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Please find below all the information regarding the vacancies open to EVS volunteers. They are important to verify if those projects could be a real opportunity for you, so read everything carefully and discuss with your sending organization about all details.

The deadlines involved in the whole procedure are:

- > **December 2012**: first step of the selection process - analysis of valid applications
- > first half of **January 2013**: phone call to short listed candidates, final evaluation together with sending and host partners
- > second half of **January 2013**: establishment of the new partnerships,
- > **1<sup>st</sup> February 2013** – application for funds to the Italian National Agency
- > **May 2013** – foreseen date to know approval of funds
- > **May-July 2013**: Period of preparation
- > **July-September 2013**: Activity start.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

Please use the EI number in the [EVS database](#) to read more about each host organization! Here below you'll find extra indications but the consultation of the database is essential to have a clear idea about the organizations and activities proposed!

Name of the host organization: **Civica di Trento** (EI: 2010-IT-24)

**Location:** Trento

**Dates of Activity:** from September 2013 until September 2014 (12 months)

**Themes:** elderly people, health, leisure activities

**Special considerations about the Host organization:** Trento is a city of 110.000 inhabitants in the north of Italy, a very beautiful area in the middle of the mountains. If your idea of Italy is Sicily, though, you might be disappointed with Trento (which has been also significantly influenced by Austrian culture). Civica is a big public institution and has 4 different elderly houses.

**Volunteers' profile:** 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 could be useful to facilitate the integration of volunteers. Volunteer should be ready to learn Italian and get deeply engaged. It's a very rewarding activity from a human point of view but remember that collaborating in nursing home for elders is not the same as taking care of your own grandmother! Activities are done in Italian.

**Vacancies:** 4

Get inspired! Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about Civica: [Mari](#), [Magdalena](#)

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Name of the host organization: **VSI – Villa St. Ignacio** (EI: 2010-IT-35)

**Location:** Trento

**Dates of Activity:** from September 2013 until June 2014 (9 months)

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

**Special considerations about the Host organization:** Villa Sant'Ignazio is a **live-in community**, it's 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, sharing common areas, etc. So it's not like living in your own apartment or parents house. It's a really beautiful and meaningful activity but also very intensive! All activities are done in Italian.

**Volunteers' profile:** The project is open to everybody who has a special interest and sensibility to adults in need and rage groups in general, 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 have an exemplar behavior, 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)

Get inspired! Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about VSI: [Ernest](#), [Edina](#), [Sarah](#)

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Name of the host organization: **ASSB – Azienda Servizi Sociali di Bolzano** (EI: 2012-IT-36)

**Location:** Bolzano

**Dates of Activity:** from September 2013 until September 2014 (12 months)

**Themes:** elderly people, health, leisure activities

**Special considerations about the Host organization:** 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. ASSB is a big public institution and has 5 different elderly houses.

**Volunteers' profile:** 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. It's a very rewarding activity from a human point of view but remember that collaborating in nursing home for elders is not the same as taking care of your own grandmother!

**Vacancies:** 4

Get inspired! Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about ASSB: [Bilge](#), [Anna Carina](#), [Angelina](#)

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Name of the host organization: **CTS – Centro Trentino di Soliderietà** (EI: under accreditation process)

**Location:** Trento and Vezzano (small village close by Trento)

**Dates of Activity:** from July 2013 until January 2014 (6 months)

**Themes:** occupational therapy, health, addiction, anti-discrimination, agriculture and outdoor activities, education and recreational activities

**Special considerations about the Host organization:** CTS is an organization working with adults being recovered from different kinds of addictions (mainly drugs and alcohol). The addiction problems are suitable to happen in anyone's life but there is still a lot of prejudice on this argument – what complicates even more the recovery process. Besides activities in schools to raise awareness about the problems and combat prejudices, CTS manages 2 voluntary recovery centers: Casa Giano and Casa Lamar. Casa Giano hosts around 30 people in different levels of treatments: the patients are followed by physicians, physiologists and social workers. They pass through a recovery process to reestablish self-confidence, autonomy and get re-integrated to society (they are there voluntarily). Several occupational activities are proposed and managed by social workers together with the guests (and volunteers!). They are mainly focus on the beautiful farm around Casa Giano: working with the herbs garden, olive trees, grapes harvest, small animals, vegetables garden, honey bees and so on. Besides that, volunteers will be also involved in different laboratories (such as ceramic, wood, etc.). Working together becomes a therapy to those who need it and very enriching in 360° to those who collaborate: this is the base of the activity. All activities are done in Italian. There will be space to

propose new activities, develop workshops about volunteer's culture and any other topic considered relevant (to guest as well as local community). Specific courses will be organized by CTS in order to give to the volunteer all information and knowledge needed in developing the service. There are other local volunteers involved in the activities such as scout groups, families and local spontaneous volunteers.

**Volunteers' profile:** The project is open to everybody who has a special interest and sensibility to themes of the project. Volunteers should be keen to live in a community, sharing common rooms, dividing tasks and having intensive personal contact (in any case, the environment is safe and volunteers won't be exposed to any kind of risk or extreme situation). Volunteers must be willing to do activities outdoor (with agriculture and small animals). Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with adults in need, they should have an exemplar behavior, 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. **It's a great opportunity to mix outdoor activities on the field, social service, human development and personal growth!**

**Vacancies:** 2 (preferably male)

Get inspired! Visit CTS website (only in Italian) and also the [photo-gallery](#)