

# EDUCATION TRACKS IN EUROPE

**ACTION:**

Erasmus+ KA1 – European Voluntary Service

**COORDINATING AND HOSTING ORGANISATION:**

CEMEA del Mezzogiorno onlus (Training Centres for Active Education Methods)

CEMEA del Mezzogiorno is an ONLUS (non profit organisation of social utility) placed in Rome and its action deals with disadvantaged young people, the promotion of non formal education through training, the development of local communities and active citizenships. Our organisation is part of worldwide educational movement of trainers and social workers started in the 50s. In its initiatives CEMEA del Mezzogiorno involves children, teenagers, parents and teachers through play and recreational activities, which are main tools of its work. Our main activities in Italy can be summed up in: training stages for educators, teachers, animators; educative centres for children, teenagers and youngsters; artistic and cultural activities within social programs; holidays and spare time centres; international exchanges; workshops outside compulsory education; ecological and environmental education; exchanges with universities; national and international meetings and seminars; publishing activities (bulletins, books, reviews...).

**WHERE:**

Rome, Italy

**DURATION:**

9 months

**DATES:**

**1st Flow:** 6th of March 2018 (travel day) – 28th of November 2018 (travel day)

**2nd Flow:** 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 (travel day) – 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019 (travel day)

**GENERAL PROJECT:**

The volunteers could be involved in the following activities inside CEMEA del Mezzogiorno services, depending on the different opportunities/initiatives available in the period of volunteering:

CEMEA playgrounds with children:

The volunteer will be involved in the activities in CEMEA del Mezzogiorno playground, Casa delle arti e del gioco in Via Policastro. In this playground, activities are proposed to kids (from 4 to 11 years old) and their families. Kids are stimulated by workshops and special games supporting socialization and soliciting their communicative skills and abilities. The playground is generally open in the afternoon, while, during the summer, the recreational centre works in the morning and in the early afternoon.

The volunteer will support the team being involved in all the activities and workshops proposed (games, sport activities, recycling workshops, art and crafts...), in the organization and in setting the space up and in the weekly team reunion.

**Territorial actions**

Depending on the different local initiatives, CEMEA del Mezzogiorno is involved in territorial actions carried out in cooperation with partners at local level. These actions are focusing above all on voluntary activities in the quarters aimed to reach a mutual support inside the local community and to stress the importance of youth engagement also at a collective level.

Volunteer should contribute to drop bits of international culture (mostly from country of origin) in all activities implemented.

### **SUPPORT**

In order to ensure the quality of personal support for the volunteer, **CEMEA del Mezzogiorno** will provide a **mentor** that will constantly support the volunteer during the EVS experience, and will go with him/her through the achievement of his/her learning process consciousness. A cooperative relationship will be established with the **supervisor** as referent person for the hosting service (playground), who will take care of the volunteer's integration in the work team and will be his/her guide through the developing of the tasks given. In the first period after the arrival, once per week the mentor will meet the volunteer in Cemea del Mezzogiorno office in Rome, discussing how the EVS project is going on. Time to time during the project the mentor will visit the volunteer on the service venue in order to put in condition the volunteer to show and share which is his/her everyday involvement in the local reality. Normally in this meeting also the supervisor will be present. A mid-term evaluation meeting and a final one are normally planned with the volunteer, the supervisor and the mentor in order to analyse together the ongoing process of learning of the volunteer and his/her impact in the local reality.

### **VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED in EDUCATION TRACKS IN EUROPE PROJECT**

4 volunteers, hosted in 2 different flows throughout 2 years

In the first flow are foreseen 1 volunteer from Spain and 1 from France; in the second flow 1 volunteer from Romania and 1 volunteer from Slovenia.

In each flow the 2 volunteers will be involved in different EVS services of CEMEA del Mezzogiorno, one dealing with children and the other dealing with adolescent and youth.

At the same time CEMEA del Mezzogiorno will host and coordinate also other volunteers coming from different EU countries within other projects and engaged in different services managed directly by CEMEA or its local partners.

### **MONTHLY ALLOWANCE**

The volunteer will receive, as established by Erasmus+: Youth in Action KA1 – European Voluntary Service, a pocket money of 120 euro in cash at the beginning of each month.

### **BOARD**

The volunteer will receive 50 euros in cash each week for food provisions, cooking by him/herself.

### **LODGING**

The volunteers will be hosted in a flat rent by CEMEA del Mezzogiorno and shared with other volunteers involved in different projects.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORT**

The volunteer will receive a monthly card allowing him/her to use all the public means of transportation (metro, tramway and bus) within the metropolitan area of Rome.

### **ORGANISATION OF THE TRAVEL**

Following the rules of the User Guide for Erasmus+: Youth in Action KA1 – European Voluntary Service, the European Commission (EC) established that the contribution for travel costs depends on travel distances and it must be calculated using the distance calculator provided at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

Travel costs are eligible from the volunteer's country of origin to the venue of the activity and return (1 round trip only), up the limit of the amount established by the distance calculator. The costs exceeding the contribution of Erasmus+ will be covered by the volunteer.

#### **OPTION 1:**

The Sending Organisation will be in charge of buying the round travel tickets agreed with the Coordinating Organisation, that will reimburse the cost immediately after the arrival of the volunteer(s). The Coordinating Organisation will transfer to the Sending Organisation up to the amount established by the distance calculator and the Sending Organisation will be in charge of collecting from the volunteer the possible part not covered by the contribution allowed.

#### **OPTION 2:**

The volunteer will buy directly the round tickets and he/she will receive a reimbursement from the Coordinating Organisation up to the maximum amount established by EC in 2 tranches: the first one, corresponding to the coming tickets' cost immediately after the arrival in the hosting country, the second one after the end of the project, one time that he/she would have provided to the Coordinating Organisations all originals for the way back trip.

#### **LANGUAGE COURSE**

Erasmus+:Youth in Action KA1 – European Voluntary Service foresees, only for volunteers hosted for more than 2 months in Italy (Spain, France, Germany and United Kingdom) an **ON LINE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT**. Costs for providing language courses to the volunteer are not eligible.

CEMEA del Mezzogiorno considers the support through a language training course of Italian fundamental, so it takes the decision to provide anyway this opportunity to the volunteer, that is expected to actively participate to it.

#### **EVS TRAINING CYCLES**

The volunteer will take part to all activities foreseen in the EVS training and evaluation cycle in the hosting country and to the EVS annual meeting one time he/she came back from the project, organized by the sending and hosting National Agencies.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Two complete days per week are free, normally Saturday and Sunday, even if some activities, especially after the first period of integration can be developed in week end. If so, the hosting team and the volunteer will plan this exceptions in advance and will choose together another complete free day, immediately in the week that follows the event.

The volunteer has the right to have 2 free days per month of service but they have to be jointly scheduled with the mentor and the supervisor; in the total amount of free days the volunteer has to take into consideration the possible closing periods of the hosting service.

More recommendations will be added in the apartment regulation that the volunteers will receive during the preparation by distance and will sign at the arrival.