THE VISION
An active community in which conscious individuals create a world based on solidarity and sustainable development.

THE MISSION
The Argonauta Association contributes to the protection of nature and the environment, revitalization and valorization of cultural and historical heritage and encourages the development of active citizenship by informing, inspiring and educating citizens, creating, adopting and promoting innovative solutions in the community and providing opportunities for volunteering, mobility and social entrepreneurship, and operates at the local, national and international levels.
Argonauta is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization for nature, environment, an sustainable development, based in Murter, Croatia with members, volunteers and employees made up of teams of experts from different fields. In 2005, Argonauta was founded by a group of Murter’s enthusiasts in response to the growing need for civil society organization to take care of the nature and environment of the island of Murter and its wider area. Throughout its current work, the Argonauta Association has shown itself as an active participant in the recognition, conservation, rejuvenation and further promotion of the hidden treasures of Murter’s area natural and cultural heritage as well as a designer of new public/social values.

Today, Argonauta is present at the local, regional, national and international level with the mission of contributing to the sustainable development of the community through the preservation and valorization of heritage (natural and cultural), the promotion of civic activism (especially youth), cross- and intrasectoral cooperation and the development of social entrepreneurship.
OBJECTIVE:

This activity will provide volunteers with a platform to experience how to be active citizens on a local level and use this mobility experience to improve their skills and competences in various fields for their personal and professional development. All of that with the particular support for volunteers offered by Argonauta (Croatia) as host.
- to offer to two chosen volunteers a high-quality activities based on all involved orgs previous experience, Murter’s community volunteering work needs researched and solidarity component included to increase the societal impact of the project; ensuring that volunteers are being well prepared and supported, and project validated and implemented with the respect of ESC principles.
- to contribute to European cooperation in the fields of: Climate action, environment and nature protection, Community and local solidarity development continuing to establish strong connections with project partners, based on mutual respect, confidence and exchange of the experience.
NAME OF THE PROJECT - ESC: VOLUNTEER IN MURTER - WIN

Main activity of the project is Volunteering Activity that 2 volunteers will take in a period of 12 months. Activities will take place in village Murter at the Island of Murter. The activity starts in July (for the 1st volunteer) and in September (for the 2nd volunteer) 2023 and lasts for 12 months.
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

There are many activities that we plan to involve ESC volunteers in. The development of these activities depends on the current projects in our association. We can group them according to topic, as follows:
- to assist in designing, organizing and implementing creative workshops and materials on the topics of environmental protection, marine ecosystems and its biodiversity (children 5-8 years);
- to assist in organizing the school in nature activities or Eco-patrol activities (for young people aged 10-14 years);
- to assist in promoting Educational Summer Children Program - creating and putting up posters, leaflet design and dealing daily in Summer months;
- to help in watering and maintaining the association garden
- to help in organizing local community events (voluntary actions) connected to environmental awareness;
- to help in developing and implementing volunteering team ESC project;
- to help in implementing youth exchange projects;
- to assist in writing smaller local/national project proposals in the environmental field;
- to help in regularly update of www.argonauta.hr in English;
- to assist in the administration of Facebook, Youtube and Instagram profile of the Argonauta association;
- to establish connections with other EU and neighboring countries ESC accredited organizations or youth organizations;
to assist in establishing communication with the environmental organizations/institutions in volunteers home countries;
• to translate short announcements for the web in English or mother tongue;
• to promote Argonauta's profile at social networks;
• to assist in Argonauta's presentations at different fairs and festivals in the County;
• to present it's country customs, food, values, tradition etc. in local primary school or library;
• to update the VOLUNTEER BLOG on ESC experience;
• to help in producing digital media promoting the work of organization and ESC program (short video and visual forms);
• to translate relevant publication to English and/or their native language;
• to take part in different workshops organized by Argonauta within other projects;
• to assist in all other work that is ongoing in the organization.
We will strongly encourage the volunteers to design (with our help) their own personal project, choosing one of the above topics that they will feel most motivated to do.

Working methods used will be non-formal learning methods (learning by doing, seminars, assistance in all other activities of the organization).
* The volunteer will live in an apartment in Murter, fully furnished (Internet included). Depending on the conditions, the volunteer will be asked to share accommodation with other volunteers. Accommodation is approx. 10 minutes walk from working place so there is no need to use local transport to commute to work.

* Each of volunteer will receive monthly food and pocket money.

* Travel costs from and to the sending country will be refunded to the maximum amount according to official Erasmus distance calculator. Volunteers will work 6-7 hours per day and the service hours could be different in main summer season period than through the rest of the year:

* Regular service hours: 8-15h (weekends or other two days off)

* During summer months, work could be during morning (4h) and during evening (2h)
Volunteer Profile

OUR VOLUNTEER CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND NEEDS:

- high motivation for participation in most of the proposed activities of the ESC project;
- knowledge of basic English;
- willing to improve/develop communication skills;
- interest and enthusiasm in working with children and youngsters;
- interest and enthusiasm in acquiring different new skills;
Volunteer Profile

OUR VOLUNTEER CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND NEEDS:

- interest and enthusiasm in nature and environment issues;
- interest and enthusiasm in community development issues;
- flexible and creative character;
- willing to participate in local solidarity actions involving senior citizens;
- interested in experiencing life in a small island community.
Volunteer Profile

OUR VOLUNTEER CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND NEEDS:

- high level of (manual) creativity;
- interest for using Canva app or some other graphic design app;
- interest for video editing;
- enthusiasm for urban design/architecture;
- enthusiasm for forestry
Our ESC project will be accessible to volunteers regardless of their gender and within age 18 to 30 as has been set by the European Solidarity Corps program. Volunteers are to be selected in a fair, transparent and objective way, regardless of their ethnic group, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion, etc. No previous qualifications, educational level, specific experience or language knowledge will be required but advantage will be given to unemployed young people and those with fewer opportunities.
HOW TO APPLY:

CV in English and Motivation Letter (not more than A4 text in lenght) send to suzana@argonauta.hr
WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO VOLUNTEERs

1ST

period: July 2023 - July 2024

2ND

September 2023 - September 2024
How to proceed:

Application deadline: 23/06/2023

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Pre-listed candidates will be invited for the google.meet interview, after which the final selection will be done.
CONTACT MAIL OF THE HOST ORGANIZATION ARGONAUTA:

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“SEE THE WORLD AS IT IS, BUT INSIST ON MAKING IT MORE LIKE IT COULD BE.”

Carolyn BAILEY