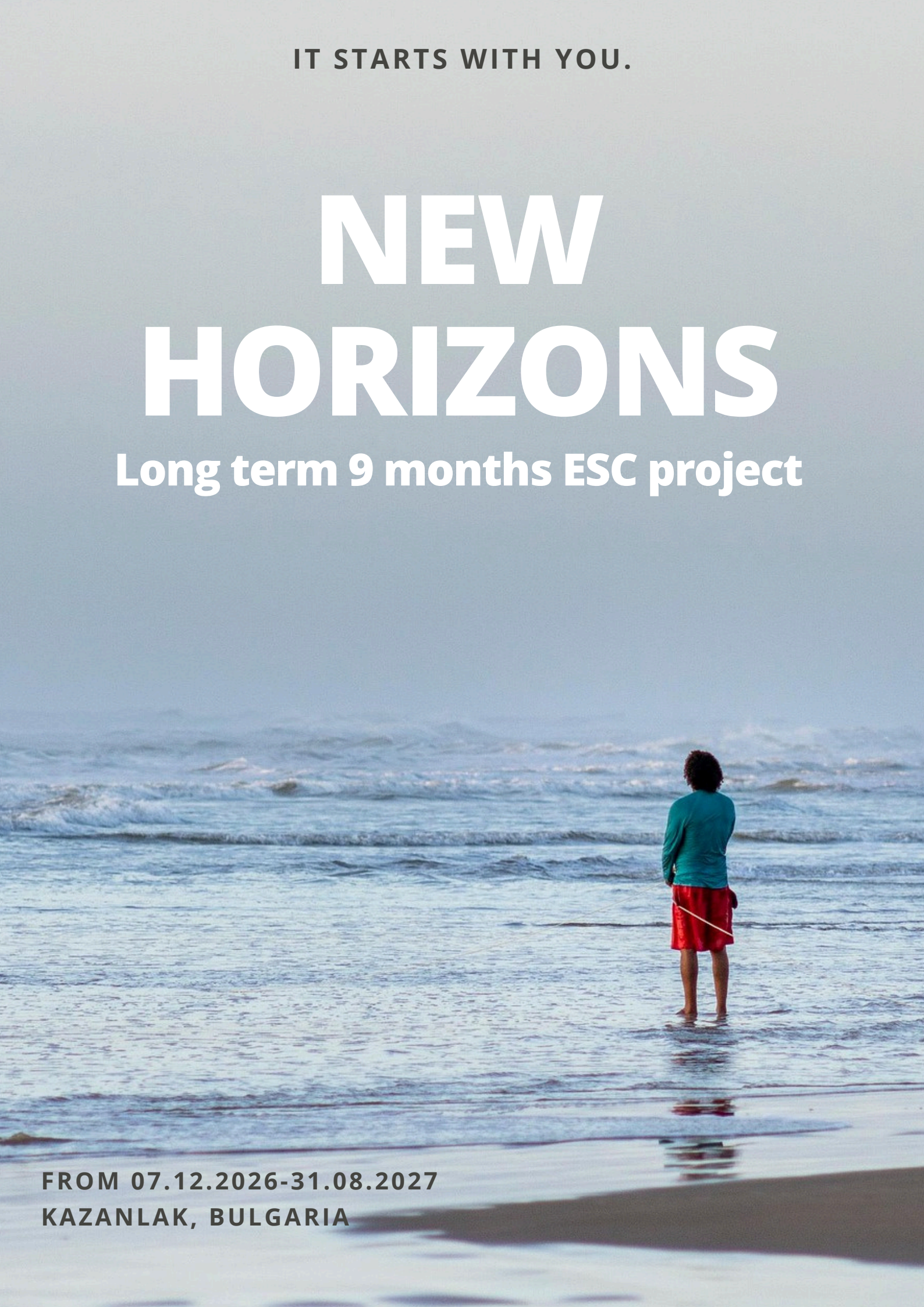
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Project summary

Apply

Dates: start at 07.12.2026 for 9 months
Place: Kazanlak, Bulgaria
Participants: volunteers aged between 18-30 years old, from Countries not associated to the Programme

Topics of the project: art, culture & creativity, environment, and natural protection

