



ESC Volunteering Teams Project:

Art in Garden: Nature, Art and Care for Shared Green Spaces

From **14 to 29 July 2026** in **Rome, Italy**

Apply by **25 May 2026**, 2026 using [this](#) google form

Art in Garden is an ESC Volunteering Team project funded by the European Union through the European Solidarity Corps program. Its goal is to **promote sustainable community development through art, environmental care, and active participation**, and it will take place in Rome from **14/07 to 29/07/2026**.

### La Città dell'Utopia, the hosting organization



"La Città dell'Utopia" (Utopia City) is a project of SCI Italy located in Rome (San Paolo neighborhood) inside the Casale Garibaldi, an old country house located on a green hill in the middle of modern buildings.

The project is an ongoing workshop on active citizenship and local development. There are different events, initiatives, courses and workshops organized around different main themes: interculturality, sustainable lifestyles, antifascism and active citizenship. At "La Città dell'Utopia **we care a lot about our food consumption** habits focusing on reuse and preservation to avoid waste.

To know more...

- Web site: <http://www.lacittadellutopia.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lacitta.dellutopia.7/>
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/lacittadellutopia](http://www.instagram.com/lacittadellutopia)



*La Città dell'Utopia entrance, 2025*

### **Servizio Civile Internazionale Italia, the coordinating organization**

Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI Italia) is the Italian branch of Service Civil International network ([sci.ngo](http://sci.ngo)), an international voluntary movement that is present in more than 80 countries around the world.

It's been promoting international volunteering projects for 100 years on the themes of peace and disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights, and international solidarity, sustainable lifestyles, social inclusion and active citizenship. In the core, there is a real commitment to make a change against inequality, injustice, and violation of human rights.



SCI Italia, founded in 1948, is an NGO recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Advisory Member of UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

It is based in Rome and it is supported by several regional and local groups of activists. The regional and the local groups support the work of the National Secretariat by dealing with trainings and the promotion of volunteering in various Italian regions.

To know more...

- Web site: [www.sci-italia.it](http://www.sci-italia.it)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sci.italy>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sciitalia>

### **The project: Art in Garden**

Art in Garden is an ESC project hosted at La Città dell'Utopia dedicated to the care and enhancement of the garden. The team will work on maintaining green spaces, building functional wooden outdoor furniture, and creating artistic mosaics to make the outdoor areas more beautiful, welcoming, and livable.

The project combines creativity, manual work, and collective participation to improve the garden through sustainable and long-term interventions.

### The aims of Art in Garden:

- To improve and enhance the green spaces through sustainable and artistic interventions
- To promote collective care of the garden as a shared common good
- To foster creativity through public art and mosaics
- To develop practical skills in gardening, carpentry, and art
- To create more welcoming outdoor spaces for the community
- To encourage intercultural exchange among participants
- To raise awareness about sustainability and environmental responsibility
- To strengthen teamwork, collaboration, and community engagement



## The Volunteer Camp

The project will be divided into two parts: a study part and a more practical one related to **gardening, carpentry and artistic interventions in the outdoor spaces of La Città dell'Utopia.**

### Activities

During the volunteer camp, participants will work around 6–7 hours per day. The main activities will be:

- Taking care of the garden (removing weeds, cleaning the vegetable garden, maintenance tasks)
- Creating mosaics using recycled materials
- Building outdoor wooden furniture
- Supporting daily activities of La Città dell'Utopia (gardening, cleaning, organization tasks)

### Study Part

The study part will include workshops, discussions and interactive activities on:

- Active citizenship and community participation
- Sustainability and environmental awareness
- Intercultural dialogue and group dynamics
- The role of art in social and community spaces

Participants will also be encouraged to share their own experiences and perspectives, contributing to a collective learning process.

### Requirements

- To be aged between 18 and 30 years old.
- Group working skills
- To be interested in art and have a creative approach
- Interest in construction and hands-on making activities
- To be interested in community life, living together with others, and actively contributing to the care of both people and shared spaces.
- Being resident in one of these eligible countries: From EU programme countries and third countries associated with the European Solidarity Corps Program Zone 1: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia.



## Logistics, financial conditions, and sustainability

### Simple life

You will be hosted in the hostel of "La Città dell' Utopia". You will share a room with other volunteers. You will also share the two bathrooms of the hostel. We provide sheets and blankets, but don't forget to bring your own towels!

### Money, money, money

This project is funded by the European Solidarity Corps program. Therefore, we can cover all essential costs of the program (including food, travel costs up to a maximum amount per country, visa costs, accommodation, and pocket money). The travel is reimbursed after tickets and boarding passes submission.

Distance	Not green travel (plane, ferry)	Green travel (shared car, train, bus)
10 – 99 km	23 euro	23 euro
100 – 499 km	211 euro	285 euro
500 – 1999 km	309 euro	417 euro
2000 – 2999 km	395 euro	535 euro

The distance band is calculated based on the distance between Rome and your city of residence: please check the applicable distance band [here](#).

Important: participants are required to travel from and return to the same city of departure/residence. Attendance is mandatory for the entire duration of the programme, from

the arrival day to the departure day.

### Sustainable food

The food we will cook will **be vegan/vegetarian**. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCI believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on industrialized animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet. You can tell us if you have any diets, allergies, or intolerances that we should be aware of.

### Sustainable travels?

This is also why we ask you to come to this youth exchange by any more sustainable means of transport rather than flying (e.g. by train or bus), if somehow possible. We will guide you on how you can reach the venue once you are accepted to the project.

### How to apply?

You can send your CV and Motivation Letter **underlining why you want to volunteer to this project** and what you could bring, until 29/05/2026. All applications will be processed on arrival order. Don't forget to fill the [form](#)!

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