



INVITATION TO EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

PLANT A TREE – GROW A LIFE



1. 9. 2017 – 31. 3. 2018

RIS MANSION RAKIČAN, SLOVENIA

PARTICIPANTS: 2 PARTICIPANTS (18-30 years)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English

In addition to Slovenian, most people in Slovenia speak English.

EXCHANGE DURATION: 7 MONTHS (2 TRAVEL DAYS INCLUDED)

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: ROMANIA (Asociatia Super Tineri (ASIRYS)), ITALY (CESIE)

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Environmental protection and conservation represents one of the main priorities of the European Union. An important dimension of environmental conservation and protection is raising awareness and social responsibility especially among young people. Although the European Union has one of the strictest environmental standards in the world, activities relating to education and awareness of environmental protection and preservation found in formal as well as in informal learning processes have derogated from those standards. Even media campaigns in this field are not sufficiently targeting individual local environments and are therefore less efficient. To achieve a greater awareness, efforts must be made to raise the perception of values among young people and one of these fundamental values represents nature.

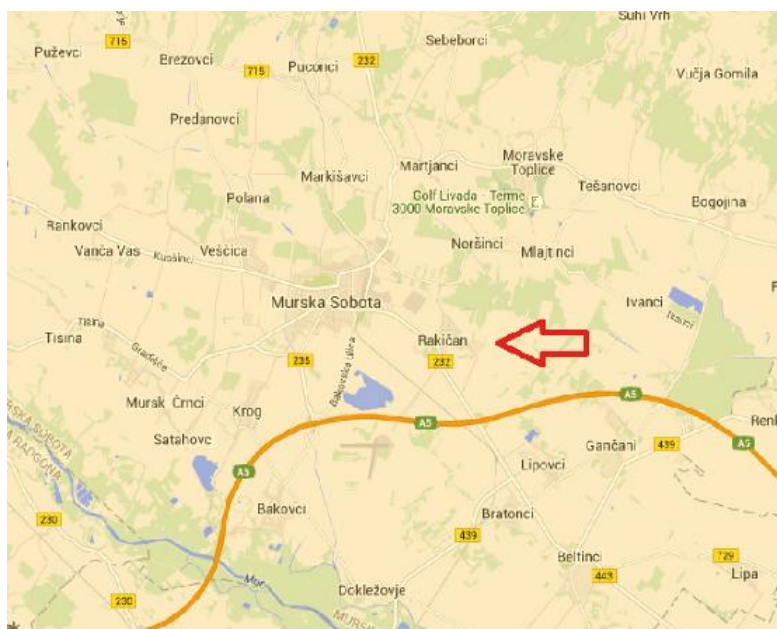
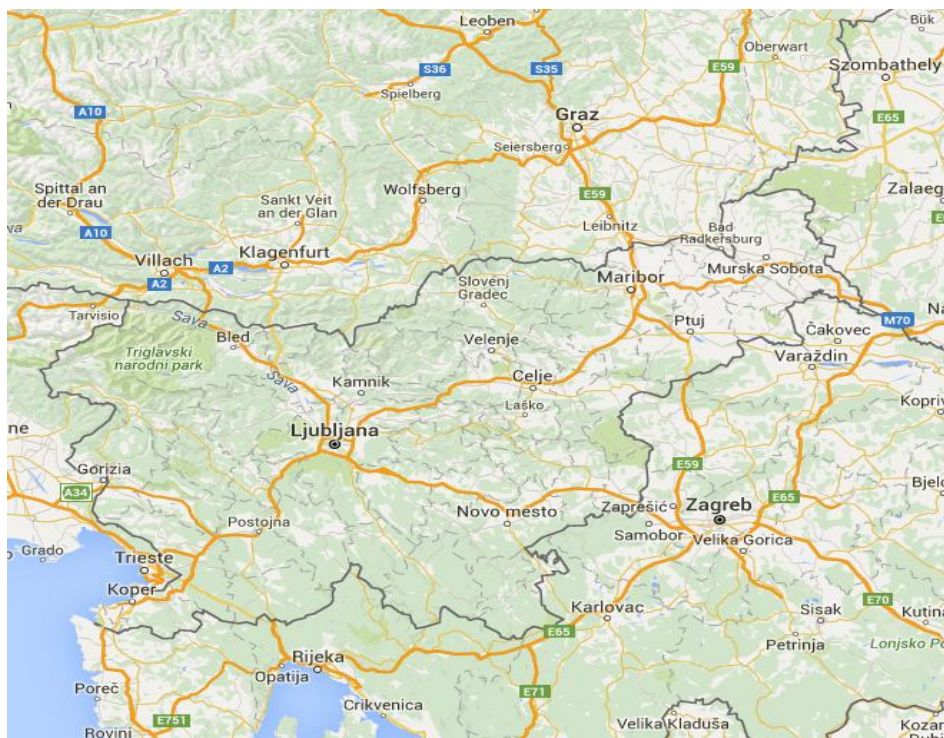
The project's goal is to raise awareness and social responsibility regarding environmental protection and conservation of local environment and consequently the EU through the usage of informal learning tools and methods. Moreover, we wish to encourage young people to think about the ways their behaviour and their level of responsibility influences or even improves the relation to nature, thus in some way protecting it. The other aspect of the project relates to the two volunteers (aged from 18 to 30 years) who are interested in the field of environmental protection and conservation. Here the goal is to enable active participation in the project implementation as well as all planned activities that will be applied during the project. Through active participation the volunteers will acquire new knowledge and practical experience as well as develop skills related to the area covered by the project, which will significantly contribute to their personal growth, social involvement, higher adaptability, and development of innovative thinking. All this newly gained skills will ultimately represent an advantage in the labour market and will further their employability opportunities.