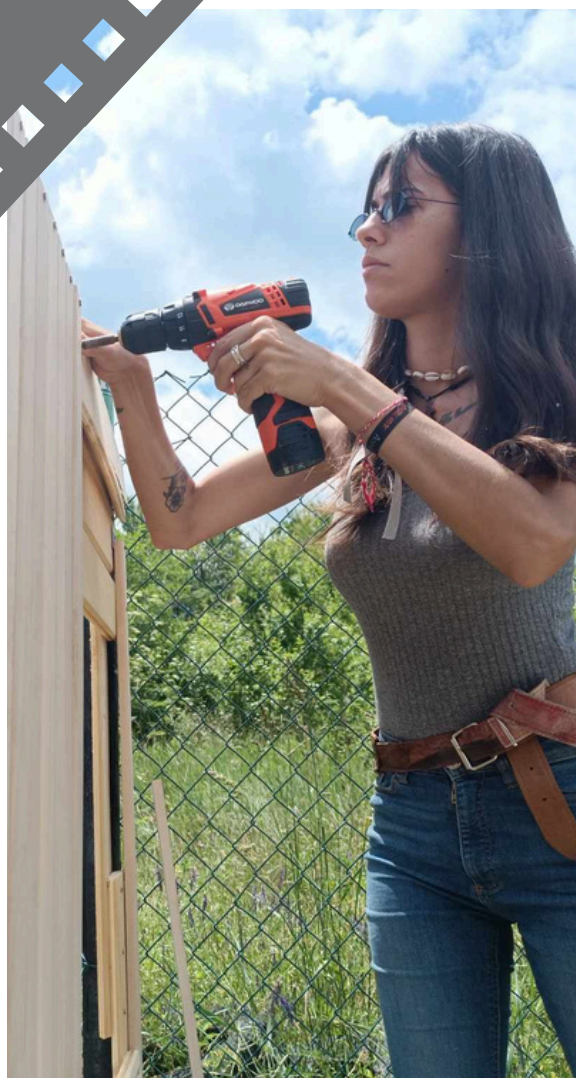
How to apply: send your motivational letter and CV in English by e-mail to: nikolay.ivanov80@gmail.com with subject “New Horizons ”



Hosting organization

“United Avangard Artist" takes part in activities and art forms regarding theater, cinema, photography and music, and also social, volunteer, ecological and community activities. The members always search for new and unusual methods. The organization has won several national awards, including one for the best youth initiative for Kazanlak and an international one from the European Commission for the best short-length movie. In the last years, United Avangard Artist is active with making cinema and photo exhibitions. The organization makes predominantly shortlength films with great social purposes and themes such as AIDS, drug abuse, ecology, human trafficking, and tolerance. The movie “Tolerance", shows tolerance in different ways and has earned the organization international recognition from the “Fingerprints” contest made by the EU.





Project details:

The project is focused on environmental impact, audiovisual, visual art with social interest. The volunteers will work together on Eco center “Green Europe” in the village of Srednogorovo, Municipality of Kazanlak. Creating social iniciatives with enviormental impact.

The main activities of the volunteers will be:

- working in eco center “Green Europe”.
- collecting plasting caps and bottles for the campaings of organization.
- shooting and filming videos and "acting" or being a model.
- creating art installation.
- design and art (creating posters or acting...).
- writing articles for youth web site theyouth.info.
- take part to the "Rose festival" 2027.
- organizing eco academy for kids.
- Working in the museum Of Bai Ganio that organization has.

Organizing events

Co-funded by the European Union

The volunteers will regularly work with the organization in local institutions like municipality, library, elderly house, daily care center for kids with disabilities and museums to prepare workshops, presentations and other events for the local community.

The volunteers will work with equipment with the help of experienced mentors. We are searching for creative people with different skills and with experience, who enjoy working as a team on different activities in videos, on the website, printed materials, and marketing and all kind of enviormental and social activities.



Other projects

The volunteers will participate in projects of other organizations with similar topics and aims. It might be visiting festivals, eco-villages, repairing a historical church, attending a conference, or acting in a fire theater. The activities are varied and you will have many incredible opportunities to try and experience things you wouldn't even think of.



