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Are you aged 18 to 30?
Want to do
Long Term
EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE?

Here's what we, the Youth Association from Transylvania offer!

The Youth Association from Transylvania - an NGO from Cristuru Secuiesc, ROMANIA - recognizes the need of the local and regional community to have young people coming from other countries, who can contribute to developing the potential of the area from a cultural, social and economical standpoint. For this reason **since September 2013** we coordinate EVS projects. Currently 11 EVS volunteers are doing activities with us and **we are looking for 12 volunteers from the countries of the European Union. Activities would start in the first week of August or September 2015, lasting 9 to 12 months.**

The **role of the volunteers** within our organization is **to act as support person and as execution agent** to the activities and initiatives that already exist in the community or our NGO. They will have to bring their own motivation and plans in order to fill in the frame of these actions with meaningful, efficient content. The EVS activity of each volunteer is constructed as follows: they will have to allocate **60-70%** of their time and activity, to work on this main activity, which they choose in the selection phase. **20-30%** of the time, their task will be to do common activities with the other volunteers, activities which are done around the yearly community traditions, events, happenings and holidays of the community. **10%** of their time will be spent to create and do visibility materials and promotion activities for the NGO and especially for their own EVS activity. The **venues** of their activities will be in the small town of **Cristuru Secuiesc**.

In this context, here are the activities we propose for the 12 volunteers:

1. Recycling and up-cycling education manager – **2 volunteers**
2. Support person for the local Radio station and online radio – **2 volunteers**
3. Support person for the local TV station and the keresztur.info news portal – **2 volunteers**
4. Support person for nurseries, day care centers and kindergartens - **2 volunteer**
5. Support person for the herbalists of the region - **2 volunteers**
6. Support person for the Hosting Organization – **1 volunteer**
7. Amateur Astronomy club manager - **1 volunteers**

ACTIVITIES, in more detail:

1. Recycling and up-cycling education manager – 2 volunteers

Cristuru Secuiesc and the region has a lack of options to recycle and act sustainable ecologically so to aid this lack, we continuously have 2 volunteers who do activities on recycling and up-cycling with workshops and other environmental education activities for children, teens and youths. During the activity the volunteers will collaborate with the primary schools, high-schools and the village schools of the region.





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2. Support person for the local radio station and online radio - 2 volunteers



There is a local radio station which is understaffed and cannot do field work. To this opportunity we wish to add 2 volunteer who would do radio field work, gathering local news, act as dialogue partners in live emissions and have radio emissions and music shows which introduce and present Europe to the local community. Also, our association has an online radio which focuses on the local community (mainly youth and kids) and on EVS in Romania and Europe. The volunteers will do podcasts and daily shows in this radio also.

3. Support person for the local TV station and the kersztur.info news portal – 2 volunteers

We have contacts with the local TV station and the kersztur.info news portal in the city, and these have only a few hours of broadcasting, adapting regional or national TV material or showing recordings of local events. To this opportunity we will add 2 volunteers who would do TV field work, gathering local news, presenting portraits of local personalities and doing personal cultural shows etc. This means that the volunteer will have the necessary tools and materials in order to film digital raw material, to edit and broadcast it.



4. Support person for nurseries, day care centers and kindergartens - 2 volunteers



The local nurseries, day care centers and kindergartens are understaffed and can offer only a minimal range of activities for their children – we intend to have two volunteers who collaborate with these institutions, one in each institution. The volunteer will be organizing daily workshops for the children to teach foreign languages, boosting creativity, learning about the world, developing dexterity, respecting the environment and doing handicrafts, all with non-formal teaching methods.

5. Support person for the herbalists of the region - 2 volunteers

The natural hillsides, meadows and forests in the region around Cristuru Secuiesc have a lot of unique and abundant herbs which are only partially gathered and used. To this opportunity we wish to have one or two volunteers who would join the few local and regional herbalists, associations and businesses and they will help in gathering drying, treating, packaging and commercializing these herbs. Besides this they would catalogue the working processes needed for different plants and they would create information tools and do promotional activities.



6. Support person for the Hosting Organization – 1 volunteer

We have a youth group who organize many local sports, cultural and leisure time events. One volunteer will support the activities of this group, both with ideas and direct support. Beside this, the volunteer will also work directly with the staff and the volunteers of the NGO, in the office, supporting all the activities carried out by us on a local, regional, national and international level.



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7. Amateur Astronomy club manager - 1 volunteer

There are a few great uninhabited hillside areas around the city, which have ideal, unused possibilities for astronomy activities and because there was interest for it voiced on high-school level, we started an astronomy club where EVS volunteers do non-formal teaching activities on basic astronomy and sky observation, with night workshops and camps organized for three age categories, children, teens and adults.



Besides all these, in terms of actually doing the activities, **during the first month** of each volunteers activity, the activities will be more general ones, where the volunteers get used to the community, to the culture, the habits, the logistics and the main activity. Also, in the first months they will also have Hungarian and Romanian language lessons.



HOUSING and LOGISTICS

The volunteers will be housed in a **rented house** which has 5 rooms, 1. 2 and 3 beds in each, with bathroom in the hallways. The house is fully furnished:

- kitchen (image ←) has 2 fridges, stove, microwave, dishes, glasses, furniture, etc.
- the 5 bathrooms have toilets, showers, washing machines and cleaning appliances.
- bedrooms have furniture, beds and also internet connection with Wi-Fi connection (image ←).



