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VOLUNTEER FOR NATURE – BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

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 **raise awareness about nature conservation** among Croatian community. 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:

- A young person **18 to 30 years old** from the EU Member States or one of these countries;
- Enthusiastic about sharing your **passion for nature**;
- **Open-minded** and ready to communicate with a wide range of people of all ages and backgrounds;
- Comfortable with **public speaking**;
- 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;
- **Reasonably physically fit**, 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.
 - We encourage people with **fewer opportunities** (not in employment, education or training; facing educational, economic, cultural, health, social or geographical obstacles) to apply.
 - Find out more about ESC and your eligibility [here](#).

Project description

The 'Birds of a Feather Flock Together' ESC project aims to strengthen communities within Croatia to promote nature conservation and engage young people in practical experiences of nature conservation. During the project, volunteers will be split up and will spend time in the following locations:

- **Nature Park Lastovo Islands.** Volunteers will assist with the [LIFE Artina](#) seabird conservation project. Activities include monitoring of seabird colonies, satellite tracking, boat-based surveys, and invasive mammal eradication.
- **Biom Office in Zagreb.** The volunteers will be engaged in educational and public events, such as bird watching tours and workshops for children. They will help with planning activities for public engagement and encouraging the local community to take action to protect biodiversity. They will also assist with fieldwork and office tasks. Here, they will be given the opportunity to explore and experience cultural life of Croatia's capital city.
- **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. 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.
- **Beli Visitor Centre and Rescue Centre for Griffon Vultures, Cres.** The island of Cres holds the last breeding population of endangered Griffon Vultures (*Gyps fulvus*) in Croatia. Here, the volunteers will be involved in vulture nest monitoring, vulture rescue and aftercare operations, and public/tourist engagement and educational activities.



Your responsibilities:

- Participating in nature conservation fieldwork and bird care activities;
- Organizing of and participation in educational, awareness-raising, and community building activities;
- Speaking and presenting in public;
- Coordination of international and local volunteers;
- 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 life at camp 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 from our specialists;
- Develop communication, leadership, and organizational skills;
- Deliver creative events or online content for the promotion of nature conservation;
- Interact with a wide range of people from different countries and backgrounds;
- Travel around Croatia and learn the language during a course with native speaker



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 locations will be isolated or in very small communities of people.
- All travel costs 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.

How to apply?

If you are interested, you can apply by completing the following two steps:

- 1) Fill in **online application form** found [here](#). After completing it, you will receive it in the PDF form on your email address.
- 2) Send your **CV and filled-in application form in PDF** to volonteri@biom.hr indicating that you are applying for the 'Birds of a Feather Flock Together' project.

Application deadline is 8th November 2020.

We will contact only pre-selected candidates for an online interview, no later than on **13th November**.

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