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## Infopack for you!

### Municipality of Bitonto (Comune di Bitonto)

#### Dear applicant!

Thank you for your interest in our project! In this little document you can find all the information which can be useful before applying.

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**Hosting organisation:** Comune di Bitonto



#### Some words about Bitonto

The project will take place in Bitonto, in the Metropolitan city of Bari (Apulia Region). It is nicknamed the "City of Olives", due to the numerous olive groves surrounding the city. The city was founded by the **Peucetii**, and its inhabitants referred to by the Greek settlers of the region as **Butontinoi**, an ethnonym of uncertain derivation. Its first city wall can be dated to the fifth to fourth centuries BC; traces remain in the foundations of the Norman walling.



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Bitonto is well known for its production of extra virgin olive oil, which is exported to America and elsewhere in Europe. The city also produces wine, beer, cereals, almonds, and textiles. Recently, Bitonto has also become a popular tourist destination. It has hosted the [Beat Onto Jazz Festival](#) since 2001.

At the same time in the historical centre many restaurants, clubs, bars and youth meeting point are crowded during the week-end especially at the evening.

The climate is generally quite and poor of rain, although the temperature changes are fast and short, due to the wind from the Balkan area. In spite of the fact that our area has good road, railways, air and maritime facilities, and that it has strategic links with the East-Mediterranean and Balkan countries, it is quite distant from the so-called heart of Europe.

During the national/local holidays important roles play in the city traditions and religious happening such as Easter processions and rituals, the “Santi Medici” feast, the “Cortili Aperti” event.

### **Comune di Bitonto**

The volunteer will work in “Ambito Sociale del Comune di Bitonto”. It is the body for the management of the social services in the district of Bitonto and Palo del Colle. This body is composed by a political part called "Coordinamento Istituzionale" and a administrative-technical part so called "Ufficio di Piano". The body implements the “Piano Sociale di Zona” (Zone Social Plan). It aims at networking ideas and skills, using competences and expertise already present on the territory. It promotes a process of shared growth between Authorities, associations and economic operators interested in implementing a strategy that meets the social care, promotion and development of the local community and the territory.

The organization manages socio-cultural activities within the cities of Bitonto and Palo del Colle, training internships, "income support" projects (green maintenance, park cleaning, park surveillance), elderly and minors assistance, technological innovation projects ( Technological Pole), recreational and sports activities.

### **Proposed activities for volunteers**

The volunteers will be involved in activities taking part not only in the “Ambito Sociale”, but also in the other sites of the municipality. The volunteers will work generally 36 hours/week from 9 to 14 and on tuesday and thursday also from 15 to 18. The schedule may change according the need, the seasons and the project available.

The work will be distributed over the week as following:



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- languages courses and workshops;
- supporting youngsters in writing cv and motivation letter;
- Environmental day: support some school projects
- Awareness campaign against Mafia with “Cantieri Antimafia”;
- supporting the activities of the tourist office for the promotion of the local heritage;
- cultural day: "Bitonto Estate", theatre shows, youth center “Città della Musica”, local feast;
- Intercultural eveningl, Europe day and special event to promote mobility aborad, young participation, etc..

### **Food and accommodation**

The volunteers will live according one of the following solution:

- in a fully equiped flat together with 3 volunteers, in the city of Molfetta (double room). Bus tickets will be provided to reache the working place.
- in a fully equiped flat together 3 volunteers in the city of Bitonto (double room). No need of local transportation. There are possibilities for the volunteers to have their meals at home, which is fully furnished with kitchen. So in this case an additional amount of money will be provided corresponding to 150 euros.
- In an apartment with an Italian family in Bitonto. Food will be provided by the family.

The lodging choice will be always decided by InCo. For both lodging options, volunteers will have to respect the rules of the structure and the environment where they live.

### **Useful links**

Here you can find the website of the municipality: <https://www.comune.bitonto.ba.it/>

Here the website of Bitonto: [http://www.visitbitonto.it/content\\_/index.asp](http://www.visitbitonto.it/content_/index.asp)

If you would like to know more about the ESC/EVS-volunteer experience, check out the blog of the volunteers: <http://www.incoweb.org/eng/Volunteers-say>

### **Instagram**

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