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Youth In Action 2.0

Youth Council Prilep



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Dear Partners,

Through the following pages, we have summarized the information you need to know about our Strategic European Voluntary Service Project.

We are very glad that we will collaborate in the next 3 years.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact us

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Enjoy exploring the practicalities!

About Macedonia

Macedonia is at the crossroads between Central, Southern and Eastern Europe, between the Balkan Peninsula and the Pannonian Plain.

For more information on the country's population, climate, history and culture, please visit: [WIKIMacedonia](#), [Exploring Macedonia](#), [Macedonia](#)

The Republic of Macedonia officially uses the **Macedonian language and Cyrillic script**. However, on public signs and in the media the Latin script is very often used, and both scripts are taught in school.

Ethnic minorities have the constitutional and legal right to officially use their languages and alphabets in the areas they inhabit.

Citizens ~ 2.000.000

Capital: Skopje ~ 550 000

Biggest cities: Kumanovo, Tetovo, Bitola, Prilep, Strumica, Shtip, Veles, Ohrid

Country Code: +389

National Sport: [Handball](#)

About Prilep

Prilep is the fourth largest city in the Republic of Macedonia. It has a population of 80,000 and is known as "The city under Marko's Towers" because of its proximity to the towers of Medieval Prince Marko. The city is also known, The Hero City.



For more information on Prilep, visit: [Prilep WIKIPrilep](#)

Trademarks of Prilep

[Beer Fest](#) [Best Beer in Macedonia](#) [Famous Tobacco producers](#) [Rare Marble Producers](#) [Marko's Towers](#) [Monasteries](#)



Youth Council Prilep

Youth Council Prilep (YCP) was founded in 1999 as a youth nongovernmental organization in Prilep, Macedonia focused on the Pelagonia region of Macedonia. YCP seeks to build the capacity of young people in a participative and sustainable manner.

Youth Council Prilep has consistently shown excellence in the youth field through its work in a wide variety of youth work. Youth Council Prilep, together with Youth Council Ohrid and HOPS, founded the Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA, the leading national umbrella group of youth organizations in Macedonia.

In 2016, Youth Council Prilep was awarded with the City of Prilep award "3th of November" for contribution and achievements in the field of Youth.

VISION

Youth Council Prilep is a sustainable leading organization on the local and regional level, a reliable partner in the creation and the implementation of youth policy along with all key stakeholders. Our work as a visible and recognized organization is based on democratic values enabling youth to be creative and active citizens.

MISSION

Youth Council Prilep supports young people to participate in democratic processes, empowering them to grow into active citizens.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Strategic Goal 1

Support young people in the region

Strategic Objectives:

- *Increase the personal capacities of youth through education*
- *Provide technical support to youth*
- *Empowering and encouraging young people through creative activities*
- *Protecting and promoting cultural values*

Strategic Goal 2

Increase youth participation in the communities.

Strategic Objectives

- *Increase the effectiveness of existing forms of youth participation*
- *Developing new mechanisms for young people to participate in local decision making processes and policies*
- *Encourage youth participation in community development*

Strategic Goal 3

Bring Europe closer to the youth

Strategic Objectives

- *Present European opportunities for young people*
- *Promote European citizenship*
- *Introduce European values to young people*

“Youth In Action 2.0”

Starting date – 1st April 2017 – 29.10.2018 (7 months volunteering assignment)

Project Information

General Information

Youth in Action 2.0 wants to contribute towards Young people actively participate in their community development aiming to enhance youth participation in school communities with inter-cultural dimension.

There are several factors influencing the current situation on youth participation in decision making, with our project we focus on high school students as one dynamic, energetic target group always needing support and empowerment.

YIA2.0 includes Two 7 month and One 6 month EVS activities for 9 volunteers in total ,coming from Romania Poland and Croatia to Prilep Macedonia in the period November 2017 - June 2020. The volunteers will support Youth Council's Prilep's Youth Participation program. Each EVS phase will include one volunteer per country.

