

**Project title: Mobility for Solidarity**  
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**About the project**

The main objective of our project "Mobility for Solidarity" implemented within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps is the common work and integration of volunteers, teachers, students, their families and the local community around the *Special School Complex No. 11 (ZSS 11) and School and Pre-School Complex No. 11 (ZSP 11) in Krakow*. Volunteers will become the integral part of the local community. In the project there will participate 13 volunteers from following countries: **Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain and Turkey.**

**The objectives of the project „Mobility for Solidarity ” are following:**

**1. Work of volunteers for the beneficiaries of the two hosting organizations:** Special School Complex No. 11 (ZSS 11) and School and Pre-School Complex No. 11 ( ZSP 11) in Krakow and support in the implementation of their educational mission. In the case of the work for the Special School Complex No. 11, an additional aspect will be to support the social inclusion of people at risk of exclusion due to disability. Volunteers working with disabled students, supporting them daily, will have an impact on the students' feeling of being a full-fledged part of the community (via f.e. trips, walks, participating in concerts and other cultural events). In addition, in both institutions, volunteers will take care to provide information about their cultures.

**2. Promoting the idea of solidarity and volunteering.** Volunteers will organize workshops during which they will reflect together with mentees about what the solidarity really is, how it can manifest itself and why it is an important element of the social life. The result of such meetings will be the joint activity of host institutions and volunteers involved.

**3. Personal and social development of volunteers participating in the project.** Thanks to the opportunity of working in a new, multicultural environment, volunteers will gain a number of new competences such as team work skills, individual work, communicating in Polish language, English and other languages that they will be able to use during the project.

## INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS AND SENDING ORGANIZATIONS:

**PROJECT DATES:** 01.04.2019 – 30.11.2020

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY DATES:** 01.09.2019 – 30.06.2020

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL SUPPORT:

- Special School Complex No. 11 (*Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr 11 w Krakowie*)
- School and Pre-School Complex No. 11 (*Zespół Szkolno-Przedszkolny nr 11 w Krakowie*)

### RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

**1<sup>st</sup> step :** Please fill the [application form](#)

**2<sup>nd</sup> step:** Skype interview. We will contact only chosen candidates

### DESCRIPTION OF HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS:

#### **Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr 11 in Krakow (Special School Complex No. 11)**

More info: [https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/944406939\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/944406939_en)

#### **We are looking for candidates from following countries:**

1 person from Spain, 1 person from Germany and 1 person from France

2 people from Italy and 2 people from Turkey

#### **Organization description:**

Currently the school occupies two buildings: one for the younger (5-12 years old), the other for the older students and youth (11-24 years old). Volunteers will assist teachers and therapist at Special Educational School No 11, working with children and youth with diversified types of mental and physical disability. School has two branches consisting of primary school, secondary school and vocational school. Both branches address their offer to the mentally and physically challenged students. During various classes pupils learn how to deal with the daily life and overcome upcoming obstacles.

**Volunteer's activities** will be adjusted to one's profiles and fields of interest, thus the project will result with high satisfaction of achieved learning outcomes. During the project volunteers will acknowledge various methods of therapy and working with disabled, will receive practical experience in daily assistance of disabled in the hosting organizations, will realize their own projects and will significantly increase their cross-cultural competences. Volunteers will be helping in educational process with supervision of teachers; usually our volunteers help in feeding our disabled students, support them during lessons and activities; help teachers prepare lessons and educational materials, care for order and cleanness in the school.

Volunteer is obliged to write shortly reports/ notes describing her/his EVS experience.

#### **Volunteer profile:**

Experience in work with children and youth will be an additional asset, however it is not compulsory. Good communicational skills are also an additional asset because the project is based on communication with other people. All creative skills - artistic or motor skills – can enrich the project. The same relates to computer skills. Volunteers should be open-minded and sensitive towards needs of others.

Due to the nature of the target group and special focus on work with children/young adults with disabilities, volunteer should not be afraid of disabled kids/youngsters and their reactions.

The coordinator of the school decides in which building and with which age group a volunteer will assist.

#### **2) Zespół Szkolno-Przedszkolny nr 11 (School and Pre-School Complex No. 11)**

link to database: [https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/946650743\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/946650743_en)

#### **We are looking for candidates from following countries:**

**Kindergarden:** 1 volunteer from Germany and 1 volunteer from Croatia

**Primary school:** 1 volunteer from Spain, 1 from Greece, 1 from Italy

**Organisation description:**

The school is divided into Kindergarten where 2 volunteers assist and Primary School where 3 volunteers assist

School has been operating since 1979 and currently has become an educational facility for over 600 students aged from 3 to 15. School is completely equipped with computer classes, internet access, two daycare centers, canteen, gym, library, playground and a garden. School aims to ensure safety of our students and provides support of doctors, stemmatologists and nurses. Our school is open from 7 am to 5 pm. The youngest students are having their classes in a school's branch 100 meters from the main facility. Our School is a place where children feel welcomed and safe. We strive to create a sustainable conditions for intellectual and emotional development of our students.

