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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 Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and several Croatian protected areas. It 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**;
- Interested in **self-growth** and **promoting change** in your community;
- **Open-minded** and ready to communicate with a wide range of people of all backgrounds;
- Interested in creating **educational and promotional content** about the nature conservation;
- 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;
- 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.



Activity description

The activity aims to strengthen communities within Croatia to promote nature conservation and engage young people in practical experiences of nature conservation. During the activity, volunteers will be able to focus on education, public engagement, field research or conservation actions, based on their personal interests. Throughout the activity they will be split up and will spend time in the following locations:

- **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 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.
- **Different fieldwork locations,** which may include protected areas such as Plitvice Lakes National Park, Nature Park Lastovo Islands, Nature Park Dinara, Nature Park Vransko Lake. Volunteers will assist with the specialised research and monitoring. Mostly they will be assisting in ornithological fieldwork, setting up camera traps, monitoring bird colonies, data recording, and taking part in the direct conservation actions.
- **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;
- Assisting in development and implementation of volunteering activities;
- Creating educational and promotional content – biodiversity-related educational articles, infographics, and other content for social media and organization websites;
- Participating in day-to-day office tasks such as handling data, camera trap analysis, photo editing, graphic design, etc.;
- Developing an individual project.

We are offering the opportunity to:

- Volunteer in motivational, dynamic, flexible, and friendly working environments;
- Set up a learning plan that fits your needs and interests;
- Participate in sessions on soft skills development;
- 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 a shared apartment in Zagreb throughout the whole activity period and also accommodation provided at every working location during the fieldwork activities. 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 'Volunteer for nature with Biom' project.

Application deadline is 5th December 23:59.

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

Find out more about ESC and your eligibility [here](#).

For more information on our organization, check our website: www.biom.hr.

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