



## Seeking for ESC volunteers

Greece

Perama, Ioannina

6 Volunteers

For 9 weeks each

## About Us

The International Centre for Sustainable Development (ICSD) is a non-profit organization based in Ioannina, Greece. Since 2011, we have been dedicated to advancing sustainability through research, education, and community-driven initiatives.

## Our services

At ICSD, we work to advance sustainable development and improve quality of life. Our mission is to reduce inequalities, combat poverty, and provide care and support to vulnerable groups. We also promote knowledge-sharing and scientific dialogue, making positive change possible in Greece and beyond.

Alongside our mission, we offer consulting services on economy, society, and the environment. We actively participate in Erasmus+ and other educational initiatives, engage in national and European programs, and organize workshops and conferences to foster learning, collaboration, and innovation.



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## Our services

Volunteering is at the heart of what we do! We team up with local authorities to support vulnerable groups, refugees, and immigrants. We join forces with institutes and organizations driving sustainable development. Plus, ICSD is officially certified by the National Agency for European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and holds the Management Capacity Certificate from the Greek Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, ensuring top-quality project implementation.

## Mission

Solidarity means supporting the social integration and well-being of refugees, helping them feel included and supported in the community. Through our ESC program, volunteers assist refugee boys aged 13-18 in our two centers in Ioannina, offering educational support, recreational activities, and mentoring to enhance their overall welfare. In addition, awareness-raising initiatives help highlight the challenges refugees face, while engaging local youth and strengthening the broader community of Ioannina.

## Objectives

“Our volunteer program helps participants develop key skills, including:

- Cultural sensitivity and appreciation of diverse backgrounds
- Effective communication with minors in safe, supportive ways
- Creative engagement in educational and recreational activities
- Advocacy for the rights and needs of unaccompanied minors
- Supporting social inclusion and welfare of refugees
- Teamwork and collaborative planning
- Organizing and participating in workshops and awareness events”



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## Activities

Volunteers can:

- Run workshops on creative expression, cultural exchange, social dialogue, rights, and the environment.
- Lead language learning, games, movies, and outdoor activities.
- Organize team-building and social inclusion projects.
- Support NGO promotion through social media, websites, and articles.
- Take part in PR events to raise awareness of refugee issues.

## Tasks

“Volunteers support daily activities at our centers through non-formal education for minors, including:

- Intercultural activities: Learn about Europe and the volunteer’s home country while promoting values like solidarity, equality, and diversity.
- Language activities: English or native language learning through games, role-play, and hands-on practice.
- Creative activities: Sports, music, art, dance, or other interests based on the volunteer’s skills

## Working Hours/Location

- Volunteers work 6 hours a day, Monday to Friday.
- Daily schedule includes preparation, reporting, and OLS activities.
- Occasionally participate in special weekend events.
- Weekly hours remain 30–38, following ESC guidelines.

The structure that we operate in Ioannina.

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## Who are we looking for

- Age: 18–30 years old (or anyone young at heart who loves adventure!).
- Languages: Basic English is required – enough to say “hello,” crack a joke, and follow instructions. Bonus points if you can impress us with your accent or a phrase from your home country!
- Residency: You must legally live in one of the participating European or EU-Partner countries.
- Experience: No prior experience or special skills? Perfect! Enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to learn are what really count here.
- Mindset: You should be ready to thrive in a multicultural environment – quirks, different habits, and unique perspectives included. We love a good story!
- Creativity: Flexible, imaginative, and full of ideas. We want volunteers who can think outside the box... and sometimes outside the building!
- Attitude: Open-minded, positive, and motivated to promote solidarity and make a difference in people’s lives.
- People Skills: Friendly, communicative, sociable, and ready to make lasting connections with both locals and other volunteers.

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## What is provided

### Accommodation

- Volunteers will live in the Youth Center in a region of Perama (Ioannina) 10-15 by bus from the Center of the City (each one will have their own bedroom).
- The Youth Center of Ioannina, equipped with all necessary utilities.



### Travel Costs

The travel costs are covered up to the limits of the European Commission based on the travel distance.



Training and mentoring.  
Workshops and training on the following topics: on-arrival, teamwork, sustainability, and conflicts. Greek lessons with the teachers of the structures. Mentors for the volunteer



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### Pocket Money

Each volunteer will get an amount of 7€ per day by a bank transfer to their bank accounts.



### Food

All daily meals for volunteers will be fully provided by the project.



## IOANNINA

### “Live like the Pasha in Yannena”

Ioannina, often called “Yannena”, the capital of Epirus, spreads out around beautiful Lake Pamvotida. The strong cultural traditions of the town, home to a number of great novelists and poets, and the artistic and intellectual events that are organized throughout the year give visitors the opportunity to get to know the roots of the intellectual life of Epirus. Ioannina was always multicultural, dominated mainly by Christian, Islamic and Jewish influences. This coexistence of cultural influences is clearly evident in the historic city center.

## How to apply

If you are from an EU and/or EU-Partner Country and you're interested in the project and want to be a volunteer, we encourage you to apply by:

If you are lucky you will join an amazing team, and get to experience the magic behind the ESC Programs in Ioannina.

We will contact the candidates with the best applications and arrange an online interview to get to know each other better.

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