

# Info pack for „Environmental project”



Municipality of Xylokastro – Evrostini

European Voluntary Service (EVS)

Orfeas Organisation (coordinating organisation)

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## About us:

Organization Orfeas, began functioning in August 2000. The purpose of our organization is the utilization of free time, informing young people about international and national programs, and the encouragement of their active participation along with their European citizenship.

Furthermore, our goal is to organize and support national programs of the partner municipalities, heritage protection activities of the environment and organizing summer events, festivals, concerts, theatrical performances, exhibitions in cooperation with the local municipalities. Through our activities we try to develop solidarity and promote tolerance and understanding among young people in different countries. Our priorities are respecting cultural diversity, fighting against racism and xenophobia. By facilitating joint activities of young people from different cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds, Orfeas aims to develop the intercultural learning of young people making Europe a friendlier place in the same time.

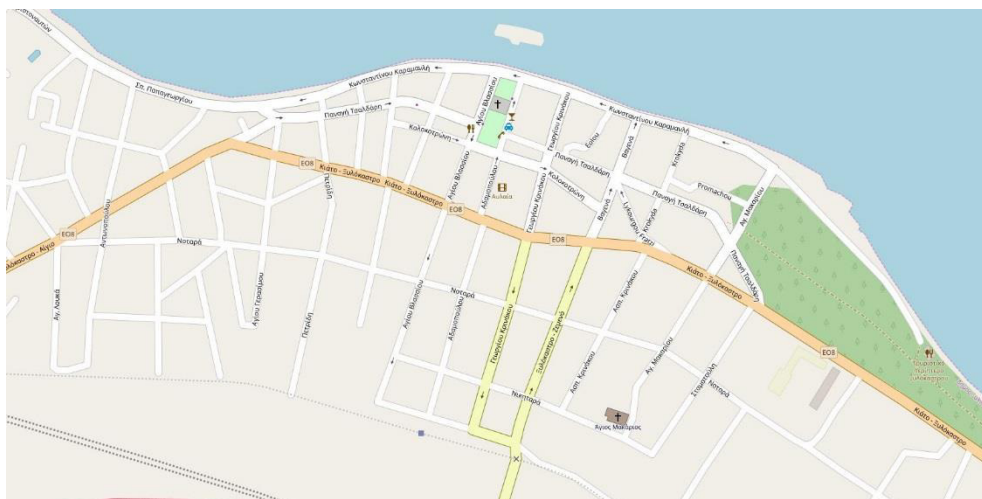
An important value for Orfeas Organization is to give access to all young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, to join European youth programme and other educational activities. Through formal/non-formal learning techniques and experiences, young volunteers will improve and acquire skills for their personal, educational and professional development.

## How to get in touch with us:

On our Facebook page we post about activities and the volunteers' life in general. So check us out on Facebook and don't hesitate to send us a message:

<https://www.facebook.com/Orfeas-Organisation-137078711181/>

Furthermore, we create an e-Magazine each month with articles about trips and activities, written by the volunteers.



## Project's description:

In this environmental project the volunteers work with instructors of the municipality of Xylokastro-Evrostini for the natural pine forest that is located on the coast of the town.

The working hours are between 9.30 to 14.00 depending on the daily plan.

The main tasks are:

- protection of the forest and the coast of Xylokastro
- taking care of the natural environment of the town
- support the environmental activities of the municipality
- taking care of parks, the small harbour and the playground in the forest
- participating in activities which are prepared for and by the local community according to the seasonal needs, e. g.:
  - summer festivals
  - Christmas activities
  - school fairs
  - EVS promotional campaigns



