

# Long-term volunteering in France



compagnons  
bâisseurs

Join our volunteering project  
and learn about manual  
and social work!

## Who are The Compagnons Bâisseurs?

We are a french Non-Governmental Organisation founded in 1957, now present in 13 regions of metropolitan and overseas France... and about to develop in new territories.

Our name could be translated into *Builders Companions* or *Fellow Builders*, which is quite explicit about our aim... but not that exhaustive!

Indeed we help people to (re)build their homes, especially people with very low incomes and living in unworthy conditions. We companion them to take back their ability to act, by getting involved actively in some self-help renovation, based on their own capacities.

We also encourage inhabitants' initiatives by supporting the non-formal learning in our neighborhood workshops.

## Our values

We promote advocacy and actions by allowing people to live in decent conditions, by fighting against substandard housing because we simply believe that **everyone deserves dignity**.

We are convinced that anyone can learn by him/herself and be a valuable member of its projects and community. We encourage people to develop their personal goals by **non formal education**.

Our activities involve people coming from different backgrounds. By supporting diversity at the center of our projects, we aim to promote cultural understanding and **social diversity**.



## THE VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

What, where, when, how, ...  
and other answers to your questions !



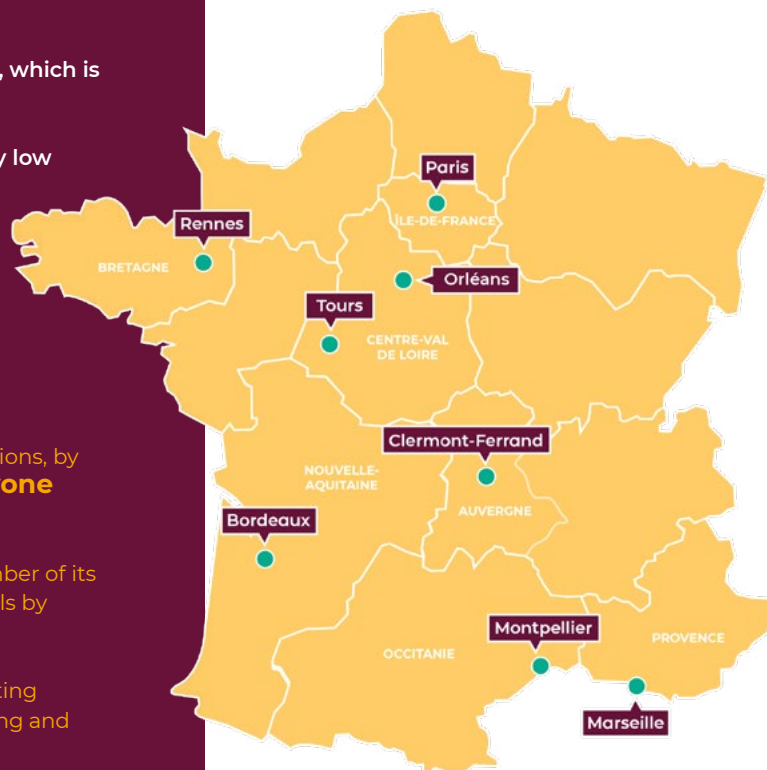
## Which tasks for the volunteers?

### CONTRIBUTING TO RENOVATION WORK

You will help local teams and inhabitants to renovate houses. You will learn with them, so prior experience is absolutely not required, but enjoying manual work (and learning !) is necessary !

### ORGANISING WORKSHOPS

Our teams implement weekly workshops related to housing for the local community. You will help us organise them, reach out to the people and, at some point, why not teach some helpful tips!



## About the location

Despite our location in 13 regions, our associative movement welcomes ESC volunteers only in some of the biggest cities we are located in, where we have volunteer's houses.



## Conditions



**Mentoring** every volunteer has a regional referent, and a day-to-day tutor for the technical tasks. We never leave our volunteers without supervision !



**Accommodation** an individual room is provided in a shared house dedicated to Compagnons Bâisseurs's volunteers only. It can be an apartment or a residence depending on the location.



**Allowance** ESC volunteers receive 556€ per month, to pay for food and personal expenses.



**Transport** local transport is covered for all volunteers. European Solidarity Corps volunteers are also provided international transport for outward and return trips.



**Training and meetings** volunteers have access to training sessions and can move within our network to meet other volunteers and share experiences and social connections.

## Who can apply?

Every person between 18 and 30 years old can work with us. ESC volunteers are chosen regarding their motivation about our project, manual work and social work, and also according to the abilities in terms of vacancies.

## How to apply?

### STEP 1

Fill in the application form for European Solidarity Corps ([here](#))

### STEP 2

Send your CV to our International Mobility Officer, Ms. Adèle BUCHET at:

[a.buchet@compagnonsbatisseurs.eu](mailto:a.buchet@compagnonsbatisseurs.eu)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We will carefully **review your application**, and if it's a match (lol), we'll organise **an interview** to learn more about you (and conversely!).

**We'll then target a location** and pass on your application to the regional referent who will offer you a **second interview**.

We'll also provide you a **more detailed document** about the Compagnons Bâisseurs of the dedicated areas to allow you to make your choice (even if there's no bad one !)



## Looking for more information?

Feel free to send an email to ask our International Mobility Officer!

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