Traveling Bulgaria

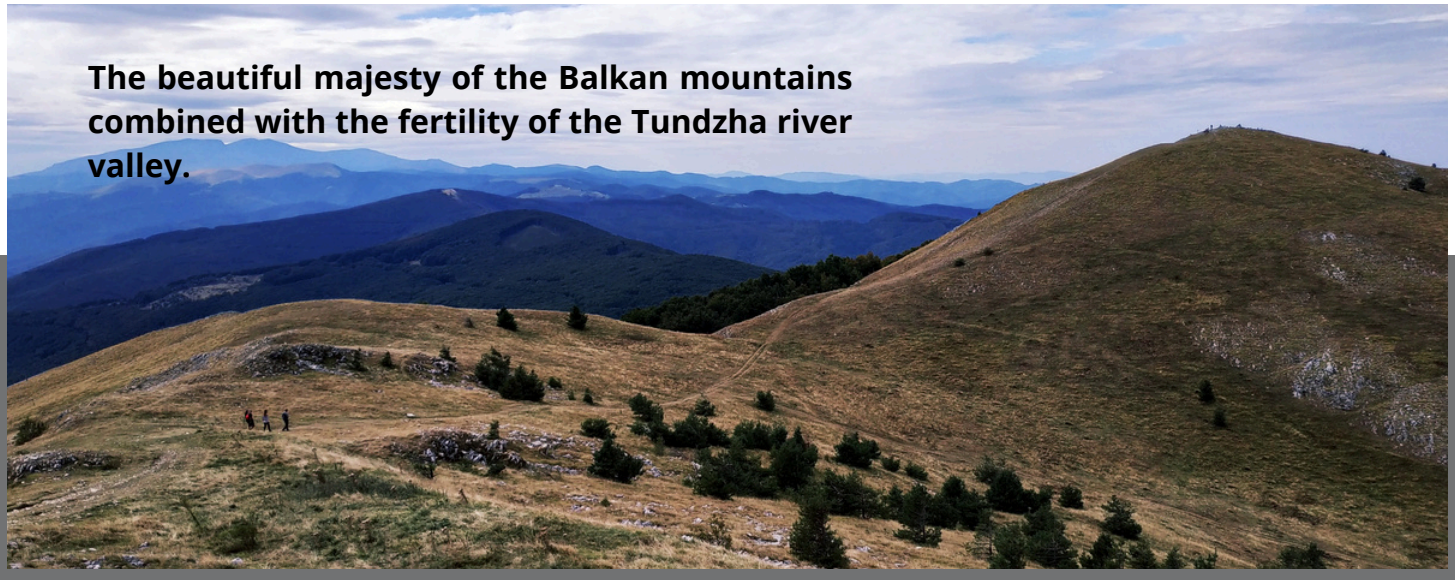
We encourage volunteers to travel, experience Bulgaria from its good and bad sides, and share their impressions through our website theyouth.info and social media. Bulgaria is a beautiful country, which doesn't have the reputation it deserves. What is worse, neither ourselves, locals, know what a treasure we have. Foreigner's opinion can work as a "wake up" impulse.



About Kazanlak

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





The beautiful majesty of the Balkan mountains combined with the fertility of the Tundzha river valley.



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 the 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.

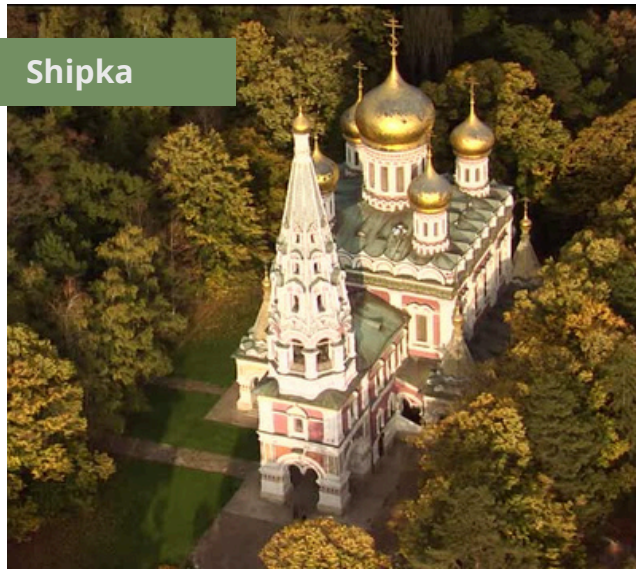


Buzludzha

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 53.000 people (2024).