For meals, volunteers will receive an amount allocated for meals, to buy and cook their own food and provide bills for all the purchased food.

The house where the volunteers live is in the center and it is a part of the small **youth center** and main **office**

(image →) of the NGO. The house also features a living room and **workrooms** for some of the activities, such as the radio, the TV activities and the recycling and upcycling activity (image →). There is no local bus service in the city but we can provide **bikes** to the volunteers which require one.

The **working language** in the city and in the greater region is **Hungarian**, so the main focus will be put on learning this language first and after that Romanian which will be needed in trainings, evaluation meetings and free time touristic activities in Romania.





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The rules of conduct regarding mutual collaboration and respect between volunteers, association and community will be set up within the specific projects and activity agreements with the volunteers.

FINANCIALS and VOLUNTEERING HOURS

Each volunteer will receive **110 € as food allowance and 60 € as pocket money** each month. Everything else, including house rental costs, gas, electricity, water and internet costs, appliances and activity related costs will be managed by the hosting organization. Travel is also reimbursed. Volunteers will do their activities in a flexible way, depending on the activity, for about 6 hours and 5 days every week.



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

The Youth Association from Transylvania is looking for any youth aged 18 to 30 who is **serious and motivated to come to a small city and support us** in the development of a community with a lot of potential. We do not require volunteers to have any pre-determined skill sets or aptitudes in order to carry out the activity, only an inquisitive demeanor and an openness to learn new things which may be needed

for the activity. Also, we do not require participants to have advanced or intermediate English (or other foreign language) speaking skills, we only require them to have a basic skill in English and **an openness to learn the local language** in order to effectively communicate with the local community. Last but not least, **we are looking for energetic, creative open minded and independent youth**. If the potential volunteers do not possess these attitudes, they will certainly develop them while working together with us.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

For anyone wishing to join us as an EVS volunteer, we will firstly require a CV and a motivation letter. **DEADLINE for applying is the 15th of January 2015**. We encourage candidates to be creative with their applications, to include anything that might reveal their individuality, their likes, dislikes and potential skill sets. Upon receipt of these documents, the board of the NGO will study the applications and will decide whether the presented profile is appropriate for our activities, In light of this decision we will either refuse candidates or move on to having a Skype or telephone interview with the candidates in order to evaluate motivation and personality in a direct and oral environment. After the interview, the board will take a decision and inform the candidates.



We ask for patience and understanding from all candidates regarding the fact that from recruitment until start of activity the preparation procedures and activities take time, this is because **candidate volunteers are recruited prior to submitting an application**.



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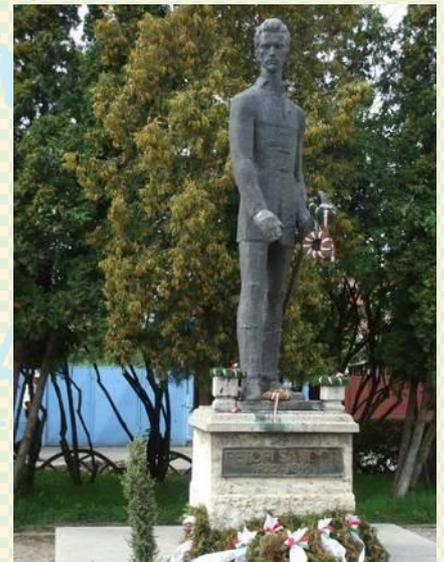


ABOUT THE TOWN

Cristuru Secuiesc lies at the eastern end of the Transylvanian plateau between the towns of Odorheiu Secuiesc and Sighișoara, in the valleys of the Târnava Mare, Goagiu and Nicoul Alb rivers, 390-395 meters above sea level. As far as nationality is concerned: in 1910 there were 3766 Hungarians, 71 Germans, 25 Romanians and 24 of other nationalities whereas in 2011 there were 9491 inhabitants, 9266 of which were declared Hungarian, 183 Romanian and 8 German while

most of the Roma community declared themselves as Hungarian or a few, Romanian.

In 2011 there were 4438 reformed, 3354 unitarian, 1248 Roman catholic, 208 orthodox and a few baptists, evangelists, Greek catholics, Jehovah's witnesses and adventists as well. There are four churches in the town: reformed, unitarian, roman catholic and orthodox. The city has 4 primary and high-schools one of them being a vocational high-school, it has a folklore museum, the Dr. Molnár István Museum, the PIPACSOK folk ensemble, a civil fanfare, a philharmonic. There are a lot of hills, meadows, rivers and forests for hikes and the Harghita mountains are also close. The city also boasts with a Theatre, a Lidl supermarket and many smaller general stores, several restaurants and pubs for leisure time with a tradition of having live musicians singing slow music. The youth community is quite abundant, with youth from all around the region pouring out from the 4 high schools and also the youth moving back from universities in the area.



Beside this main headquarter, after gathering a bit more hands on experience, a few of the activities may also be organized in the 2 larger cities close to Cristuru Secuiesc, **Sighișoara and Odorheiu Secuiesc.**

