

What is EVS ?



EVS (European Voluntary Service) forms part of ERASMUS+, a European Union programme that promotes the mobility of young people through international projects. It enables young people to exercise a voluntary activity abroad, in an NGO or a public institution.

Thanks to the intercultural dimension and its non formal approach, European Voluntary Service is a unique opportunity to come into contact with different cultures and to acquire new skills and abilities useful for personal and professional growth.

Volunteering is a commitment contract during a full-time and specified period involving a triangular partnership: the volunteer, the sending organisation and the hosting organisation.

Çankaya Municipality and EVS

As a New Generation Municipality, Çankaya got the agreement from the European Union to host and send EVS volunteers in Turkey and abroad. The Municipality started in 2015 the "Youth Bridge from Europe to Çankaya" project which aims at creating active citizenship and culture of tolerance among European youth and encouraging their active involvement in the future of Europe and Turkey. Encouraging youth participation is very important for the Municipality as it's a way of empowering youth engagement in civil society, public service and political processes.

Testimonial

Maria Carla, italian EVSer in Çankaya Belediyesi:

"I am having my EVS mission under the Social Welfare Directorate of Çankaya Belediyesi. I am an English teacher in four different kindergartens located in Çankaya region. I work with children aged between 5 and 6 years old. At the beginning it was very difficult since I didn't know any Turkish, but now I am attending a Turkish language course so communication improved and it is so funny to understand children!"



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opening minds !**

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What fields are covered?

Art and culture, social, environment and heritage protection, media and information for young people, combating exclusions, racism and xenophobia, health, economies of solidarity, sport, cultural diversity, the future of Europe, etc.

For how long ?

From 2 to 12 months.

Who can apply for an EVS project?

- * Young people aged between 18 to 30. In certain cases, from age 17.
- * Must be legally resident in one of the countries participating in the programme or in one of the partner countries. The EVS must be outside the country of residence.
- * No training, experience or qualifications are required.
- * No condition for knowledge of language but a basic level of English is often recommended.



In which countries?

In Programme Countries: The 28 EU Member States, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Turkey.

In Neighbouring Partner Countries : South East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

In Mediterranean Partner Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia.

Warning!

EVS is not an internship, a professional training, a youth employment, a language course, a period of study abroad, tourism or an exploitation of cheap labor.

What is the procedure to take part to an EVS mission?

- * Find a sending organisation from the Database of European Voluntary Service accredited Organisations.
- * Browse the Database of volunteering opportunities, find a placement in a hosting organisation and apply.

For more information about EVS :

Turkish National Agency

<http://www.ua.gov.tr/>

Eurodesk. It makes information on learning mobility comprehensive and accessible to young people and youth professionals.
www.eurodesk.eu

European Youth Portal. You can find the Database of EVS accredited organisations and EVS opportunities.
<http://europa.eu/youth>

Çankaya Municipality as a sending and hosting organisation (Department of International Relations. EVS desk).
<http://www.cankaya.bel.tr/>



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