Accomodation

All the volunteers will live and share a apartment with another volunteers. There are 2 bedrooms wiht common bathroom, living room and small kitchen. In case something is damaged or broken, repair costs will be divided jointly by all volunteers.



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 sumbmit all tickets and fill the final report.

Money

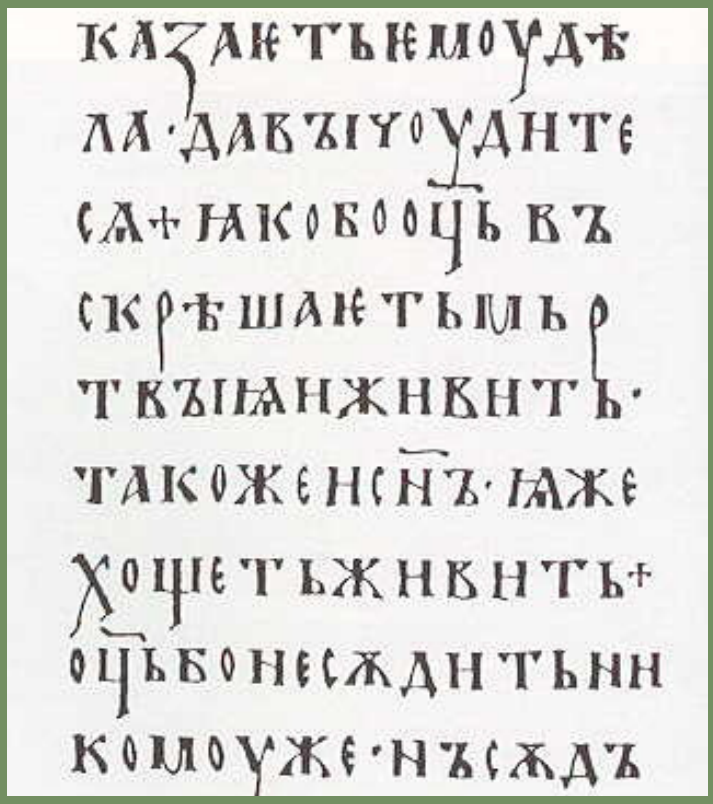
The financial support in the form of pocket money is 7 EUR per day.
The amount of money for food is 150 EUR for a month.

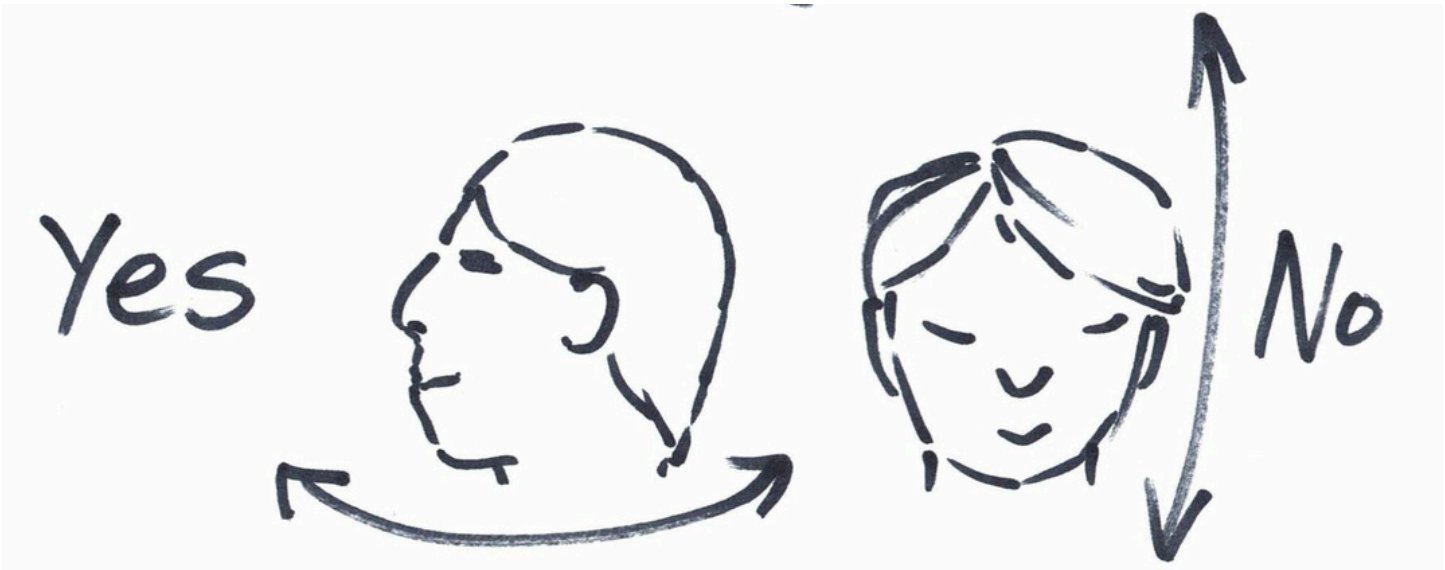
The pocket money will be given to every volunteer on the beginning of every month. The money for food will be provided at the end of every month. The financial support includes weekends, holidays and vacation (20 days for the whole period).

