

European Solidarity Pride



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About Pride



Thessaloniki Pride is a civil society organisation with the goal of promoting the visibility of sexual orientation minorities (gay, lesbian and bi people) and gender minorities (trans persons), as well as supporting equality and human rights in the greater area of Thessaloniki. For this purpose, Thessaloniki Pride organizes the festival that holds the organization's name every June, an event which stands as the realisation of the right of gay, lesbian, bi and trans people to be present in the public sphere and contribute to public speech as such. This event, which started dynamically in 2012, has grown to become the most attended human rights-related event of Thessaloniki; this year the city will host the EuroPride 2020, for the first time held in south-eastern Europe. Apart from the yearly festival, Thessaloniki Pride also organizes educational as well as interventional events throughout the year. The organisation also works towards setting up a Southeastern Europe network of similar civil society organisations..

Objectives

- Promoting visibility of sexual and gender minorities
- Support equality, solidarity and human rights
- Yearly organizing the Pride festival
- Organizing educational and interventional events throughout the year

About U.S.B



United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece, working in the field of youth mobility, participation and promoting youth awareness of social issues. It was founded in 2008 by the initiative of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Objectives

The goal of the organisation is the promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement and participation, voluntarism and human rights. We make it through:

- Promoting the values of non formal learning, voluntarism, active citizenship and democracy for the creation of a better future for the European youth;
- Involving minorities and immigrants into youth activities;
- Building healthy cooperation bridges between countries in the area of the Balkans and Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe;
- Using New Media and Citizens' Journalism methodologies to encourage youth expression, to raise awareness of Human Rights and to promote intercultural dialogue;
- Utilizing arts as a tool for the cultivation and expression of youth;
- Breaking down prejudices and stereotypes among the European countries and amongst youth.

In order to make more effective all our actions, USB is also member of several networks, such as Anna Lindh Foundation, Thess Diktio, Youth for Exchange and Understanding.

Thessaloniki



Thessaloniki is the second biggest city in Greece, and it is located in the North-East part of the country. It is a coastal city full of life, with a lots of youngsters and students. In 2014 it has been the European Youth Capital. It is also a city with a long history and tradition. It has always been a crossroad between the West and the East and a trading harbour for many Balkan countries. It embraces many immigrants and cultural groups from many areas of the wider region of the Balkans, which renders it a colourful mosaic of cultures and trends. More information is available on the website of the municipality: www.thessalonikicity.gr



In the vicinity

Interesting cities and places nearby: Meteora's monasteries, Pozar thermal natural baths, Kavala city and lots of other historical and natural places.

Travel to other countries: from Thessaloniki you will have the chance to get easily to the Balkan countries, well connected by plane, train or even bus. You can visit Serbia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia, Turkey, Albania.

The project



The project involves two participants coming from Italy and North Macedonia. The volunteers will be in Thessaloniki for 185 days + 2 travel days, ideally from February to August 2020.

The main activity of the project will be planning, preparation and execution of the yearly event Thessaloniki Pride. The event is held every June for the past eight years, and it is one of the most significant human rights festivals promoting LGBT rights and equality in Greece. The volunteers will have a chance to participate also in various activities related to the organisation of the event by the first hosting organisation Thessaloniki Pride, such as workshops, training for different skills, other human rights events, conferences and festivals. They will contribute in creating the programme, and in develop creative material for the dissemination and in using social media and other tools to reach the target groups. In addition, in the context of the project and during the months preceding the Pride, volunteers will contribute to organise awareness activities and social events around the city such as workshop about LGBTIQ for Youth, social media campaigns to fight discrimination, flashmobs, cultural events (art/photo exhibitions, documentaries screenings and debates).

The volunteers will give their services for a maximum of 30 hours per week, five days per week. They have the right to three free days extra that must be taken under the approval of the coordinator.

A mentor will support them during their staying and ensure their physical and mental well-being.



Volunteer's profile



We are looking for two volunteers, one from Italy and North Macedonia, from 18 to 30 years old.

Priority will be given to people with fewer opportunities coming from disadvantaged environments, specifically people risking discrimination because of gender or sexual orientation. The ideal volunteer is willing to engage and be active in society, with interest in human right and LGBT rights. The most important factor for the selection of the participants is their high motivation to join the activities planned in the project and their interest in the topic. Language skills will not be a primary requisite for the selection. However, basic English knowledge will be a helpful element for the volunteers themselves as it will make communication more comfortable and give them more security and self-confidence during the implementation of the activities.

We need strong motivated participants willing to work with us, flexible and open minded. The volunteers will have the freedom to develop and propose initiatives having the support of our organisation and staff.



Language & Youthpass



Since the beginning of 2016, volunteers can take part in the online language courses through the online linguistic support platform created by the Erasmus+ programme: <http://erasmusplusols.eu/> We might provide extra Greek language courses with the help of other organisations. However, we try to encourage volunteers to learn the language through informal and non formal learning, participating in events and activities with Greek people, such as TANDEM meetings, where people from different countries help each other to learn and practise languages. This is an important activity organised with the cooperation of other organisations.



Youthpass

Youthpass is the official recognition tool for non-formal & informal learning in youth projects. Through it participants of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects can describe what they have done and show what they have learnt. Volunteers have to keep a diary of their activities and learning in order to fulfill it properly at the end of their project. The Mentor is the responsible for the Youthpass and will support the volunteers for it.

