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### *What is W.A.V.E. 2 ?*

**Regional Association for Rural Development is preparing a Group EVS application for a dynamic and challenging project that addresses all young people, regardless of gender, religion, social or educational background. The project is to take place in the rural areas of Gorj County, Romania.**



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*How long is W.A.V.E. 2 ?*

The EVS service will last 9 months starting with 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2013 until 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014.



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*What countries participate in W.A.V.E. 2 ?*

There are **16 available placements for youngsters originating from Programme, Partner Countries and other countries in the world.** The intercultural dimension of the project will be enhanced by the presence of the volunteers coming from **Africa, Latin America, Europe and Caucasus.**



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### *Why W.A.V.E. 2 ?*

Despite numerous community funding programs, Gorj County continues to be a poor county where unemployment rate is very high, youth perspectives are very low and their participation in the community life and development is very low or inexistent. ARDR continues to implement EVS projects in Gorj County. Not long ago the RuraLearn, a Group EVS project has finished with a lot of good results and activities implemented: a group of kids that are doing theater, another group of singers, social campaigns, informational campaigns, anti-smoking campaigns, environment protection campaigns, sports, Christmas Spectacle, Intercultural evenings and many more. Each Group EVS we implement will continue, strengthen and improve the initiatives developed so far. For such an activity to take place we need a group of 38 motivated volunteers, interested to provide their time, skills and positive attitude in order to continue the development process.



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### *What am I to do as a volunteer?*

The W.A.V.E. project aims 3 dimensions: **personal development, development within the host organization and community development.** The **Communities** where the Euro House Centers are established will stand as the main working headquarters for the volunteers. Therefore, there are four strands as the whole W.A.V.E. programme is designed onto:

1. Social inclusion
2. Rural active citizenship
3. Cultural diversity & recreation
4. Youth rural entrepreneurship



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### *Social inclusion*

The volunteer can work with the following social categories: elderly citizens institutionalized in special centres (some of them don't have families), elderly citizens that are not institutionalized (senior citizens club with fixed hours where they can come and socialize), children coming from disorganized families that come in specialized centers for a limited period of time, children with fewer opportunities, children with minor mental disabilities, children with severe mental disabilities, persons with physical disabilities (they are members in a NGO specialized for people with disabilities).

The volunteer that wants to work in this direction must like to work with children and/or senior citizens and be willing to commute with the public transportation (the distance can reach up to 50 km for one trip).



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### *Rural active citizenship*

In the hosting communities the volunteers will develop and implement extra- curricular activities for the children and pupils from the kindergarten, primary school, general school, High School and Pupils Club.

Some of these activities can be:

- Language workshops (English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, etc);
- Presentations on: equal rights, democracy, European institutions, etc;
- Workshops on photography;

Another important direction is that of empowering the Students Council. In all the schools such Councils exist. The main challenge of the volunteer will be to empower the Student Council and its members.

The volunteer that wishes to work in this direction must have at least basic knowledge about democracy, human rights, children rights, to know what is an active citizen, and/or want to work with the children from the kindergarten, primary, general or High School.



Youth in Action' Programme





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## Cultural diversity & recreation

The volunteer can work in the hosting community, with children and pupils in the following locations: kindergarten, primary, gymnasium and /or High School based on what the hosting community has. Examples of activities are: sports and dances, drama (theatre plays), green activities (cleaning areas, planting trees, etc), cultural activities (presentations of custom from own countries, intercultural events, traditional dances, culinary events, etc), camps, outdoor activities, raise youngsters cultural awareness, tradition and customs diversity, celebration of international days (Europe Day, International Volunteers Day, Tolerance Day, International Thank You Day, Roma Day, etc).

The volunteer that wishes to work in this direction must have basic knowledge of his/her own culture and wish to share it with others, have basic skills as animator, basic skills as a coordinator and or willing to learn one or more of the



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## Youth rural entrepreneurship

In the rural environment of Romania, the concept of entrepreneurship is limited only to the idea of purchasing products from big cities and selling them with a profit in their own communities.

The volunteer that wishes to work in this direction should have some basic knowledge about entrepreneurship from their home country and be willing to teach others about it. He must also wish to learn about funding opportunities from Romania.



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### *Where will I live for 9 months?*

In most communities volunteers have a rented place that meets decent living standards. Other volunteers have the opportunity to experience the full Romanian rural experience by living with local families. Families in rural areas are very hospitable and for sure they will treat you as a family member. All volunteers will have their own private room with access to a kitchen, bathroom. In some cases the volunteers will have to share a room together with a roommate. However, each volunteer will still have their own bed. To keep this document light and easy to read we have included only a part of the info.

You can read about similar projects on the page

[www.yesforevs.eu](http://www.yesforevs.eu) under the

section EVS projects (W.A.V.E., FOR.W.A.R.D., Experiencing European Citizenship in Romanian Rural Communities, etc)



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### *How do I sign up?*

#### **SELECTION**

**Placements: 20 EVS placements**

**Age: 18 – 30 years**

**Nationality:** Volunteers from Programme, Partner Countries and other countries of the world.

**Selection criteria: gender and geographical balance**

**Education: education is a plus**

**Language Proficiency: - at least basic level of English (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).**

**You have to send a CV in Europass format, a letter of motivation and fill in the questionnaire about you.**



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#### **For Volunteers:**

- Motivation Letter – making specific reference to the project tasks.
- *A recent picture and the Curriculum Vitae (European Format - preferably)*
- *Support letter from your sending organization*
- *The Questionnaire filled in.*

**Note!! The candidatures of the volunteers shall be sent by the selected sending organizations on continuous basis before as well as after the project will be submitted. The final deadline to identify and select the candidates will be one month before the project beginning.**

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