



Info pack for  
**„Kindergarten project  
in Velo-Vocha”**

European Solidarity  
Corps (ESC)  
Orfeas Organization  
(host organization)

*Let's play together in the  
Kindergartens of Velo,  
Zevgolatio and Vrahati.*



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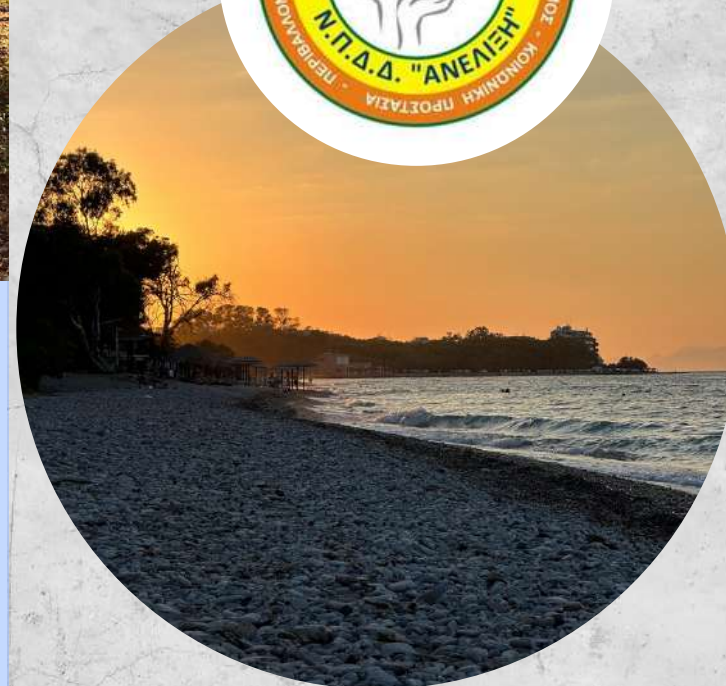
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Δήμος Ξυλοκάστρου - Ευρωστίνης



# ABOUT US

Organization Orfeas began functioning in August 2000. The purpose of our organization is to inform young people about international and national programs and encourage 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 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 the Orfeas Organization is giving all young people access, especially those with fewer opportunities, to join European youth programs and other educational activities. Through formal and non-formal learning techniques and experiences, young volunteers will improve and acquire personal, educational, and professional skills.

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# Project description:

The Kindergarten program in the municipality of Velo-Vocha includes three different kindergartens, the kindergarten of Velo, the kindergarten of Zevgolatio, and the one in Vrahati. Velo, Zevgolatio and Vrahati are three small towns situated approximately one hour from Athens. The ESC duration is usually six months (depending on the agreement).

The kindergartens of the Municipality of Velo-Vocha host children between 2- 5 years old. The volunteers are expected to help in the everyday work of the kindergarten.

The aims of the project are the introduction of new activities taken by the volunteers for the daily life of the children, the promotion and contact of new cultures, and the development of the artistic abilities of the children by helping the teachers in the kindergarten in their activities.

# The main tasks of the volunteers are:

- assisting the teachers, e.g. organising the classroom, preparing the teaching materials
- supporting the learning process of the children
- helping in the fine-art workshop, painting lessons, and theatrical workshop
- participating in outdoor activities based on the season and the teaching plan
- helping the staff of the kindergarten with the everyday schedule
- be an active member of the team
- support and participate in events and activities of the youth information office promoting the ESC program



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# 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 Peloponnesse.

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, night clubs, a library, many shops, supermarkets, a pine-tree forest and a beautiful beach.

- It has around 6.000 citizens
- About one hour in the west of Corinth
- Popular for the production of raisins
- A famous place for holidays







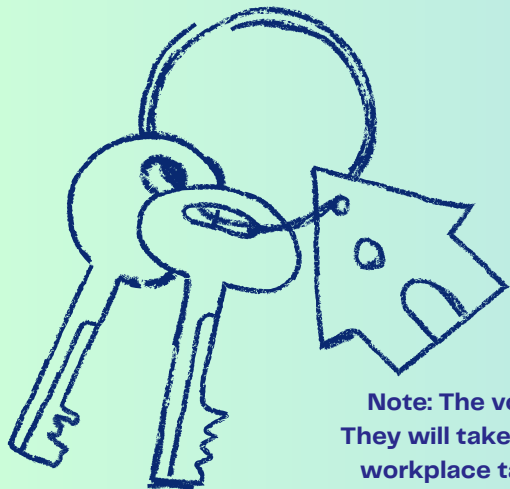


# Accommodation

The long-term group of volunteers will live all together in Orfeas' home, a flat in the centre of the town.

- three bedrooms
- living-room
- kitchen
- two bathrooms
- two balconies

The volunteers are responsible for keeping the flat clean, setting a cleaning schedule and following it.



**Note:** The volunteers will live in Xylokastro and work in Velo, Zevgolatio, or Vrahati. They will take the bus every day to the kindergarten and back. The local transfer to the workplace takes about 30 or 40 minutes, depending on which place they work. The expenses are covered by the organization and not the volunteer.



# Profile of the volunteers

**We are looking for social and open-minded people who are:**

- **responsible, patient**
- **creative**
- **positive**
- **interested in working with children**
- **able to cooperate with the qualified staff of the kindergarten**



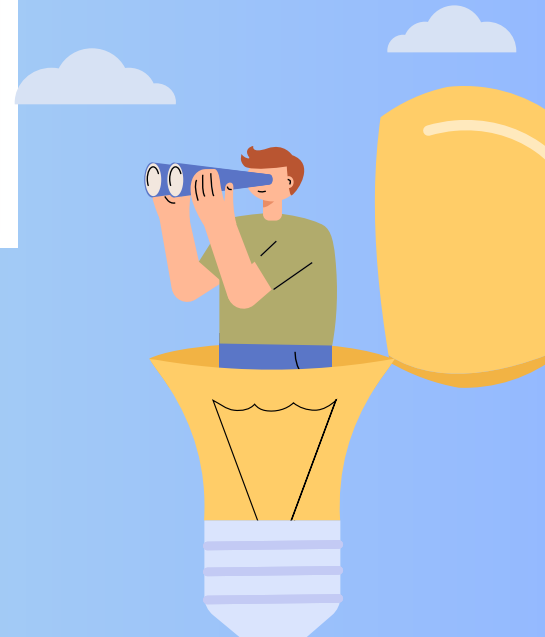
# What do we offer?

**1. Mentor:** every volunteer will be assigned to one of the mentors. Mentor is a member of the local community of Xylokaastro. The task of the mentor is to be a help to the volunteers, especially to the one that he was assigned to. If during the project the volunteer needs any kind of support or just goes for a drink or a simple cup of coffee, the mentor is there for him.

**2. Language support:** volunteers will participate in a Greek language course, once per week.

**3. Activities/workshops:** the volunteers will participate in the activities prepared by the office team. The 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... Volunteers are free to propose their own activities.

**4. Insurance:** complete health insurance is provided by the Henner insurance company according to the European Commission's agreement. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with your insurance number before your project starts.





# 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. The Youthpass certificate is a valuable attachment to the CV, after the project, the participants can use it while searching for a new job.**



## 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](mailto:orfeas.org.12@gmail.com)**

**After we evaluate your application we will contact you.**



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