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Greener Europe 2

Short term ESC in ecology

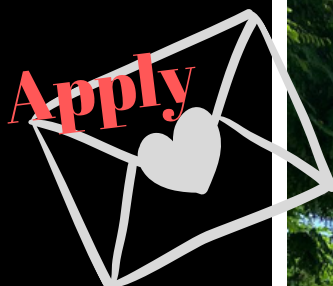
LEARN HOW TO REDUCE WASTE

27. 9. - 23. 11. 2022 KAZANLAK, BULGARIA

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Project summary



Dates: 27.09.2022 - 23.11.2022 (59 days which includes 2 days of traveling)

Place: Kazanlak, Bulgaria

Participants: volunteers aged between 18-30 years old from all EU program countries

Topics of the project: ecology, environment protection, culture & creativity

How to apply: send your motivational letter and CV by e-mail to: nikolay.ivanov80@gmail.com with a subject "Greener Europe 2"



Hosting organization

"Youth Development Center-Mutual Aid" (YDCMA) organization was founded in 2004. The main goal of the organization is to support the development of young people and their physical, creative and spiritual qualities to be good citizens of Bulgaria and Europe.

**YDCMA
Bulgaria**



For more information visit the website
<http://theyouth.info/>





Project details:

This short-term ESC project enables volunteers to participate in our organization's activities and cooperate with other institutions in order to organize local events. The project will take place in the town of Kazanlak (Bulgaria) and Srednogorovo village. It will be dealing with:

- Carrying out outdoor activities through the construction of an eco-center "Green Europe", which will conduct eco-technologies such as composting, upselling, and others
- Organizing discussions in the local schools focused on ecology
- Shooting and screening of eco movies
- Creating trash art items
- Organizing events with local community
- Cleaning nature (collecting trash) in the area

A documentary about the project will be shot and recorded.

All of the volunteers participating in the project from EU program countries should be ready to work as photographers, scriptwriters, directors, writers, and artists. Our organization aims to keep you amused in any way and occupy all your senses!

Our project gives an opportunity for young people from different countries to realize their common values by creating different works of art and embody in them their own cultural identities and backgrounds.

Volunteers will appear in the "Wall of Volunteers", an installation to remember the previous projects of the NGO and the volunteers who took part in them.

Volunteers will take part in the publishing process of the local paper journal devoted to the volunteers, "Доброволците" ("The Volunteers"), available also on the web in newsletter format.



