

Call for two EVS volunteers in ALDA-Skopje

DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION: 10th of October 2016

PLACE: Skopje, Macedonia

DURATION: 12 months

ALDA-Skopje is looking for 2 participants to participate to the **project “Youth for Europe”** for a period of 12 months in Skopje.

The two volunteers will experiment an immersion in the European experience by discovering the Balkan Region and experimenting life in Macedonia, candidate country for the European Union. Reciprocally, volunteers will be asked to bring their testimonies about what France and European Union mean to them.

The volunteers will be involved in several activities on this topic of Youth development through:

- Leading Youth activities and workshops on the topic of Youth participation and activism in the Western Balkan region through ALDA’s main project “Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue”;
- Promoting EU citizenship and exchanges to youngsters, civil society organisations and local authorities in Macedonia;
- Promoting intercultural understanding through presentations of other culture and language for Macedonian youngsters, and the discovery of a common history through the European remembrance topic.

The two volunteers will work with Macedonian youngsters and other partners on these topics. This experience should also contribute to their professional and personal development: by integrating an international team, by developing professional skills and improving their language competences etc.

Also, the volunteers will be able to create different tools such as videos, photos, articles and interviews on the topic of Youth participation, remembrance and EU citizenship as well as promotional materials used for “Erasmus +” programme.

Activities of the volunteers

1. Youth social activism and regional cooperation

One of the main projects of ALDA through its branch ALDA-Skopje is the [“Balkan regional platform for youth participation and dialogue”](#). It is a four year project which started in 2015 focusing on youngsters of the Western Balkan region (particularly underrepresented youth with fewer opportunities) to develop their participation and activism in the society and in the decisions making process for the policies related to them. ALDA-Skopje, with the Local Democracy Agencies from the participating municipalities (from 5 countries : Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Kosovo), encourage youth participation through diverse activities dedicated to youngsters like art workshops, interactive meetings with local authorities, proposition of improvement of their living conditions during meetings with mayors or other competent representatives, visits of official offices...

In this context, the role of the volunteers will be to:

- Propose innovative ideas and approaches and participate to the elaboration of the activities in Macedonia;
- Help with the establishment and organisation of the activities on the field, and contribute to the cohesion of the group of youth within the “Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue”;
- Participate to the activities to have a better understanding and improve his/her knowledge in terms of youth programs and youth-friendly activities, but also in terms of youth issues all over the Western Balkan region.

2. Intercultural understanding & European Citizenship

One of the aims of ALDA-Skopje is also to promote European Citizenship and intercultural understanding. The sense of our projects is to promote intercultural dialogue through exchanges and mobility. Therefore, the role of the EVS would be to encourage youth mobility among our partners (NGOs, schools and local authorities), while presenting the possibilities of the European educational programmes.

Their activities will consist of:

- Promotion of the programme “Erasmus +” among the partners (Local authorities, schools and NGOs) and young people through meetings;
- Organisation of workshops for high-school students and other young people from our partner towns promoting volunteering and youth mobility;
- Development of ideas for youth exchanges, trainings and mobility programs with the partners.

These activities will also include the topic of the European remembrance through the discovery of the common history of European countries with a focus on the First World War as Europe is celebrating its century until 2018. Volunteers will be involved in the preparation of activities linked to this action.

3. Youth development & Francophonie

While coordinating a project for [cooperation with a French region](#) (Normandy), ALDA-Skopje has developed cooperation with the actors working in the field of Francophonie. Moreover, ALDA-Skopje opened the ALDA Youth Club about French culture at the beginning of 2016 where students from Skopje interested in French language and culture can join to learn more about French traditions and improve their French language skills during evening classes.

One part of the volunteers’ work will consist in working with youngsters in terms of development of their personal capacities, intercultural comprehension and linguistic knowledge:

- Organisation of workshops in French for young people on certain topics (ex. Conversational clubs or/and debate clubs, cinema nights, cultural events etc.) and organisation of the ALDA Youth Club and its activities around French culture;
- Development of extra-curriculum activities with these youngsters for working on specific youth project in order to develop linguistic competences or intercultural dimension;
- Promotion of the French language and “francophone” culture through presentations, seminars or other courses towards the youngsters in the above mentioned institutions.

Conditions

Location

The volunteers will be based in Skopje, Macedonia.

Duration

The volunteers are expected to be in Macedonia for 12 months: from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. They will have a 35-hour working week.

Costs

According to the “Erasmus +” rules, the following expenses are covered:

- International travel costs;
- Accommodation;
- Food;
- Visa;
- Local transport;
- Pocket money;
- Health insurance;
- Macedonian language classes.

Visa

The volunteers need visa for stay in Macedonia. The visa needs to be issued before arrival in Macedonia. The hosting organization will be supporting and dealing with the administrative issues.

Selection process

Necessary skills and qualifications:

- Knowledge in English;
- 17-30 years old;
- Motivated Person;
- To be interested in communication and creative communication tools;
- To be interested in working with young people;
- To have interest in the topics related to the project;

Selection process:

Interested candidates should send CV and motivation letter on the following address: aldaskopje@aldaintranet.org no later than 10th October 2016.

Preselected candidates will be conducted for an interview. Within the selection process, ALDA will try to ensure the gender balance.