

ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti South West Oltenia region of Romania. ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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Open Call for the *ACT on IT project - ESC (European Solidarity Corps)*

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **ACT on IT** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Solidarity Corps**

Venue: City of **Craiova, Dolj County**, South West part of **Romania**

ESC Stage Duration: From **01/09/2021** to **01/03/2022** – **6 months-**

How many volunteers: **10** International Volunteers

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 6 months.
- **Active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to **learn** and see their **experience** as a **learning process**.
- **Basic level of English** (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:

You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 6 months in Craiova, Romania.

All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.

What will I DO in the ACT on IT project?

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The general objective of the project is to raise the level of digital literacy and digital inclusion of both the target group and the 10 volunteers while also contributing to their personal and professional development.

The project will consist in:

1. Create, organize and implement non-formal 144 workshops over the course of 6 months. This objective shall be achieved by involving the 10 foreign volunteers in the design and implementation of non-formal activities workshops aimed at rising digital media competencies.
2. Reach over 160 disadvantaged youth in the digital literacy workshops. We aim to address the project to those students that come from disadvantaged backgrounds (socio-economic barriers and educational barriers mostly) and have fallen behind on their educational objectives or cannot afford the costs of furthering their development. Research shows that students from rural area, mono-parental families, families who are struggling economically are the most vulnerable to the dangers posed by uncontrolled and uninformed access and use of the online environment and digital media. The partners we are working with locally have an abundance of students from these categories.
3. Raise the level of knowledge and digital media competencies (and overall digital skills) of beneficiaries by at least 60% over the course of their participation in the workshops. The objective shall be achieved by designing non-formal learning programmes that engage the beneficiaries while the increase shall be measured using non-formal evaluation (and self-evaluation) methods combined with tracking their scholar progress.
4. Promote the Solidarity Corps Programme and its opportunities to at least 300 students from Craiova. Achieving this objective complements the other in the way that it give students a practical tool to further advance their personal development by accessing one of the many positivity's offered by the solidarity core.

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities bases on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

What will I learn in the ACT on IT project?

Our methodology of learning by doing or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourage commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

In the project we will be employing a Learning by doing methodology based on a 4 cyclical stages model:

1. Concrete Experience – going out and engaging with the activity
2. Reflection on that experience on a personal basis – self-reflection and guided reflection assisted by the mentor which aims at derivation of general rules describing the experience, or the application of previous experiences and knowledge to it
3. Abstract Conceptualization – supported by the participatory planning model and dynamic role distribution practiced the management team. In this stage the management helps the volunteer in the of ways of modifying the next occurrence of the experience
4. Active Experimentation – turning the abstract into concrete activities and restarting the cycle at no.1

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT team** and a **personal mentor** in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a **Youthpass certificate** which is a **European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills** acquired in ESC

Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

Travel: ACT will purchase **flight tickets** while the Sending Organisation will make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

Local transport: will be **covered by ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: ACT will host the volunteers in **rented apartments** in the **city of Craiova**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).

Working programme: working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities**.

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of **12 days of vacation in the project** that you can use as you want.

Language support: The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 5 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM cards** for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly.

Financial aspects: International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities **are covered directly by ACT**.

Monthly food allowance: 150 euro/month

Pocket money: 90 euro/month

What support will be available during your mobility?

The **mentor** will be responsible for **the general personal support of the volunteer**. They are in charge of **solving practical problems** arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the **volunteer's go-to person for any personal problems** as well as being responsible for **guiding the volunteer** through the **learning process**. The mentor will be there to help you identify **learning needs** and **opportunities**, help you **plan** your learning process and help in the **self-evaluation**.

The **counterparts** (staff from the schools – **teachers/professionals**)-that will be **supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities**. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

Additional support will be offered by ACT in the form **Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme** which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.

Have we caught your attention? Here `s how to apply!

1. Prepare a CV (preferably using the europass model <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>) and a motivational letter
2. We will have an **online interview** with you
3. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

If you are interested and want more information you can also [CONTACT US AT](#)

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