

## INFO PACK FOR "ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT"

# EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC) ORFEAS / DHKEXE (HOST ORGANIZATION)

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### **About us:**

Organization Orfeas began functioning in August 2000. The purpose of our organization is the utilization free time, inform young people about international and national programs, and the encouragement of their active participation along with their European citizenship.

Furthermore, our goal is to organize and support national programs of the partner municipalities, heritage protection activities of the environment, and organizing summer events, festivals, concerts, theatrical performances, and exhibitions in cooperation with the local municipalities. Through our activities, we try to develop solidarity and promote tolerance and understanding among young people in different countries. Our priorities are respecting cultural diversity, and fighting against racism and xenophobia. By facilitating joint activities of young people from different cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, Orfeas aims to develop the intercultural learning of young people making Europe a friendlier place at the same time.

An important value for Orfeas Organization is to give access to all young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, to join European youth programmes and other educational activities. Through formal/non-formal learning techniques and experiences, young volunteers will improve and acquire skills for their personal, educational and professional development.

How to get in touch with us:

On our Facebook page, we post about activities and the volunteers' life in general. check us out on Facebook and don't hesitate to send us a message:

Facebook handle: Orfeas Organization Instagram handle: orfeasorganization

### **Project description:**

In this environmental project, the volunteers work with instructors of the municipality of Xylokastro-Evrostini for the natural pine forest that is located on the coast of the town. The duration of the project is 8 weeks.

The working hours are between 08.00 to 13.00 depending on the daily plan, as for the tasks, they are given by a municipality officer, each day or as a weekly schedule. They cover seasonal needs and they mostly support the main activities of the municipality's teams.

#### The main tasks are:

·protection of the forest and the coast of Xylokastro on a weekly base (keep the forest and the beach clean from trash)

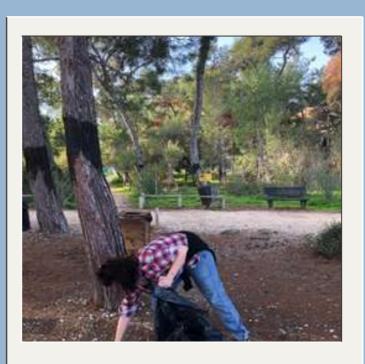
·taking care of the natural environment of the town ·support the environmental activities of the municipality ·taking care of parks, the small

harbor, the squares, and the playground in the forest participating in activities that are prepared for and by the local community according to the seasonal needs,

Support and participate in events and activities of the youth information office promoting the ESC program

·Volunteers are free to propose their environmental activities and organize their personal projects related to the main goal of the project.





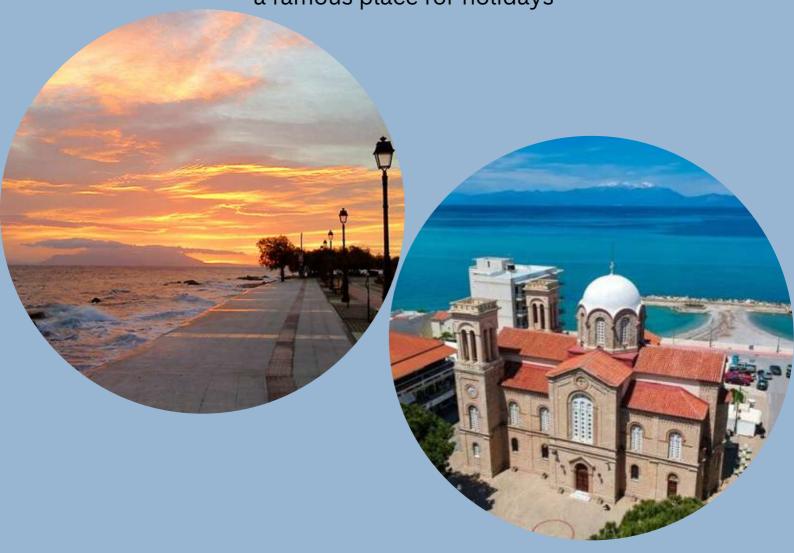
### About your new home - Xylokastro ( Ξυλόκαστρο):

The wealth and diversity of the Greek cultural heritage, history, the mild climate, the high percentage of sunshine, and its interesting and varying landscape: A real feeling of discovery.

The municipality of Xylokastro - Evrostini consists of the towns Xylokastro, Derveni, and the villages that surround them. Xylokastro is on the coast of the Corinthian Gulf in the peninsula of Peloponesse. The area is agricultural; there are a lot of lemon fields, as well as orange, apricot, and olive fields.

Xylokastro is a small, but lively town, especially in summer, when many tourists visit the area. In Xylokastro, volunteers can find cafés, bars, nightclubs, library, many shops, supermarkets, a pine-tree forest, and a beautiful beach.

- has around 6.000 citizens
- about one hour in the west of Corinth
- popular for the production of raisins
  - a famous place for holidays



**Accommodation:** The short-term group of volunteers will live all together in Orfeas home, a flat in the centre of the town.

- three bedrooms (10 beds)
  - living-room
    - kitchen
  - one bathroom
    - one balcony



### Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for open minded people who are interested in to take care of the nature, exploring a new country and be an active member of the local community.

### What do we offer to the volunteers? 1. Mentor:

The group of volunteers will be assigned to a mentor.
The volunteers will have weekly meetings with their mentor,
evaluating the whole experience. Solving issues, setting goals
and create a safe learning environment.

### 2. Language support:

Volunteers will participate in Greek language course, once per week by a Greek teacher.

### 3. Activities/ workshops:

The volunteers will participate in the activities prepared by the office team. Group of activities start from simple workshops like arts and crafts, but also cooking lessons, different theme workshops, workshops about Youthpass and learning outcomes of the project..etc Volunteers are free to propose their own activities.

### Insurance

Complete health insurance is provided by the CIGNA insurance company according to the European Commission's agreement. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with your insurance number before your project's start.





### Youthpass certificate:

Each and every volunteer at the end of the project will receive a Youthpass certificate within the scope of the European Solidarity Corps program. Youthpass certificate is a valuable attachment into the CV, after the project the participants can use it while searching for a new work.

### How to apply:

If you want to apply for this project, please send us the complete application form and your CV in English to orfeas.org.12@gmail.com

After we evaluate your application we will contact

you for a Skype meeting.

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