

(Inter)active Community



**European Solidarity Corps
individual volunteer project
from 6th May 2019 to 20th December 2019
Idrija, Slovenia**

THE BEGINNING

Hello guys!

We are so happy writing this foreword, because this means that we managed to finalize the organization of the project and that two volunteers will be able to come to SLOVEnia – this little, beautiful country. We will try our best to organize things in a way that you will enjoy your stay in Slovenia and that you will learn as much as you can in the process.

The main topic of this ESC project will be work with media (photography, film, social media, promo videos) and, depending on your interest, organizing workshops, open events, visiting schools or initiating your own project. Read more about this in the following pages.

The Youth Center (and your accommodation) is located in Idrija (Slovenia), a small town that is known for its mercury mine and the traditional Idrian lace.

We are really happy that we will be able to welcome you in our green and picturesque country and we look forward to getting to know you.

In case you have questions, we are available through info@mcidrija.si and by phone on +386 51 231 049.

Last year's team with the two international volunteers:



ABOUT THE PROJECT



The project aims to extend the youth center promotional activities and to encourage young people to participate in the activities of the youth center and international activities. The volunteers will get to know youth work in the local environment in practice, to obtain various competences and skills. The project will include 2 international volunteers who will work together, one from the Czech Republic and one from the Netherlands.

Main topics

1. To work with media, photography, film:
 - take pictures of our events
 - be in charge of our social media accounts
 - create promo videos, movie recaps from our projects
 - or realize other ideas for promoting our activities that you might have
2. To get involved in the following activities, according to your interest:
 - workshops for local youngsters
 - open events such as country presentations or language cafe's
 - visiting schools and promoting Erasmus+ program, your country
 - delivering workshops about culture, human rights, youth opportunities, volunteering
 - initiating your own project.

APPLICATIONS

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for motivated candidates passionate about working either with people or with media and technologies. Age or background is not relevant.

Before applying, please get to know our organization (www.mcidrija.si) and the town of Idrija (www.visit-idrija.si). Read the articles from previous volunteers to see what their experience was: Roni (<https://bit.ly/2N22MC7>), Mire (<https://bit.ly/2N5QpF6>) and Inés (<https://bit.ly/2PnmB8N>).

Where to apply and when?

Apply by sending an email to info@mcidrija.si which includes your **CV and a motivational letter**.

The **deadline is the 30th March 2019**. We will let you know about the chosen candidates by e-mail.

When you will be notified about your candidacy, we will start preparing your learning agreement that will be in accordance with our and your expectations.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

ESC and other trainings

There will be a course organized to provide the volunteers with the knowledge and skills about promotional activities, focused in multimedia activities (the ones that are described above among the topics of the project). The costs will be covered by the youth center.

The two volunteers will also be able to participate in an introductory language course of Slovene (organized only for them), costs will be covered by our organization.

The volunteers will take part in an on-arrival and mid-term trainings organized by the National Agency – MOVIT for all Slovenian ESC volunteers.

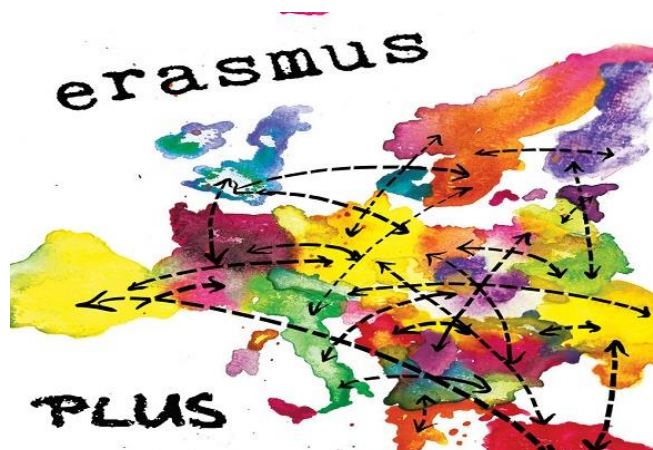
Travelling

Beginning of the project: 6th May 2019

End of the project: 20th December 2019

Transportation from your home to Idrija (airplane and shuttle/bus)

As far as the means of transport is concerned, there is plenty of possibilities to come to Slovenia. The most used are the plane connection to Ljubljana (Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport), Graz (airport in Austria),



Zagreb (airport in Croatia) or Trieste/Venice (Italy). There are shuttle buses available from all the surrounding airports by a company called GoOpti. It works like the public transport, but it is much faster and adaptable. So as soon as you know your arrival time to sLOVEnia, book your transport either to Ljubljana or to Idrija.

If you arrive to Ljubljana (the Slovenian capital), we will pick you up there.

You are entitled only to get a reimbursement of travel costs if you use public means of transport. The costs of a car ride or car rental cannot be reimbursed.

!!! Make sure you **keep all travel documents!** Online boarding passes and tickets can be forwarded by e-mail as well.

The travel costs (for the trip here and back) can be reimbursed up to the amount mentioned below:

- the Netherlands: 275 € per person
- Czech Republic: 180 € per person
- For information about other countries, you can write to info@mcidrija.si

Work load and mentors

Volunteer will work max. 7 hours/day – 5 days/week. The working hours in the center are from 9.00 to 19.00 (from Monday to Saturday). They can take two days off per month.