The objectives of the EVS assignments are:

- To provide continuous support to school organizations by EVS international volunteers within YCP facilities.
- To increase the mobility of 9 young people from Poland, Romania and Croatia
- To increase the outreach of young people consulted by YCP
- To raise the awareness on voluntarism, cultural exchanges and dialogue through direct contact with the local population;

The three mobility phases are described in the following tables

Mobility Phases

Phase 1 Strategic EVS	
EBC 1 2018	<u>636 total days</u> 7 Months - 212 Days x 3 Volunteers (2 travel days included)
Support from sending organization	- Preparation of Documentation regarding VISA D - Pre departure workshop on culture shock and EVS program in general. - Insurance Process - Monthly online meetings with volunteers
Partner Organizations	Romania, Croatia, Poland
Number of Volunteer per partner	1
Sending Cost per volunteer	150 EUR
Total number of Volunteers per mobility	3 Volunteers (1 Romania, 1 Croatia, 1 Poland)
Mobility Period	01.04.2018 – 29.10.2018 (not confirmed)
Phase 2 Strategic EVS	
EBC 2 2019	<u>636 total days</u> 7 Months - 212 Days x 3 Volunteers (2 travel days included)
Support from sending organization	- Preparation of Documentation regarding VISA D - Insurance Process - Pre departure workshop on culture shock and EVS program in general. - Monthly online meetings with volunteers
Partner Organizations	Romania, Croatia, Poland
Number of Volunteer per partner	1
Sending Cost (per volunteer)	150 EUR
Total number of Volunteers (per mobility)	3 Volunteers (1 Romania, 1 Croatia, 1 Poland)
Mobility Period	01.02.2019 – 01.09.2019 (not confirmed)
Phase 3 Strategic EVS	
EBC 3 2020	<u>546 total days</u> 6 Months - 182 Days x 3 Volunteers (2 travel days included)
Support from sending organization	- Preparation of Documentation regarding VISA D - Insurance Process - Pre departure workshop on culture shock and EVS program in general. - Monthly online meetings with volunteers
Partner Organizations	Romania, Croatia, Poland
Number of Volunteer per partner	1
Sending Cost (per volunteer)	150 EUR
Total number of Volunteers (per mobility)	3 Volunteers (1 Romania, 1 Croatia, 1 Poland)
Mobility Period	15.09.2019 – 14.03.2020 (not confirmed)

Tasks

The volunteers will carry out following general activities:

- ❖ will assist in project development and implementation of project activities with high school students visiting YCP
- ❖ will assist in creation and implementation of yearly programs of school organizations
- ❖ will gather information and data once per month from 5 high school organizations
- ❖ will process data from 5 high school organizations
- ❖ will create brief documents on information gathered from high school students in Prilep.
- ❖ prepare articles and reports and update organization web site and social networks
- ❖ participate in meetings, promotion and other social events (twice a month)
- ❖ organize presentations/workshops to young people (at least twice a month)

During the realization of the activities the volunteers will have full support from the organization team and the rest of the volunteers. He will have full freedom to bring initiatives and modify the tasks in direction to his/her learning processes.

In coordination with the program manager of the organization and the program assistants, the volunteers will implement the tasks.

Selection Criteria for Volunteers

Potential Volunteers needs to fulfill the next criteria

- ❖ To be between 18-29 years old
- ❖ To speak English
- ❖ To have valid passport with expiry date no earlier than 6 months after mobility phase completion
- ❖ To have clear criminal record
- ❖ Motivation of volunteer to live abroad for 7th months
- ❖ Share an apartment/room with another EVS Volunteer
- ❖ Attend Skype interview with Hosting Organization

Advantage will be given to

- ❖ Young people with economical and geographical obstacles
- ❖ Experience in volunteering in Non-governmental organization
- ❖ Experience in facilitating and running workshops
- ❖ Possessing presentational skills
- ❖ Experience in working with youth

How will volunteers apply?

Sending organizations as partners will conduct public call in their countries respectfully and will be responsible to filter the application to 3 potential candidates per mobility phase.

Youth Council Prilep will hold Skype interviews with potential candidates and will consult with sending partners for final decision.

Additional information

[EVS in Prilep](#) [Learn Basic Macedonian with grammar and audio](#) (project from our former EVS Volunteer Clement Almero)

Note

- ❖ Each Volunteer receives money for food and pocket money, Accommodation, Macedonian SIM card and 30 hour Macedonian lessons.
- ❖ Upon Completion each volunteer is awarded with [Youth Pass Certificate](#).
- ❖ We expect partner organizations to be available on daily basis, providing information within 1 working day.
- ❖ Sending costs will be transferred to Project Partners upon each Mobility Phase completion.

How to be our Strategic Partner

- ❖ Accredited EVS Organizations from
 - Romania
 - Poland
 - Croatia
- ❖ Ready to provide 1 volunteer per mobility phase, in total of 3 phases until 2020.
- ❖ Filled Partner Identification Form (Annex I)
- ❖ Previous Experience as sending or hosting EVS organization
- ❖ Send your PIF to miled@ycp.org.mk no later than 23.12.2017
- ❖ To be ready to sign a mandate and sent by regular post no later than 31.12.2017