

**Project: Climate for Change!**

**Country: Poland, Wrocław**

**Deadline for application: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

### **Who we are?**

Mission of Foundation for Sustainable Development (Fundacja EkoRozwoju – FER) is to support development in harmony with nature. We have been successfully trying to achieve this goal since 1991. Initially, our activities focused mainly on protection of water and river valleys. Over the years the range of our activities widened considerably including urban environment.

Today, we do not only protect nature (e.g. roadside avenues and endangered species) but we also support social initiatives using natural values in a sustainable manner, promote innovation in the field of environmental protection and conduct educational activities directed to the officials, teachers, youth, adults and seniors. We carry out projects of local, regional, national and international levels.

In autumn 2013 Foundation for Sustainable Development opened in Wrocław Nadodrze a new venue called “EkoCentrum” - a center of environmental education unique in the country's scale. Not accidentally does it function in a place where major environmental problems are born, which is in the heart of the city. Together with the inauguration of EkoCentrum our educational activities expanded to a permanent offer of classes and also took on a more holistic nature including global and anti-discrimination education. Today, in a permanent educational offer, we organize both indoor and outdoor activities. The classes of the Sustainable Development focus on the sustainable use of natural resources, with particular emphasis on measures to reduce waste, reduction of energy consumption, promoting sustainable transport, responsible consumption, water conservation and climate change.

### **Who we are looking for?**

Within a program Erasmus+, we are looking for EVS 9 volunteers who will join our team for 12 months. Volunteers will be involved into creation and implementation of the EkoCentrum offer (open classes, meetings, workshops provided by FER and its partners) as well as assistance in current FER programs (environmental education, environmental campaigns, cooperation with local partners, etc). Volunteers would be also assisting in everyday work in the office.

We are looking forward also for all ideas and initiatives undertaken by the volunteers as long as they will meet our priorities and will help to create an interesting offer for the EkoCentrum.

Our volunteers will work in three fields:

- Education & Activity - ecological education, promotion of intercultural dialogue, social integration.
- Culture & Animation - activities to support artistic expression of children and youth, providing an opportunity to integrate and to spend free time in an attractive way, presentation of different cultures that are present in Wrocław, fighting with stereotypes.

- Nature & Infrastructure - promotion of sustainable transport and energetic sector, environmental monitoring, increase of city landscape attractiveness, promotion of ecological awareness of children and youth.

Our volunteers will work using methods of non-formal education; they will organize backyard actions, happenings, concerts, events. Main activities will take place at hosting organizations - FER, Mediateka. Some activities will be organized with our associated partners, which are experts in chosen areas of interests.

Our participants will gain or strengthen their key competences - knowledge of foreign language, digital skills, learning to learn, interpersonal, intercultural, social and civic competence. Personal grow of volunteers will be supported by an experienced mentor and project coordinator. The results of the project on a local level will be increasing of ecological awareness, tolerance, and acceptance of foreigners, inclusion and active participation in social life of Wrocław habitants. In the long-term perspective Wrocław will become a better place to live as a multicultural place of tolerance and respect towards nature. We are planning to exchange the good practices between partner organizations in different countries.

**You can change team during your stay or you can stick to one of the area, but what's important you should feel at ease within at least one of the main topics: education/ media/ environment.**

#### Accommodation, food and transport arrangements

- Accommodation: Volunteers will live in the shared flat with other EVS volunteers. Possibly sharing a twin room with other person /only if the same gender/; Volunteers are obliged to pay 100 Euro of refundable security deposit for the flat. If any avoidable damage occurs during the mobility, the repairing costs will be deducted from the deposit.
- Food: volunteer will receive extra money for food expenses /circa 104 Euro per month;
- Pocket money: volunteer will receive extra pocket money for personal expenses /circa 120 Euro per month
- Local transport: Volunteers will receive monthly card for public transport.
- Travel to and from the project is also covered;
- Health insurance is covered by the program;
- All volunteers are obliged to open a bank account in Poland, once the mobility has started.

**If you need more info about your stay and your role please contact our partner regarding your country Croatia/Ukraine (contacts are below).**

#### Volunteer profile

We would like to work with somebody who:

- shares our values towards the environment;
- is proactive, educative with good communication skills and takes responsibility for what she or he is managing
- has basic environmental knowledge (at least not denying climate change!) /natural science background would be an asset/ ;

- is well organized and self-directed;
- speaks communicative English.

Additional skills

For media tasks we are looking for people who:

- have IT skills and are keen on basic graphic programs and web design
- **are familiar with filming, taking pictures, editing, processing**

For education and environmental events we are looking for people who:

- love to work with groups (children and adults) and have some experience in work with them,
- **are keen on handcrafts and/ or dancing, juggling, acrobatics, circus, sports and all sort of creative ways to use your body and mind.**
- are ready to invent an interesting offer for workshop in EkoCentrum and put it into practice
- like gardening and outdoor works

## How to Apply

If you feel that you may match to our team and share the same values don't hesitate and contact our Partner regarding your nationality:

Ukraine: Green Cross Society, [www.gcs.org.ua](http://www.gcs.org.ua) tel. +380 32 2445607 contact person: Voloshynskyy Oleksandr, [ov@gcs.org.ua](mailto:ov@gcs.org.ua)

Croatia: Udruga Žmergo, contact person: +385 51 271 459 Ana Golja [erasmus@zmergo.hr](mailto:erasmus@zmergo.hr),

Please fill out the application form and send it to us, together with your CV. There is no need to post or fax a copy. Successful candidates will be required to provide a hard copy signed with their signature.

## Deadline

**We are looking forward to meet you on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 in Wrocław, Poland. Deadline for application is 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

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