

Looking for volunteering opportunities?

If you want to join the growing number of young people who volunteer in Europe and across the world, Organization of Bulgarian Scouts is the best opportunity for you!

Every volunteer will have the possibility to work in different work fields according to their interests. This gives the chance to everybody to make use of their personal abilities as well as to learn something new.

European Voluntary Service: what is it really?

Are you between 18 and 30 and willing to spend from 2 to 12 months abroad as an EVS volunteer?

The **Organization of Bulgarian Scouts** is in the process of applying for **Erasmus+** funding in respect of a **European Voluntary Service (EVS) project**. The Organization of Bulgarian Scouts is looking forward to host volunteers from different European countries that will develop their skills within our association with the help of experienced mentors. Hence we are looking forward for EVS-accredited sending organizations that will be interested in becoming project partners.

A European Voluntary Service (EVS) project will enable your member to actively participate in a volunteering experience (that can range **from 2 months to 1 year**) free of charge. The Organization of Bulgarian Scouts will cover all the accommodation and food expenses apart from giving a small amount of pocket money to the volunteers.

If you're EVS accredited by your national agency and interested to send your members as volunteers within The Organization of Bulgarian Scouts, you are kindly asked to contact us as soon as possible on the following email address: commissioner@scout.bg. If you are interested, kindly contact us at your earliest convenience due to the fact that the deadline for the submission of EVS Project applications is 26 April 2016.

The Organization of Bulgarian Scouts is looking for persons with scout experience to involve in a volunteer period of two to twelve months as EVS Volunteer (European Voluntary Service) in Varna or Shumen (Bulgaria).

Bulgarian scouts need to share scouting experience with friends from other European countries, especially a country with good scouting traditions, in order to strengthen their faith and hope that they could handle various problems together. It will help the development of valuable abilities of Bulgarian scouts and to involve them actively in scouting. The presence of European scouts in Bulgaria will influence not only young people that are already scouts but will also have a very strong influence on the whole local and national community in Bulgaria, so that many people can learn about scouting and decide to participate.



EVS Project Structure

A typical EVS opportunity with The Organization of Bulgarian Scouts:

- Help in scouting camps. Reconstruction of buildings at the Scout Camp. Building new activities or structures for the camp, cleaning the buildings, painting, collecting the rubbish, maintenance work around the camp site and in the buildings.

- Develop and enhance training tools such as social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional and spiritual development tools and also to incorporate the scout method holistically in group activities

- At the moment on the local level the Organization needs help of leaders to organize activities and games for the group of the cubs (children between 7 and 11 years old) and/or for the group of the scouts (boys and girls between 12 and 16 years old). The volunteer will support the organization bringing new ideas and experiences to share with the local leaders to improve the activities and to increase the number of members of the group.

- On the national level the Bulgarian Scouts are organizing an educational system for scouting and they are creating a training system for scout leaders. In that level the Organization needs a person that preferably has took part in trainings for leaders in his own country or in scout seminars as participant or, better, as a trainer. The volunteer will be involved bringing experiences, good practices and helping in the organization of trainings for leaders in Bulgaria.

- Group Visits to help sections directly in implementing national policies such as inclusivity and holistic development

- Planning of National or District Activities such as Founders' Weekend Activities and Cub, Scout and Ventures Challenges

- Helping in administration related matters such as communication

- Help in Public Relations and Association website

- Organizing of Virtual Scout Activities Resources

- Administration and Bookings of National Assets -Campsites, Scout Centre and other material resources

- Promotion and Advertising of assets to non-scouts

- Creation and Implementation of campsite activities to host scouts and non-scouts.

Volunteers are required to uphold the scouting principles during the working time. They also need to behave in accordance to the Bulgarian Law and possess a clean criminal record as they would have to be in contact with minors in their work. Regular scouting activities take place in the afternoons, evening and weekends. Such irregular working hours will be compensated by more free time.

The project would offer the participants ways to improve several competencies. According to the proposed project they will practice their leadership skills, improve their multicultural levels, follow courses, teach small scouts about their country, practice English and Bulgarian, develop tools and skills.