



EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

At Greek Forum of Refugees

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Few words about Greek Forum of Refugees (GFR)

Greek Forum of Refugees (GFR) is a network of refugees, asylum seekers, their legal entities and Greek citizens. It operates informally since the spring of 2010, and from 2012 as legal entity recognized by the Greek law. The volunteers will have the opportunity to experience and contribute to the process of further development of the hosting organization, its networking and establishment partnerships with other organizations both nationally and internationally. The GFR is already working and seeks to further develop these partnerships and to establish new ones with organizations such as Greek Council for Refugees, UNHCR, Asante, the European Council on Refugees and exiles.

The aim of the Forum is to create a Panhellenic network of individuals, legal

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professionals and communities, working to support asylum seekers, political refugees and stateless persons, as well as any other who may meet the criteria set by the Convention of Geneva and the protocols attached to it, or the Greek framework for the protection. The pivotal role of the Association, founded on democratic principles, has the aforementioned population, through organized forms of its expression:

- The solidarity and support for the aforementioned population,
- Unity and self organization of actions, in order to integrate and participation in the Greek society.
- The development of relations of cooperation and solidarity between the organizations and the communities of these population.
- The effort to solve the problems at both individual and collective levels.
- The contribution in the amelioration of asylum policies in both Greece and the Europe and the claim of the population's participation in discussions that concern it.

Accommodation

You will be accommodated in a flat very close to the center of Athens and the SCI-Hellas office. The flat consists of a common sitting room and Kitchen, 4 bedrooms and two bathrooms. The flat has all the appliances needed for living - stove, fridge, washing machine, blankets and sheets for the beds, etc.). SCI Hellas will be providing all the necessary common washing and cleaning products for the house. The volunteers will stay in shared bedrooms (two persons in each bedroom).

One of the most important information, maybe: YES, you'll have the WIFI connection in the flat, so if you are an internet addict like some of us you will not have the crisis periods.

The address of the house is **Pythagora 12**, Neos Kosmos, Athens.

The practical arrangements (working hours, days off per

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week, holidays)

The volunteer will work in the office 30 hours per week, which means 6 hours per day, 5 days per week. During raising awareness events of GFR or other activities especially in the communities, the volunteer might be asked to work during the weekend. In this case the volunteer will get other day/days off the following week.

In relation to holidays, the volunteer will be off for Christmas, Easter, National Holidays and two days for each month of project, according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme. The volunteer will arrange holidays in agreement with the hosting organization.

Main tasks

- Update the social media,
- Edit and publish the monthly newsletter,
- Support the implementation of different workshops and open events and activities of GFR,
- Communicate with the refugees Communities and other organisations in Athens,
- Participate in thematic working groups according to the interest of the voluntter,
- Support the staff to their everyday office work,

Food

All volunteers will be provided with an amount of **150 €** per month each to cover the food expenses. You will receive the money in two payments - in the middle and at the end of the month. You can cook at home together with other volunteers, or eat outside from time to time. It is needed to mention that most likely **you will be asked to**

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provide invoices (or receipts in some cases) to the coordinating organization for the entire amount spent.

Allowance (Pocket money)

Besides the food money, you will be receiving a **monthly allowance** (pocket money) **of 100€** fixed by Erasmus+ Programme. The volunteers receive the money in two payments - in the middle and in the end of the month. The volunteers will be given this allowance from the Coordinating Organization.

Trainings and support

During the first days, you will participate in the **one or two days orientation training** for all the new volunteers, which includes basic information about the ideas and methodology of EVS, interculturality and about general motivation, expectations and fears of the volunteers and the organization, so we can understand each other better from the beginning. The duration of the training depends on the number of the volunteers we accept at the same period.

The first month of the project, volunteers will receive an informal training on the working methods and other issues concerning the GFR, in order to get familiar with the work and the other workers and volunteers.

The mentor will meet regularly with the volunteers to check on their progress and help solve any problems.