

European Solidarity Corps
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"Burgos Solidaria y Sostenible 2020"

Context of the Project and Service Description

Burgos is a medium sized city with about 180,000 inhabitants. Geographically, it is located in the central northern Spain between Madrid and Bilbao. It is the birthplace of the Spanish language and was the capital of the kingdom of Castilla. It has a Gothic Cathedral declared a World Heritage Site, the same as Atapuerca and the Camino de Santiago. In 2013 it was declared Spanish Gastronomic Capital and received awards for sustainability as Civitas in 2007, Energy Globe in 2009 and the National Award for Sustainable City in 2011. Burgos University has about 10,000 students, specialized in technical engineering, food degrees and prehistory studies. Its economy depends on the medium-sized company linked to the motoring and agricultural sectors in its province.



AMYCOS works in this town where it was born. Although most of our work is focused on the South, in the city of Burgos, AMYCOS carries out different actions in development education, collaborating too on the reception and integration of immigrants, in teamwork with others NGOs and promoting volunteering.

Our volunteering project will involve three volunteers coming from different countries, who will be inserted for **9 months, from April 2021**, in the context of AMYCOS' work in the city of Burgos and its province. In detail, the volunteers involved working closely

with people and they will have the opportunity to learn according to the methodology of the “learning by doing”. Actually, the project aims to involve the volunteer in a local network promoting the Sustainable Development Goals.



The main activity will be work in a vegetable **organic garden** of the city and boosting ethical purchasing groups in Burgos, contributing to awareness-raising of concepts such as responsible consumption and production. **The work will be strictly physical but depending on the characteristics of the volunteer there will be space to promote a “green” network in Burgos collaborating with other organizations in educational and communication activities.**

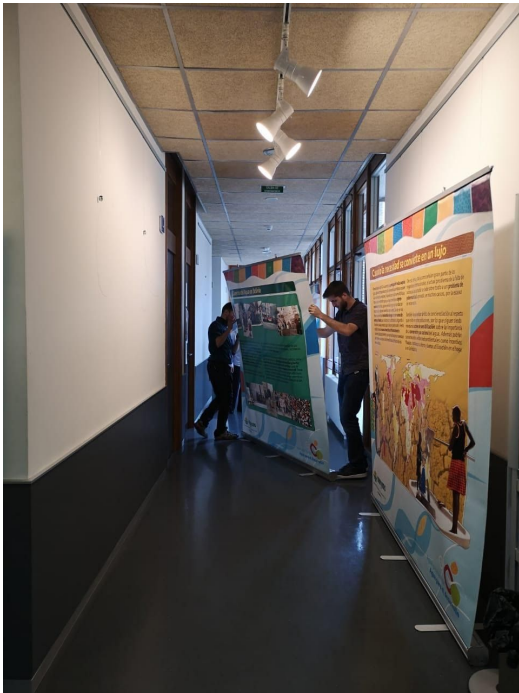


At the same time, in according to his/her profile the volunteer will be involved in some solidarity activities in the follow action areas:

The Development Education and Awareness Area. The volunteer will be directly involved in the "solidarity" workshops that daily AMYCOS with the support of other organizations provided in the city and in the province of Burgos. These activities are aim mainly at pupils of Primary schools.

Social Action Area. The volunteer will participate actively in carrying out a variety of daily activities to support the migrant population of Burgos who are in more precarious situations. The volunteer will attend day to day the social dining service and in the afternoon will join the Primary and High Secondary school support for the sons and daughters of immigrants.

Administrative and Organizational Area. The volunteer will be involved in the promotion, organization and fruition of trade fairs and charity events promoted by AMYCOS; for planning and carrying out educational activities to realize with children during the events in Burgos and its province; and for supporting the back office tasks and the warehouse management (installation and removal of exhibitions and the warehouse maintenance).



In all areas the volunteer will have the opportunity to develop his own personal project, contributing with their ideas and experiences to improve AMYCOS activities.

In addition to the Online Linguistic Support (OLS) the language training program will be conducted in collaboration with the "Atalaya Intercultural organization" <https://www.atalayaintercultural.es/index.php/que-hacemos/formacion>

The volunteers will be hosted in an apartment found by Amycos and in accordance with the basic qualitative standards. Specifically, the accommodation will be in the city of Burgos (in a single room or twin room) depending on the availability.

Accommodation costs will be paid by Amycos and the volunteer to receive a monthly allowance of 150 € for the maintenance costs plus pocket money of 150 €.

For the travel cost there is contribution based on the travel distance per participant from their place of residence to the venue of the activity and return

Recruitment Process

Regarding the volunteer profiles, we think that the following characteristics can be useful both to implement the project with success, and to grant a satisfactory experience to the protagonists.

Interest in the project: Amycos works towards social change and a fairer society through joint work in different actions: educational and awareness for people of the local community, another in solidarity with immigrant populations in great difficulty, and specifically for this project, in the promotion of the Development Sustainable Goals with a focus in the environment and in responsible consumption and production. Therefore, it is important for volunteers to participate fully in the project, having the desire to contribute actively and agree on the objectives. Under these conditions, the experience can become an opportunity to determine the human and professional growth of the volunteer.

Experiences and competences: Considering the tasks that will be assigned, **the volunteer has to be perfectly able and happy to do physical and hard work in the vegetable organic garden.** At the same time, it's preferable that volunteers have past

experiences of work, either volunteer or paid, in environmental education and are sensitive and involved in social issues such as sustainability, immigration and poverty. **Spanish language skills will be especially appreciated but it's not a basic condition. We are open to consider candidatures from young with few opportunities too.**

Personality: Generally, we need positive, flexible and willing people able to work in-group and in a multicultural context.

In the recruiting process, we will reflect the general openness of the Program and we guarantee transparency. Volunteers will be chosen on the basis of their Curriculum Vitae, Motivation Letter and a Skype interview. We invite the Support Organizations to preselect the volunteers available and introduce them to the project supporting their candidature and the identification of the activities in which they would like to take part in. All the documents (completed with ID card, CV and Motivation Letter) should be sent to: europa@amycos.org



Thank you!!