There will be a work-related mentor who will oversee defining work tasks and other work-related arrangements. Another, free-time mentor will be responsible for helping with free time activities and you will be able to turn to them for personal support and reflection.

Food and pocket money

Money for food: 180€/month

Pocket money: 4€/day (928€ for the whole project)

This is the money you can use during your stay to buy food and anything else you might need. You will receive it gradually, month by month.

There will be a one-hour break for lunch during working time.

During your stay in Idrija you can cook at home or eat in ...

Restaurant pr' Škafarju (Ulica sv. Barbare 9)

Named after the legendary bucket maker who first discovered Idrija's mercury over 500 years ago, this place has a great atmosphere. You can find us in the small street between the squares of Mestni trg and of Trg sv. Ahacija. Our offer includes daily menus, à la carte offers, pizzas from stove as well as local specialties. The best known

of them are the *idrijski žlikrofi* dish, always fresh and of course handmade, following our own traditional recipe.

Restaurant Kos (Tomšičeva 4)

The inn is situated beside the main crossroads in Idrija, next to the confluence of the rivers. Their offer includes daily lunch menus and à la carte offers. They specialise in preparing the *idrijski žlikrofi* dish following the traditional and protected recipe.

Restaurant Barbara (Kosovelova ulica 3)

The guesthouse is located on a quiet location, almost in the heart of the town and in a more than 500 years old miner's house known as Antonijev Rov, the mine entrance and the birth-house of a Slovenian engineer Stanko Bloudek. When visiting the restaurant, you can see why he was called the Slovenian Leonardo da Vinci. In the ground floor of the Barbara Guesthouse, you can enter the Antonijev rov mine shaft, the oldest part of the Idrija Mine.

Accommodation and transportation

The two volunteers will live together in an apartment in Idrija and they will share the kitchen and the bathroom. The youth center is in charge of providing a place to live for the volunteers.

The youth center (the street of Ulica IX. korpusa 17) is located within the walking distance from the apartment. You can borrow a bike, but the streets around here are quite steep, so we are not sure you will want to use it all the time :)

General information, safety and insurance

Police: 113

Ambulance: 112

International code for Slovenia: 00 386

Youth center phone number: 00 386 51 231 049

You will be insured through the CIGNA insurance scheme and you should bring your European insurance card as well.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Location – Idrija

Idrija is a town in the Western part of Slovenia. It is well known for its mercury mine as well as for the miners' living quarters and the miners' theatre. Mercury was discovered in Idrija in the late 15th century. Together with the Spanish mine at Almadén, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2012. A year later the town's park was registered in the UNESCO International Network of Geoparks. In 2011, Idrija was given the Alpine Town of the Year award.



Idrija is located in a valley surrounded by steep hills covered by woods. Staying here makes you feel cozy, warm and sheltered. Idrija is a basin and if you would like to come to Idrija, you cannot skip going uphill and driving on winding roads. You will see ☺

More about Idrija: <http://www.idrija-tourism.com/>

Technical heritage: Museum Idrija, Kamšt, Klavže, Mine

Cultural heritage: religious (Holy Trinity Church), lace

Heritage of the 1st and 2nd World War: Slovenian Partisan Printing Workshop, Partisan Hospital Bolnica Pavla

Natural heritage: the lake of Divje jezero, Upper Idrjica Natural park

When visiting the **Slovenia's capital Ljubljana**, we suggest you download **the USE-IT app** and the city's map to help you navigate through the streets of the old town and even discover some local secrets.

Slovenian language

Besides being hard to learn due to its 6 cases that are used for nouns (with different endings for masculine, feminine and neutral genders), 3 different conjugations for verbs by the person and number, 4 tenses (present, past, pluperfect and future) and a bunch of other grammar stuff, it also has the dual grammatical number, which is a rare thing for a language to have, but it sure can sound romantic.

Some useful phrases in Slovenian:

Dober dan!	Hello! (formal, meaning <i>good day</i>)
Zdravo! Živjo! Čau! Bok!	Hi! (informal)
Nasvidenje! Adijo! Čau! Bok! Ajde!	Goodbye! (the first form is formal, the following ones are informal)
Se vidimo!	See you!
Dober tek!	Bon appetit!
Na zdravje!	Cheers!
Lahko noč! Lepo spi!	Good night! Sleep well!
Lačen/lačna sem!	I'm hungry! (the second form is female)
Žejen/žejna sem!	I'm thirsty! (the first form is male)
Koliko stane to?	How much does this cost?
Koliko je ura?	What time is it?
A lahko dobim sok/eno pivo/vino?	Can I order juice/a beer/wine?
Ukradli so mi bicikel/kolo!	They stole my bike
Upam, da me ne napade medved!	I hope I don't get attacked by a bear
Gremo ven!	Let's go out!
Gremo žurat!	Let's go party!
Mi daš cifro/številko?	Can I get your number?

NUMBERS; Ena (1), dva (2), tri (3), štiri (4), pet (5), šest (6), sedem (7), osem (8), devet (9), deset (10)

If you have any dilemmas, questions, ideas, proposals or problems, do not hesitate to ask as – the sooner the better. 😊