arranged in the space outdoor for all. Meals will be prepared by volunteers in group using camping kitchen. Food to be cooked will be provided by the host organization. NO Wi-Fi in the building. **REQUEST: volunteers have to bring their own sleeping bag.**

Special requirements: Biviere di Gela is a Natural Reserve located nearby the small town of Gela. This camp is suitable for nature amateurs interested in environment issue, willing to manual work and to basic lifestyle.

Location and free time: During your free time you can visit the small town of Gela and its beaches. Gela is not well connected in terms of public transports. To visit closest main cities (e.g. Agrigento 80km, Noto 110km, Syracuse 150km) during the day off, it is better to take a private local couch whose costs can be shared among volunteers.

Closest airport: Catania (CTA), Palermo (PMO)