Within the project's framework we plan to implement the following activities that will follow the objectives set by the project, thus prompting young people as well as others who are interested by this topic to assume the role of active citizens: a round table, thematic evenings, local discussion with NGOs, a photo competition and exhibition, workshops, participation at the international scientific conference titled "Ecology better tomorrow ", organisation of a campaign titled " Plant a tree – grow a life". The campaign will involve the local public, thus everyone who is interested in this topic will donate and plant a tree (in accordance with their capabilities).

For the two volunteers living and working abroad represents an invaluable experience. Project's main goals are: the promotion of active (European) citizenship of young people, furthering new knowledge, skills, and competencies, promote intercultural awareness, mobility, and social participation among young people as well as between organizations and dissemination of good practices throughout the EU. In the long term, we wish to create relevant content and conditions that will enable the strengthening the international dimension of youth activities, promotion of youth work and raising its quality as well as strengthening the cooperation between partnering countries.

LOCATION:

LEDAVSKA ULICA 28, RAKIČAN, 9000 MURSKA SOBOTA, SLOVENIA



NEAREST CITY:

The nearest and larger city in Pomurje region is Murska Sobota (Pannonian Slovenia). Approximately 3 minutes away from Rakičan driving by car.

Population: 19.313



Located in an area extremely rich in natural thermal spas, this town boasts a beautiful Renaissance castle and a wide range of delicacies from the surrounding Prekmurje region.

ACCOMMODATION:

The EVS will take place in the Mansion Rakičan (3 minutes away (if you drive by car) from the nearest city - Murska Sobota), which holds 54 beds arranged through the rooms of various sizes. All of the rooms are equipped with private bathroom with shower, internet and TV. Washing machine and dryer are available. Available kitchen with all the kitchen equipment for meal preparation or optional (provided by our organization, no costs) in local restaurants (on their own costs). Heating is provided.





PARTICIPATION COST:

All of the expenses are covered (travel expenses, accommodation, food, drinks, activities). Volunteers will not have any additional expenses during their stay. Sightseeing, excursions to nearby villages etc. is optional, at their own expense.

POCKET MONEY: 85,00 EUR per month for each volunteer

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:

Romania	275,00 EUR
Italy	275,00 EUR

TRAVELLING: By arrangement with your organization and our help (RIS Mansion Rakičan).

WHAT PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING ALONG:

- Valid ID/passport
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), Every EVS volunteer also must be enrolled in the EVS insurance scheme (arranged by sending organisation) – provider is CIGNA
- Warm clothing, summer clothing, sportswear, swimwear (spa resorts, cheap outdoor pools during summer)
- **Transportation receipts (bills for fuel and road taxes if traveling by car)**
- and A LOT of positive energy, enthusiasm and travel spirit! ☺

A BRIEF OUTLINE FOR MAIN ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTEERS:

- participation in project activities: a round table, thematic evenings, local discussion with NGOs, a photo competition and exhibition, workshops, participation at the international scientific conference titled "Ecology better tomorrow", organisation of a campaign titled "Plant a tree – grow a life".

- cognition of environment, mansion and its park, equestrian center
- meeting with law and restrictions (mansion and its park is under the protection of cultural heritage)

In Mansion Rakičan is also coffee shop and Equestrian club Kopito.



OFFICIAL CURRENCY: EURO

WEATHER: <http://www.accuweather.com/sl/si/ljubljana/299198/daily-weather-forecast/299198>

WEBSITE MANSION RAKIČAN: <http://www.ris-dr.si/>

Neighboring countries (from Murska Sobota):

Croatia: capital city: Zagreb (168 km)

Italy: capital city: Rome (942 km)

Hungary: capital city: Budapest (289 km)

Austria: capital city: Vienna (226 km)

For questions contact us by email: info@ris-dr.si

We are looking forward to your visit! 😊