



European Voluntary Service Approved Expression of Interest (EI) CERTIFICATE

Youth in Free Initiative has been accredited to act as a **Sending, Host and Coordinating organisation** on the basis of the submitted and approved Expression of Interest, under **reference number 2012-SI-75** within the European Commission's Youth in Action programme. This accreditation is valid until **16.11.2015**.



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The **Youth in Action** programme is the European Union's non-formal learning programme for young people aged between 13 and 30 years. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU's borders, intercultural dialogue and aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans. The Programme is open to youth in 31 European countries and the Programme's Partner Countries.

To young people coming from, or working with the EU's Neighbouring Countries (Neighbouring Partner Countries), the Programme offers possibilities in the form of group Youth Exchanges, Training and Networking Projects as well as participation in various forms of voluntary activities through the European Voluntary Service. More information about the Programme is available at http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc74_en.htm.

The **European Voluntary Service (EVS)** enables young people aged between 16/18 and 30 years to carry out voluntary service for up to 12 months in another country. It fosters solidarity among young people and is a true "learning service". Beyond benefiting local communities, volunteers learn new skills and languages, and discover other cultures.

Accreditation

Every organisation wishing to send or host EVS volunteers or to coordinate an EVS project must be accredited, i.e. officially recognised as an EVS organisation. To receive accreditation, organisations must hand in an "Expression of Interest" form (EI). This is a form in which the organisation describes their general motivation and ideas regarding the planned EVS project(s).

Accreditation serves to gain access to EVS and to ensure that the minimum quality standards of EVS are met. Accreditation as an EVS project does not represent financial support, but it is a prerequisite for a later application for a concrete project. A concrete project and a concrete volunteer are not necessary for accreditation as an EVS organisation.

Accreditation of all EVS project promoters located in South East Europe is carried out by the SALTO-YOUTH South East Europe Resource Centre. More information can be found at <http://www.salto-youth.net/see/>.

All accredited EVS promoters are included in a **database of approved EVS promoters**. Upon accreditation, the promoter can start looking for partner organisations and volunteers and preparing the grant application. Accreditation does not automatically guarantee that any subsequent project application(s) will be approved for funding.

Potential volunteers and EVS promoters can consult the database of approved promoters on the Internet at http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_en.cfm.