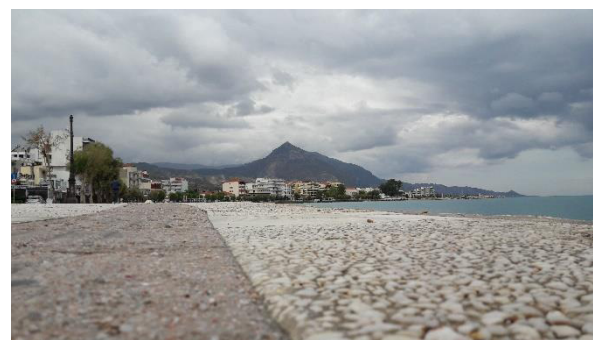
## About your new home - Χυλόκαστρο (Ξυλόκαστρο):

### Xylokastro:

- has around 6.000 citizens
- in the north of the peninsula Pelopennese
- about one hour in the west of Corinth
- popular for the production of raisins
- a famous place for holidays





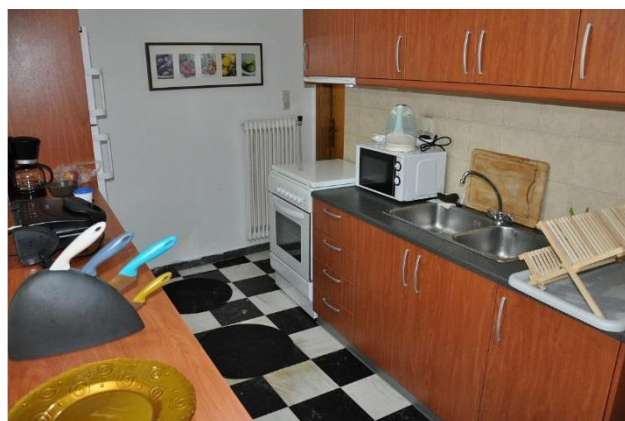


### Food at “Touristiko”:

- the volunteers will get three meals per day at the restaurant: breakfast, lunch and dinner
- the volunteers have to inform the hosting organization about allergies or special food needs (vegetarian, halal etc.) The restaurant prepares the meals according to the volunteers’ special needs.

## Accommodation:

- one living-room: TV, WI-FI
- kitchen: full equipped, one fridge
- one bathroom with washing machine
- three bedrooms for a total of 10 volunteers: blankets, pillows, bed-linen
- one big balcony
- cleaning materials for the house are provided by the hosting organization



The volunteers are responsible to keep the flat clean, set a cleaning schedule and follow it.

## Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for open minded people who are interested to take care of the nature, explore a new country and be an active member of the local community.

## What do we offer to the volunteers?

1. Mentor:  
Each and every of the volunteers will be assigned to one of the mentors. Mentor is a member of the local community of Xylokastro. Task of the mentor is to be a help to the volunteers and especially to the one that he was assigned to. If during the project the volunteer needs any kind of support (doctor appointment, visit the bank or just go for a drink or a simple cup of coffee, the mentor is there for you).
2. Language support:  
Volunteers will have the chance to participate in the Greek language course, once per week by a Greek teacher.
3. Activities:  
The volunteers will participate in the activities prepared by the office team. Group of activities start from simple workshops like arts and crafts, but also cooking lessons, dance lessons or also different theme nights. Volunteers are free to propose their own activities.



## Insurance

Complete health insurance is provided by the CIGNA insurance company according to the European Commission's agreement. The sending organization is responsible to enrol the volunteers to Cigna's database. They will receive a confirmation e-mail with their insurance number before their project's start.

## Youthpass certificate:

Each and every volunteer at the end of the project will receive a Youthpass certificate within the scope of the Erasmus Plus program. Youthpass certificate is a valuable attachment into the CV, after the project the participants can use it while searching for a new work.

## Travel details:

Regarding the travel costs please contact your sending organization, they will provide you with all of the important information.

## How to apply:

If you want to apply for this project, please contact your sending organization. They are going to ask for your **CV** and a **motivational letter** in **English** in which you have to explain your motivation for the project, your expectations and why you are a suitable participant.

*"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."*

*- Chinese proverb*

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