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 50 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

The official currency in Bulgaria is the euro. You can also pay by card almost everywhere.

1) From Sofia Airport to the city centre

- Please keep in mind that only Terminal 2 (the newer and bigger one) is connected to the metro line. From Terminal 1 you should take a bus to the city centre or the free airport shuttle to Terminal 2.

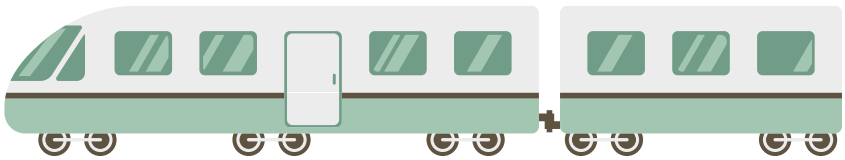
- A single ticket in Sofia costs around 1 euro for one trip, for more info : https://www.sofiatraffic.bg/en/common



Serdika Station

2) From Sofia to Kazanlak

A train is a better option. It travels around 3.30 h and is cheaper. A bus will take you to Kazanlak within 4 hours and the tickets would be almost double as expensive. More info:
https://www.bdz.bg/en
https://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/



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?

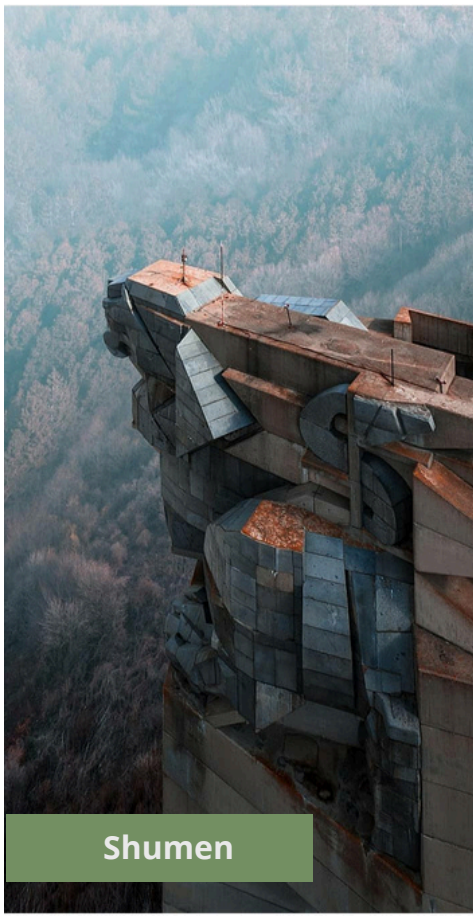
cheap
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You may even not know where to find it on a map. And it would be such a pity to overlook this beautiful country. Have a look at what you could experience during your voluntary service.





Plovdiv



Shumen



Gurgulyat

Diversity

Bulgaria offers something for everybody: from impressive mountains with wild horses and perfect conditions for winter sports, eco-paths, waterfalls, hot springs, seaside, little picturesque villages, ancient remains of different culturessocialist 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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