



are you between 18 and 30 years old?

APPLY FOR
EUROPEAN
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Cesvot's institutional role is to promote and support volunteer work by developing services and projects with volunteer associations in Tuscany. European Voluntary Service (Evs), as a key EU policy tool, is a concrete opportunity to spread and promote volunteering among young people, laying out a programme that maximizes the value of European volunteering experiences.

For this purpose, Cesvot has requested and obtained accreditation from Agenzia Nazionale Giovani (Italy's National Youth Agency) as a sending and coordinating organization for taking part in Action 2-Evs of the Youth in Action Programme.

WHAT IS EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE?

Evs is an action within the Youth in Action programme, instituted by the European Commission with the aim of promoting solidarity, tolerance, active citizenship and mutual understanding among young people.

Evs is not occasional, unstructured, part-time volunteering. Evs is not a paid job, an internship, a recreational or tourist activity, a language course, a period of study or vocational training abroad, or exploitation of cheap labour.

WHAT DOES IT CONSIST IN?

For young people, Evs is an opportunity for informal personal development through volunteer work in a foreign country.



For associations, it is an opportunity to undertake new projects and promote active citizenship on the part of young people.

WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF AN EVS PROJECT, AND HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Evs projects can focus on various themes: culture, sports, social care, health, environment, art, etc., and they offer a volunteer experience lasting from 2 to 12 months. Projects aimed at volunteers with more limited opportunities can have a shorter duration, from 2 weeks to 2 months.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

To become an Evs volunteer, you must be between 18 and 30 years old. You need only be a legal resident of the country where you plan to apply. Evs is open to everyone, without discrimination based on education, social, financial or physical

condition, or geographic location. Volunteers with more limited opportunities can participate from the age of 16.

WHERE CAN YOU DO AN EVS PROJECT?

In every member state of the European Union, in Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Turkey, in neighbouring partner countries and in partner countries in the rest of the world.

WANT TO APPLY?

You must contact an accredited sending organization. Cesvot is accredited as a coordinating and sending organization and will help you look for a hosting organization, relying in part on the online database of Evs projects at http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_en.cfm. Cesvot will need your





cv and a cover letter in English, which will be sent to the organizations abroad. It will work with you and the hosting organization to prepare your application by the deadlines laid out by the programme. Moreover, Cesvot will guide you through the pre-departure phase of initial training, contacting you periodically during your time abroad, as well as upon re-entry and conclusion of the project.

WHEN CAN APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED?

For us to work with you on the project, you must contact us by	Because the project must be presented by	To carry out the project
1 March	1 April	from 1 July to 30 November
1 April	1 June	from 1 September to 30 January
1 June	1 September	from 1 January to 30 April
1 September	1 November	from 1 January to 31 July
1 December	1 February	from 1 May to 30 September

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Participating in Evs is free. Volunteers are provided with: travel expenses, room and board, local transport, insurance, training before departure and upon arrival, a small monthly sum of pocket money (the amount varies from country to country), and tutoring. At the end of your experience you will be provided with a European certificate – Youthpass – that will state the objectives fulfilled and the results achieved.



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