**Volunteer's activities:**

Main task of the volunteer will be the support of pupils and teachers in various activities. The volunteer will be actively involved in daily school life, while promoting European citizenship, tolerance and positive attitude towards new cultures, languages and the idea of voluntary work. The activities and the schedule are flexible and will be adapted to one's interests. Further tasks: Participating in teachers activities and organizing activities and workshops for children in the day care room (educational games, sport activities, music, theater etc.) participating in excursions and different school trips and helping pupils with homework. Volunteer is obliged to write shortly reports/ notes describing their EVS experience.

**Volunteer's profile**

The most important thing for us - are interests of volunteers, their willingness to work and motivation. We would like to host volunteers who are open, empathic and kind, ready to learn Polish, ready to work with children and willingly take part in various activities during the day

**INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING CONDITIONS AND SUPPORT:**

**Insurance**

Please consider that SO have to organize CIGNA insurance for volunteer. Volunteers have to be acquainted with insurance rules before arrival. EU citizens obligatory should bring to Poland **European Health Insurance Card**

**Accommodation:**

- Volunteer will be accommodated in a room in rented flat (in most cases shared with another volunteer the same sex) with access to kitchen and bathroom.
- Volunteers will share a flat together, they usually have double rooms.
- Flats are furnished and equipped with pillows, duvet covers, pillow cases and washing machine.
- Internet connection /Wi-Fi is not provided, however it is possible to arrange it (prices vary from 15-30 PLN/monthly per person).

**The practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays):**

- Each volunteer will work from Monday to Friday, 30 hours per week, that is, **no longer** than 6 hours a day. Usually between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Volunteers will have 2 days off per month (altogether 20 days throughout the 10 months project, which can be taken off monthly or all together for a bigger holiday, but it has to be discuss and agreed with host organization and coordinating org.).
- Volunteers **have to** inform their hosting and coordinating organizations about their whereabouts (also in case of health problems/sicknesses).
- All polish holidays are also free for the volunteer (if there are no activities in host org.)

**Food:**

Volunteers will get money for food every month from coordinating institution (around ~300 PLN) + there may be a possibility to eat meals in host institutions. Volunteers have to do grocery shopping and cook for themselves, or eat out (more expensive option).

**Pocket money:**

Volunteer will get pocket money every month - 120 euro (in Polish zlotys PLN).

Money will be transferred every month to volunteer's Polish bank account.

**Bank account:**

We organize for every volunteer Polish bank account after arrival and money (pocket money/food allowance) is transferred to that account.

**Local transport:**

Volunteer will get monthly ticket for trams and buses in Krakow (including the workplace to the residence, the whole city, night buses).

**Language support:**

Language support will be arranged by coordinating institution. Course will be held by professional Polish as a foreign language teacher. Duration of the course depends on the length of the project. As a coordinating organization, we will provide other opportunities to practice Polish (tandem meetings etc.).

Besides regular classes volunteer will be obligated to fill up test on OLS platform (system provided by European Commission) in the beginning and in the end of the project activity.

**YouthCard:**

It is a special edition card dedicated to people who participate in European Solidarity Corps. It gives some opportunities to travel/ try out new things – all this the cheapest possible way. The card has to be given to all volunteers up to the age of 30, and is valid for one year (or until the last day before the volunteer's 31<sup>st</sup> birthday).

**IB Polska volunteers blog:** <http://ib-polska.pl/youth/>

**IB Polska Facebook fanpage:** <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalerBundPolska>

**Weather in Poland/Kraków:**

*As the weather here can be quite unpredictable, to get the best out of your Polish experience it is important to include both an umbrella and sunglasses, necessary equipment all year long, so warm clothes for winter time and some things for summer time.*

During the autumn and spring the weather is often changeable – you are likely to enjoy moderately warm temperatures from April to June and from September to October, but it is also possible to see snow in April or people wearing short-sleeves in October. The weather in Poland is also characterized by transitional periods between the four seasons of the year.

**INFO:** The city of Kraków has a problem with **smog pollution** from ~ November till ~March. People who suffer from respiratory system diseases and chronic disease such as asthma should consider their application because SMOG may influence them.

**Mentor:**

The coordinating organization provides the volunteer with a mentor's support who will help the volunteer set learning goals and together they may evaluate them after the project has finished. Also, the mentor can help the volunteer with emergency situations, such as going to the doctor.

**Questions? Contact us** → [EVS-IB.Polska@ib.de](mailto:EVS-IB.Polska@ib.de) or [ib.polska.krakow@gmail.com](mailto:ib.polska.krakow@gmail.com)