Eco center Green Europe

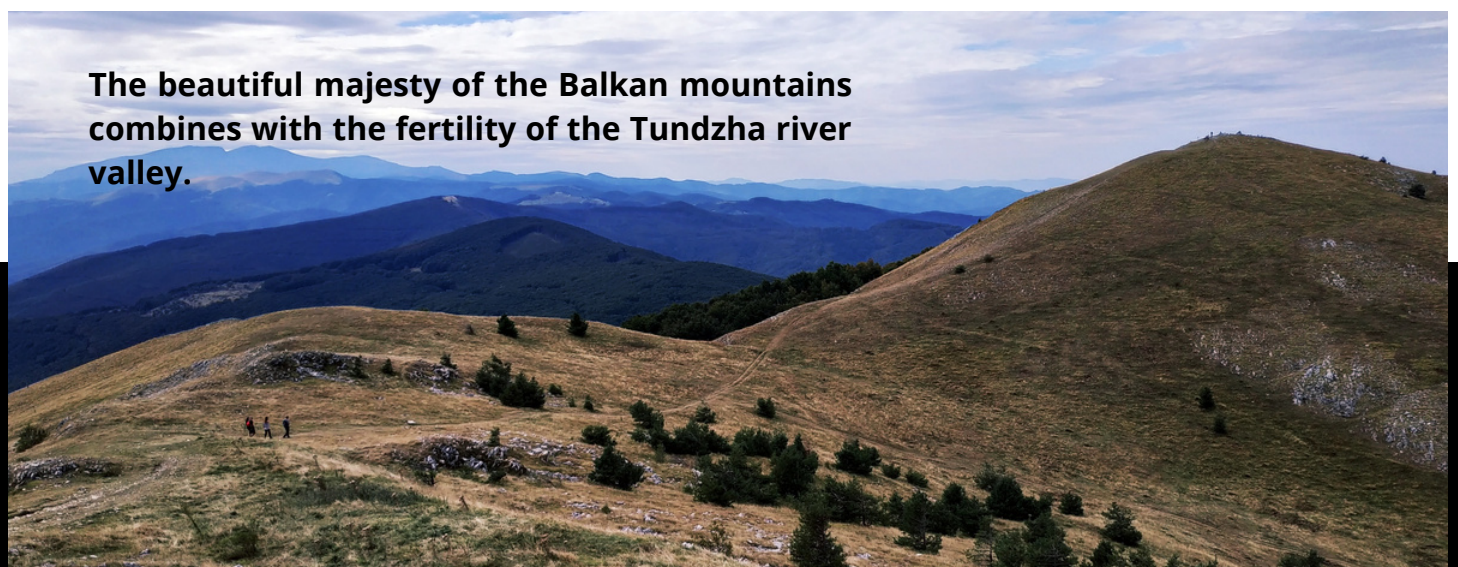
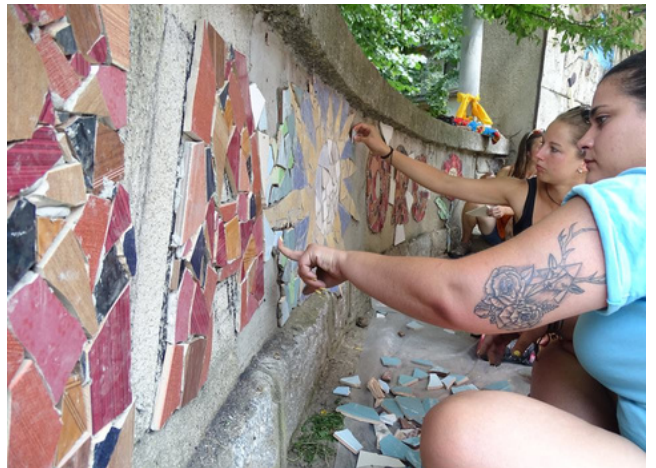
Our organization started to organize the Eco festival near Koprinka lake in 2011. The festival was created by two volunteers -one from the Peace Corps and the other from Lithuania, as a part of our project "Ecology development" (2011) and continued to this day, this year was its twelfth edition.

In order to continue the development of sustainable environmental ideas, the organization began the construction of an eco-center, where you can see various techniques for an environmentally friendly lifestyle. It will feature demonstrations, workshops, and good practices, in front of students from the local community in order to build an ecological way of thinking of the future generation.

The eco center is located in the beautiful village of Srednogorovo near the town of Kazanlak

About Kazanlak

Also known as Kansas city and Valley of Roses lies in the geographical center of Bulgaria, 200 km east of Sofia and 108 km northeast of Plovdiv.





Damask Rose is one of the most important natural treasures in the region. Kazanlak, the main center for the production of the Bulgarian rose oil (85% of world's total), is famous worldwide thanks to this traditional activity that is several centuries long. Rose-picking lasts for about a month (from May 20 to June 20, depending on weather conditions) and it is part of the popular Rose Festival.



