**Vacancies open:** projects to be presented in **1**<sup>st</sup> **May** deadline to the Italian National Agency

VSI - Villa St. Ignacio (El: 2010-IT-35): Trento

Dates of Activity: from October 2012 until June 2013

Special considerations about the Host organization: Villa Sant'Ignazio live-in community is a place to host those who are unable to integrate at a psychological, moral, cultural, economic level in the environment where they live, and who cannot find adequate answers for their problems in the public sector. The live in community has specific rules which EVS volunteers must follow, such as: coming back at 11 pm (otherwise they need to ask for the keys in advance), drinking alcohol within the community or with guests is not allowed. All activities are done in Italian.

Themes: adults, social difficulties, anti-discrimination, education and recreational activities

<u>Volunteers' profile:</u> The project is open to everybody who has a special interest and sensibility to adults in need, and could bring new energy and enthusiasm in order to improve the conditions of the guests, contributing to maintain active their physical, mental, affective and attitudinal capacities. Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with adults in need, they should be open-minded, mature, available to listen, patient and have certain interest in interpersonal communication. The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian and get deeply engaged. Creativity and spirit of initiative will also be greatly valued.

Vacancies: 2 (1 male and 1 female)

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**ASSB – Azienda Servizi Sociali di Bolzano** (under new accreditation process - as reference of activities, volunteers can consult the other similar HO with EI n° 2010-IT-24): Bolzano

Dates of Activity: from September 2012 until September 2013

<u>Special considerations about the Host organization:</u> ASSB is located in the city of Bolzano, South-Tyrol. This region is very special seen that it has a particular history and it's **bilingual** (Italian and German). The local culture has Austrian basis. Most of the activities are developed in Italian but German is also always present.

<u>Themes</u>: **elderly people**, health, leisure activities

<u>Volunteers' profile</u>: The project is open to those with a special interest and sensibility with elderly people and could bring new energy and enthusiasm to the host organization, helping to improve the life quality of the guests and enriching the free-time activities' possibilities. Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with elders, they should be patient, respect their rhythm, be keen to have interpersonal relations, available to listen and have certain initiative and creativeness. Basic knowledge of Italian and/or German would be important to facilitate the integration of volunteers, specially taking into consideration the bilingual situation of the region and the service. The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian/German and get deeply engaged.

Vacancies: 4

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