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Applications till **20th
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VOLUNTEER FOR NATURE – ISLAND BIRDS

Long-term European Solidarity Corps Volunteering Project

Association BIOM, BirdLife Partner in Croatia, is looking for **4 international volunteers** to help **save endangered bird populations** and **organise public events** for the Croatian islanders. This dynamic opportunity is based in several Croatian protected areas and will provide a unique chance to explore hidden landscapes during ornithological fieldwork, learn about public education and awareness-raising, and build solidarity between people and nature while contributing to a number of crucial conservation projects.

Volunteer profile – apply if you are:

- Enthusiastic about sharing your **passion for nature**.
- **Open-minded** and ready to communicate with a wide range of people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Capable of living and working both independently and as part of a team.
- **Flexible and dynamic**, will be happy working irregular hours and moving between small communities within Croatia for the duration of the project.

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- **Reasonable physical fitness**, capable of working on rough, rocky, and steep terrain in all extremes of weather.
- Comfortable working outdoors at night, around water, and from boats.
- Comfortable participating in small mammal eradication tasks (such as rodenticide trapping) for the purpose of endangered bird conservation.
 - Able to communicate in English or Croatian.
 - Valid European driving license is desirable, but not essential.

Project description

The Island Birds ESC project aims to build a new generation of active youth and strengthen communities on the isolated Croatian islands to promote positive attitudes towards nature conservation and sustainable development. The project consists of two phases, during which volunteers will be split up and spend time in the following locations:

First phase (5 months).

- **Lastovo Archipelago.** Volunteers will assist with the LIFE Artina seabird conservation project. Activities include monitoring of seabird colonies (Yelkouan and Scopoli's Shearwater, and Audouin's Gull), satellite tracking, boat-based surveys, and invasive mammal eradication.
- **Hvar Island.** The volunteers will work with Platforma Hvar NGO, which runs a community centre in the city of Hvar, on Hvar Island. With the guidance of an assigned mentor, the volunteers will have the opportunity to develop their public engagement skills by implementing their own community-building and environmental education projects.
- **BIOM Office in Sinj.** A visit here will provide the volunteers the opportunity to be involved in a grasslands restoration project with a focus on engaging the local community. They will participate in fieldwork activities on Dinara mountain; have an opportunity to learn about the ecosystem services; help plan activities for public engagement and encouraging the local community to take actions to protect biodiversity.

Second phase (5 months).

- **Učka Nature Park.** The volunteers will be based in the beautiful and remote Učka Nature Park assisting with the running of the Rovozna Ornithological Camp. Here they will be able to participate in bird ringing activities, as well as share their passion for nature protection with the international participants of the camp. It will also involve volunteer coordination, habitat restoration activities and camp logistics. Here the volunteers may choose between being accommodated in the Ornithological Station building or camping in tents.
- **Beli Griffon Vulture Rescue Centre, Cres.** The island of Cres holds the last breeding population of endangered Griffon Vultures in Croatia. Here the volunteers will be involved in vulture nest monitoring, vulture rescue and aftercare operations, and public/tourist engagement and educational activities.

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Your responsibilities...

- Participating in nature conservation fieldwork and bird care activities.
- Organizing of and participation in educational, awareness-raising, and community building activities.
- Coordination of international and local volunteers, in particular on the Učka Ornithological Camp.
- Creating educational and promotional content – biodiversity-related educational articles, infographics, and other content for social media and organization websites.
- Participation in day-to-day communal activities relating to fieldwork or camp living such as data recording, cooking, and cleaning.
- Developing an individual project.

We are offering the opportunity to...

- Volunteer in motivational, dynamic, flexible, and friendly working environments.
- Learn about birds and nature conservation.
- Develop communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Deliver creative events or online content for the promotion of nature conservation.

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- Interact with a wide range of people from different countries and backgrounds.
- Learn about how small communities work and how to strengthen them.
- Travel around Croatia.

Accommodation, food, & transport arrangements

- The volunteers will have shared or individual (depending on circumstances) accommodation provided at every working location during their project. Many of these location will be isolated or in very small communities of people.
- All project travel costs for relating to the project incurred by the volunteers will be reimbursed.
- The volunteers will get a pre-determined monthly allowance (pocket money) and money to cover their food expenses.

Trainings during the project

- On-arrival training, organized by the hosting organization
- On-arrival training, organized by the National Agency
- Mid-term training, organized by the National Agency
- Croatian language lessons
- Informal task-related training such as bird ringing and nest monitoring
- Workshops related to the project activities

How to apply?

If you are interested, please send your **CV and a motivation letter before 20th November 2019 to: info@biom.hr** indicating that you are applying for the Island Birds project. We will organize a skype interview with pre-selected candidates.

- The project is supported by European Solidarity Corps and run by the Croatian National Agency "Agencija za mobilnost i programe EU".
- For more information on our organization check our website: www.biom.hr

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