

SYNCRO EVS *Reloading*

Short term EVS in Zagreb - Croatia

FIRST PART

01.04-30.04.2017

SECOND PART

02.05-31.05.2017

ITALY
MACEDONIA
ESTONIA
LITHUANIA
LATVIA

About the project

This project will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, and it will consist in 2 short term EVS activities that will last one month each. *The volunteer can choose and participate only in one of the activities.*

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The first short term EVS, “Syncro EVS Reloading”, will happen from **1st April 2017 to 30st April 2017** and will gather 10 volunteers from **Italy, Macedonia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia**. This first project is focused on promotion of ERASMUS+ opportunities and non formal education.

The second activity, “Syncro EVS reloading 2.0” will be from **2nd May 2017 to 31st May 2017** and will gather 10 volunteers from **Italy, Macedonia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia**.

The second one is about urban intervention in the city of Zagreb cooperating and involving local youth.

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Objectives of the project

The **idea of this project** comes from the needs we have noticed in the local community in Zagreb, as well as in the communities of the project's partners. Based on these needs we have set the following **OBJECTIVES** of the project:

- creating **inclusion, tolerance and intercultural** understanding
- **promotion, recognition and development** of non-formal education and ERASMUS+ opportunities
- promotion of **volunteering** as a valuable learning experience
- requalification of **public spaces** in the neighbourhood

The volunteers joining the both activities within the project will be also chosen based on the fact that they are facing **fewer opportunities** to join educational and mobility project, and thus grow. While achieving the learning goals of the volunteers and the above mentioned objectives of the project, we aim to **improve the quality of life in the local community in Zagreb** representing few public spaces, increasing the **employability** of young people, and supporting the **growth of non-governmental organisations** focusing on young people.



Tasks of the volunteers

During the both activities, tasks of the volunteers will be the following:

1. Organizing informative events and workshops about ERASMUS+, non-formal education and educational projects:

Following the campaign **#WeAreSyncro** that was created by our previous EVS volunteers from the project " Syncro EVS Sharing", the volunteers of Syncro EVS Reloading will be organizing events, workshops, campaigns in different places and formats with the aim of promoting ERASMUS+, non-formal education, international, educational and mobility projects for the young people in our community, also creating promotional material for that, with the support of Syncro.

2. Sharing-experiences events

The volunteers will organize events where the people who have previously participated in such projects can share their experiences. The idea of these events is that they are both informative and educational. This way it covers the goal of the project of recognition of non-formal education but it directly covers the dissemination of results of all the projects we will be involved in this period.

3. Cultural workshops

in order to contribute to better understanding of different cultures the volunteers will organize different events in order to present their cultures, or teach their languages. These activities won't be limited to the countries involved in the project, but any other from which the volunteers have the wish or the knowledge to present.

4. Urban interventions in public spaces in Zagreb with active involvement of local youth, creating learning space for them and for the volunteers as well, increasing quality of life for the local community.

Following the steps of the project "Paint to Play" that we implemented, volunteers of Syncro EVS Reloading 2.0 will be work shoulder to shoulder with locals to clean out and fix parks in the neighbourhood and or clean the many walls we spotted with swastikas or other racist symbols, around the neighbourhood with the purpose to increase quality of life for the local community.

All these actions will be done using methods of **non-formal education and experiential learning.**

Volunteer profile. Who can apply?

This project is for you if:

- You come from either **Italy, Macedonia, Estonia, Lithuania or Latvia**.
- You have between **18 and 29 years old**
- You are open to **new experiences** and want to **meet new people** from different countries
- You are **motivated** to do tasks and activities planned, regardless of your previous experience
- You are highly motivated to explore **a new culture and to live as a local**.
- You want to **change something** in your life, step outside of your comfort zone and be inspired by other people you meet
- You are ready to **share your experience** and learn from others
- You are **happy** and you know it

What you can get out of this project

- **personal and professional growth** as a volunteer
- growth of capacities of **local and international organisations** using non-formal education in your daily activities
- **inclusion and tolerance** towards new cultures
- **recognition** of volunteering and non-formal education
- the **Youthpass Certificate** – a document that proves competences and skills gained during this project.



What is SYNCRO?

Syncro is an organization active in the **field of education, personal development, skills training and youth support**. Syncro was founded in 2010 with the aim of supporting the **enhancement of quality of living and development of human potential** through powerful educational and personal development experiences. Being a part of International Synergy Group we are joined in the common vision of **creating a world that works for everyone**.

Our mission

Our mission is to encourage **young people to reach their potential**, to create a learning space through **personal development training**, to support education and the involvement of young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, to provide opportunities for cooperation in the youth field and to create opportunities for expression of creativity and enjoyment in life, while including everyone.



Activities in SYNCRO

The activities of Syncro are focused on **youth support, education and personal development**. The purpose of these activities is to **empower people to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge** for a responsible and quality life, to become **active citizens** and to take an active role in their lives and in the lives in their communities. Specifically, it is the implementation of international personal development training sessions, youth exchanges, experiential learning in the outdoors, teaching various technical skills, coaching, group moderation, communication skills, awareness programs, sports and community projects, to learn how to overcome physical and mental challenges that result in building self-esteem and **discovering one's own full capabilities**, which can later be transferred to everyday life. Special emphasis is also given to realizing social and environmental responsibility and understanding the impact of one's actions on the group and society as a whole.





Environment of the Project

Syncro is registered and situated in **Zagreb**, the capital of the Republic of Croatia. Many museums, cinemas, clubs and cultural centers can be found in the city and all year round Zagreb hosts many festivals and cultural events. It is also the biggest university city in Croatia with some 50000 students. The country is heavily dependent on tourism, especially during the summer, being one of the top destinations in Europe.

Syncro is involved in the community of Zagreb, especially with young people. Apart from the international work, Syncro is also focused on local **youth activities**, and providing support for young people in Zagreb and in **implementing their ideas in the community**. The whole process of the past 20 years of Croatian growth, both socially and economically, has created a **dynamic environment** where young people now have more options than ever before. For this, Syncro provides a **supportive learning environment**, where they are free to explore their options, their personal competences and are encouraged to implement and develop the most of their potential and knowledge into concrete, socially aware and constructive projects. Volunteers will be introduced to the Croatian culture, its customs and basic language and will be asked to respect the laws and regulations of the Republic of Croatia.

Practical arrangements

Accommodation

All 10 participants of each EVS will be **living together** for the entire length of the service. The accommodation will be in Zagreb and the volunteers will be having **shared rooms and common spaces**.

Pocket and food money

The volunteers will receive **pocket money of 90 EUR/month** and **food money of 150 EUR/month**.

Transportation

The volunteers will receive a **bike** from the organization that they will be able to use in order to move around the city and its surroundings.

Health insurance

CIGNA Health Insurance is provided to the volunteers as part of the project.

Travel costs

Travel costs to and from Zagreb will be reimbursed **up to 275 EUR** if you come from Macedonia, Estonia, Lithuania or Latvia and **up to 180 EUR** if you come from Italy.

How to apply?

Fill this form: <http://bit.ly/2if1UhR> until **20th January 2017**

Volunteers who have shown the most motivation will be invited to the second round of selection which will be a Skype interview.

Partner Organizations

For more information you can contact your sending organization from your country:

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