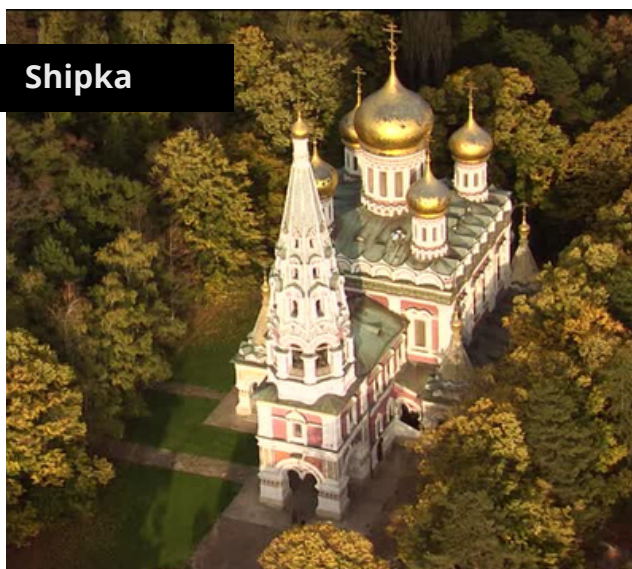
Buzludzha

Kazanlak is among the 15 biggest industrial centers of Bulgaria, also called as city of guns and roses for the Arsenal weapon factory, one of the main employers in the region. The population is around 46.000 people (2016).

Accommodation

In a house where all the volunteers will live and share their place together in the Eco center in Srednogorovo. In case something is damaged or broken, repair costs will be divided jointly by all volunteers. The organization will provide bedclothes.

Volunteers will be in rooms for 3 or 4 people. Each room has its bathroom. The house has a fully equipped kitchen, washing machine and Wi-Fi.



Shipka

Travel costs

Travel costs have a limit depending on the volunteer's country (the amount is pre-established and cannot be changed). **Keep all the boarding passes and original tickets from your travel!**

The money will be reimbursed on your bank account after the end of the project, when the volunteers submit all tickets and fill the final report.

Money

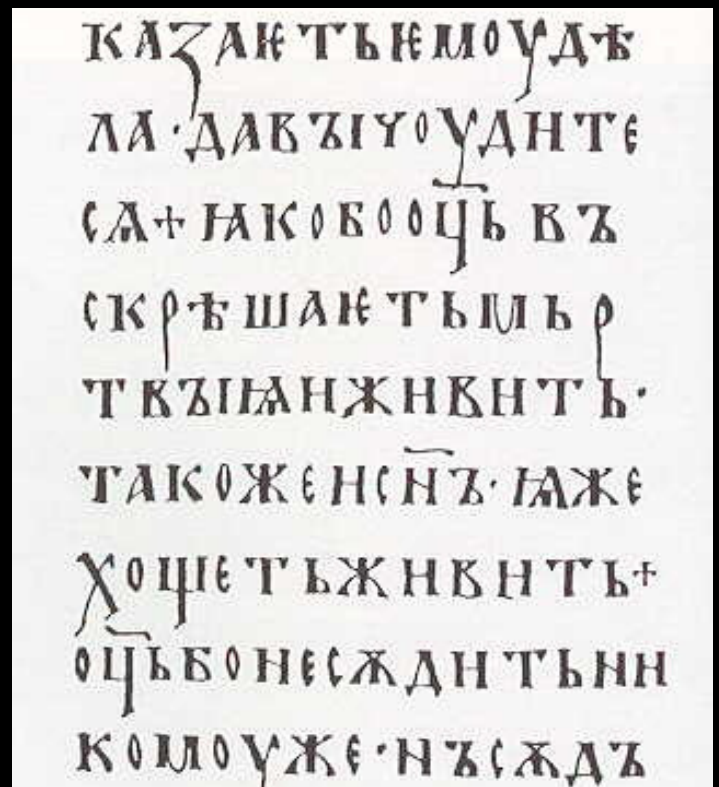
The financial support in the form of Pocket money for the mobility period has a amount of 4 EUR per day which includes 2 days of travel.

The amount of **money for food is 240 EUR for 59 days**. The budget for food will be given every week to all volunteers together. The money for food will be separated into equal parts for each week. Volunteers should cook together and buy food together, thereby being able to prepare more food for themselves.

Useful info

Bulgarian is the official language in Bulgaria. The alphabet used is the Cyrillic alphabet so you need to get familiar with it prior to your arrival. You can also remember some important phrases which will be useful. Of course, most young people speak English, at least at a basic level, but keep in mind that people above 40 years old probably will not be able to communicate with you in English, including officers at the ticket desks of train/bus station as well as drivers.

