

# European Solidarity Corps Volunteering vacancy\*

\* *Important: the funding of this project will be officially known after the selection results of the last ESC call for proposals (mid of July 2019). This project is likely to be cancelled if it's not selected.*

The Regional Youth Information Centre Nouvelle-Aquitaine (Centre Régional Information Jeunesse Nouvelle-Aquitaine) is looking for one French volunteer for one volunteering project, within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps programme of the European Union.

## • Global information

**Place** : Comrat (Gagauzia, Moldavie)

**Fields** : social, disabilities, childhood, youth

**Period** : from 01/09/2019 to 30/06/2020 (10 months)

## • Host organisations

*NB: the volunteer will carry out his/her project in a urban/rural area.*

**Partner organisation:** Miras Moldova, association that aims everyday at promoting the Gagauzian culture, intercultural dialogue and the integration of ethnic minorities in the Moldavian community.

**Other organisations:**

- Main structure: Rehabilitation Centre "Fidanjik" for disabled children, orphans or young people in difficulty in Comrat,
- Secondary structure: a local branch of the centre in the other village of Chirsova, once a week.

## • Objectives

This volunteering project participates in the education and protection of disabled children, orphans or in difficulty in Gagauzia (South of Moldova), to help them in their integration in their family and in the society.

This project wants to help young people with difficult social backgrounds to have the most independent life as possible thanks to recreational and social activities, so that they have the same opportunities as the other children.

Furthermore, the project will take place in Gagauzia, a southern autonomous Moldavian region. This area has a strong local identity and an important cultural wealth, due to its history and its geographical location.

Miras-Moldova, the partner organization that will manage the project locally, aims everyday at promoting the Gagauzian culture, intercultural dialogue and the integration of ethnic minorities in the Moldavian community. Thus, besides helping to the integration of Gagauzian disabled young people and orphans, the volunteer will try to promote intercultural dialogue by participating in various cultural and linguistic actions with Miras-Moldova.

Thus, this volunteering project aims at:

- Fighting against discrimination/prejudice and enhancing the disadvantaged young people's potential,
- Discovering organizations' good practices regarding the support of disadvantaged young people,
- Participating in the development of innovative methods by proposing new ideas,
- Contributing to offer a respectful and friendly environment in which sharing and trust are the base of any good human relationship,
- Strengthening civic youth engagement, including for groups in difficulty, and sharing ideas in order to highlight practices already put in place,
- Promoting volunteering led within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps, in order to increase young people's knowledge about mobility (including from and towards partners countries), including young people with fewer opportunities,
- Understanding territorial realities in link with the history of the area,
- Promoting tolerance between people, even beyond European borders, because matters can be the same despite borders.

## • **Activities**

- Carrying out individual and collective activities with 4-20-year-old children in the rehabilitation centres of Comrat and Chirsova, in order to help them to have more independence and autonomy in their life: help in daily tasks, relationship with others...
- Organising cultural actions (music lessons, handiwork, international meals...) so that they discover new things,
- Helping to organise sports activities to improve their motor activity and team-building,
- Doing intercultural games with a foreign volunteer, encouraging their intercultural awareness. The volunteer will have to find original methods in order to communicate with the young people of the centres, to create workshops and encourage their learning (artistic classes for instance),
- Providing child health services, according to the needs of children: giving some advice on personal hygiene, literacy classes, psychological listening in collaboration with the professional staff, enhancing the promotion of children's cognitive skills,
- Visiting young people at their home,
- Having a better knowledge on mobility programs and national cultures of the volunteers, and discovering Gagauzian culture,
- Participating in cultural actions led by Miras-Moldova,
- Organizing linguistic clubs, including in French.

The volunteer, thanks to his-her spirit of initiative, his-her talents and skills, can propose his-her own activities to the local community.

## • **Accommodation, food, transport and other arrangements**

- Accommodation (room in a host family, presence of other foreign volunteers)
- Transport from France to Comrat, and from Comrat to France (360€ maximum),
- An amount of money will be given each month to buy food,
- Health insurance (CIGNA),
- Pocket money (3€/day, that is to say around 90€/month),
- Visas costs,
- Russian lessons (40h),

- On-arrival and mid-term trainings with other European volunteers,
- Mobility preparation (by the French sending organisation),
- The volunteer will be followed by the sending and host organisations.

## • Volunteer profile

- Age: 18-30 year-old volunteer,
- Coming preferably from Nouvelle-Aquitaine area, even if other French volunteers or legal residents in France will be able to apply for this project,
- No special certification, diploma or professional experience is required,
- Being proactive, spontaneous, open-minded and be ready to have challenges,
- Being ready to live in a rural area with a high cultural identity,
- Having interests in the field of childhood, youth and handicap.

## • Application

- Compulsory registration on [European Solidarity Corps website](#),
- Application on [European Solidarity Corps website](#), or by sending a CV and cover letter **in English** to the CRIJ Nouvelle-Aquitaine at : alicia.beucher@crijna.fr
- Application deadline : **17 juillet 2019**

## • For more information

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