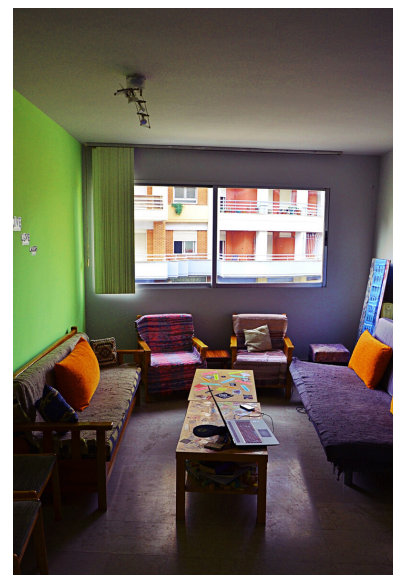
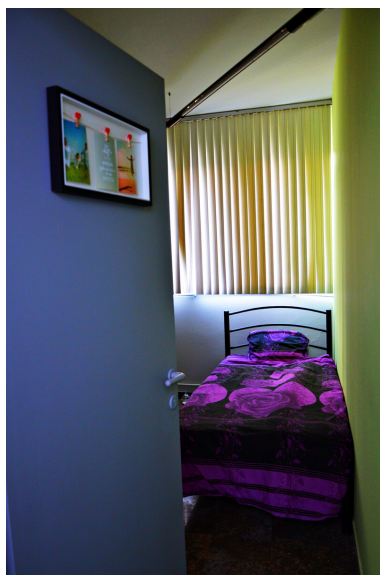
Accommodation



Volunteers are going to be accommodated in a fully equipped building located in the city centre (Anagnostara, 13) near the main bus and train station of the city. It is an autonomous 5 floored building of 150 m2 per floor and a terrace on the 6th floor. There are two living rooms and a big kitchen, showers in the common floors and toilets in every floor.

In the building there are also accommodated the volunteers who participate in other projects in the city coordinated by our organisation. Each volunteer will share their room with up to three more people of the same gender. In the building are living up to 35 volunteers.

Here is a video of the house :
<https://bit.ly/2JaZfmM>



There are also single rooms for people with special needs. Wireless internet is available in the whole building. The House Tender cleans the common spaces every day and the rooms once per month according to the volunteers. The volunteers are responsible for the daily cleaning of their own spaces as well as the common spaces during the weekends.



Food Policy



We provide our volunteers with three meals per day through a catering service that prepares the food according to their preferences and allergies (also if they are vegan or vegetarian). Diamantis Catering (<http://www.catering.gr/>) is one of the biggest catering services in Northern Greece and has received multiple certifications



of quality. In this way the volunteers will have the possibility to get in contact with the Greek cuisine and culture, but at the same time on Saturdays and Sundays they can cook and enjoy their own food. In the weekly days the House Tender will prepare the breakfast .

The kitchen is always available for the volunteers if they want to cook something more or add ingredients to their food.

Insurance and Health

The participants will have a private insurance by CIGNA, which covers all their needs for the whole duration of their project and even after that (for a few months).

The registration to the insurance is made by the Sending organisation. A network of doctors and hospitals is already available in order to meet all their needs, even the most urgent. The Mentor is responsible for all the issues connected with health and insurance.

Budget & responsibility



USB will be responsible of the practical arrangements (accommodation, food, tickets, welcoming) and will collaborate with Positive Voice for the preparation seminars of the volunteers.

Intervolve will be responsible for the activities of the volunteers. The travel costs are covered by the project until a limit based on the distance between Thessaloniki and the hometown of the volunteer.

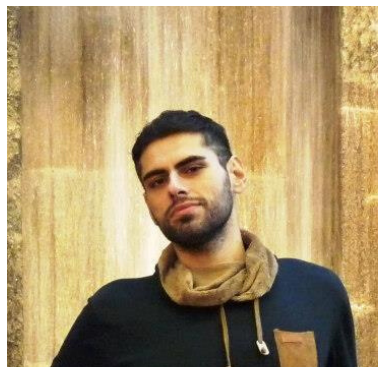
The participant need to buy their tickets and will get the refund as soon as possible when we receive their tickets.

At the beginning of the mobility period the volunteers will take their individual financial support calculated in the following way: a pocket money, 5 euros per day plus 5 extra euros per day for the weekends, days off and official holidays of Greece (in these day the organisation will not provide meals).

The organisation will provide a monthly pass for the local transportation.



Our Team



Aris

President

General Coordination,
Approving the budget, Supervise the project and support the team.



Christian

Network's Coordinator

Parallel activities,
Network's activities
Workshops,
Monthly budget
Bureaucracy.



Panos

Volunteers' Coordinator

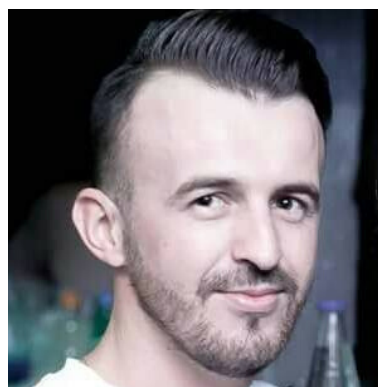
Weekly tasks,
Daily activities,
Facilities,
Workshops,
Free days.



Urania

Mentor

Personal development,
Health and social issues,
Youthpass.



Dionisis

House Tender

House cleaning, all house issues, meals.



Ermioni

Accountant

Financial issues