A curious custom: You should be careful when you ask people about the way or something else, because Bulgarians nod their head for "no", and shake their head for "yes", in contrast with the other parts of Europe.



How to reach Kazanlak

If you don't have BGN, take at least 40 leva from the bank machine (ATM) at the airport because you need money for the transport. Change money at the airport is not recommended.

1) From Sofia Airport to the city center

- Please keep in mind that only Terminal 2 (the newer and bigger) is connected to the metro line. From Terminal 1 you should take a bus to the city center or the free airport shuttle to Terminal 2.
- An individual transport ticket in Sofia (metro, bus, etc.) costs 1.60 leva (BGN). You need to have coins to pay your ticket to the bus driver onboard (drivers usually do not accept notes of 5 leva or more, because they cannot give you change - unless you are 2 people and have to pay 3.20 lev). The price for the metro ticket is the same and you can change metro trains without paying additionally.

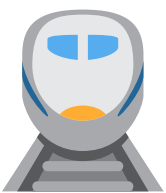


Serdika Station

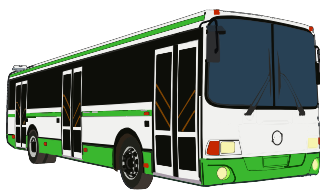
2) From Sofia to Kazanlak

You have two options: to take a direct bus/train to Kazanlak or to take a direct bus/train to Stara Zagora and from Stara Zagora a minibus to Kazanlak.

Click to see the timetables:



Train



Bus



Minibus

We will take you from Kazanlak central bus station or train station. Please send me a text message when you are on the bus/train with your arrival time in Kazanlak

Contact Maria Slavova:
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St. Ivan Rilski

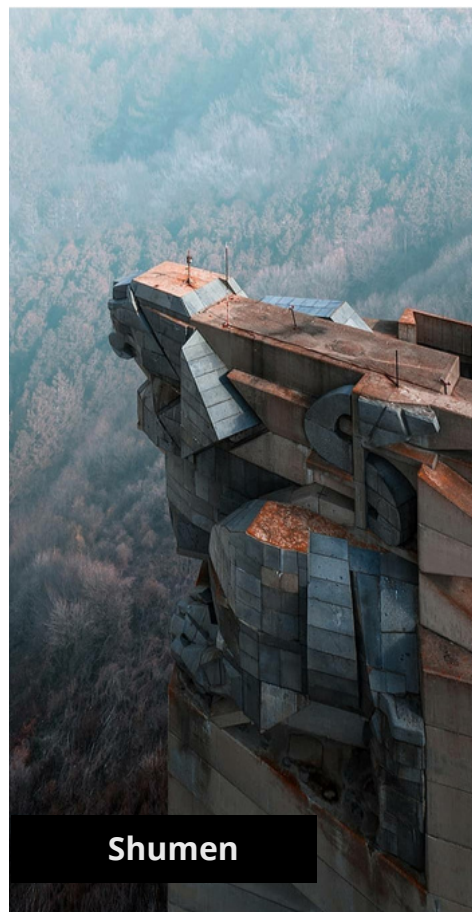
Why Bulgaria?

You may even not know where to find it on a map. And it would be such a pity to overlook this beautiful country. Have a look at what you could experience during your voluntary servis.

cheap
friendly
traditional



Plovdiv



Shumen



Gurgulyat

Diversity

Bulgaria offers something for everybody from. Impressive mountains with wild horses and perfect conditions for winter sports, eko paths, waterfalls, hot springs, seaside, little picturesque villages, ancient reminds of different cultures, to socialistic monuments, abandoned houses, factories, sometimes even whole villages. There are many places, where the time's got frozen and the nature rules, besides modern big cities full of life and cultural events.



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Rila



Bansko





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Kukeri



**We look forward to
seeing you!**