

European Solidarity Corps – Individual Volunteering Project

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Youth centre | Mladinski center | Kotlovnica, Kamnik, Slovenia



ABOUT KOTLOVNICA

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Youth centre Kotlovnica (MCK) is a place where young people have been dictating its program orientation since 2007. We accept the initiatives and wishes of all young people throughout the year – that is why our main focus is on culture, entertainment and being informative. We include youth in the process of creating and implementing activities so that they become active attendees.

Among the regular activities are cultural events, that are organised by youth themselves, and concerts, designed especially for emerging bands. We organise computer and board game evenings, exhibitions, clothing exchange, creative workshops and workshops for the training of technicians – especially sound and light.

Lately we have been focusing on the neighbouring building, where we created Creative district (KČ) Barutana. We would like for this area to develop into a production centre.

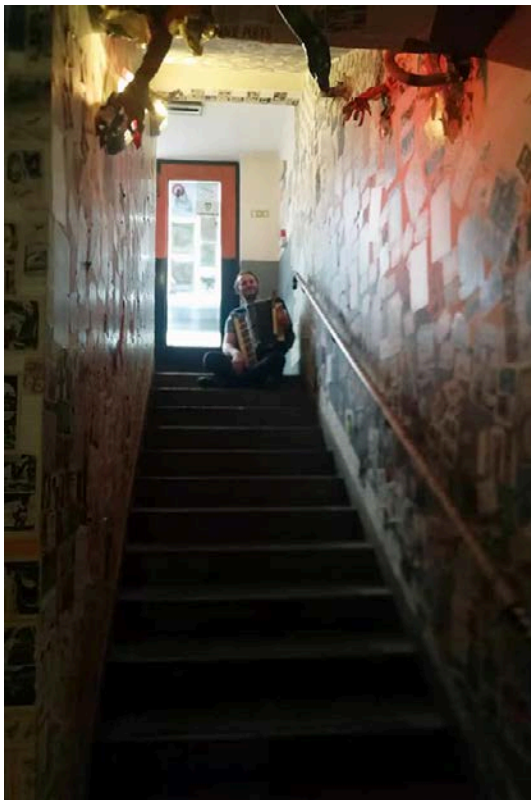
Our organisation is the producer of youth festival Pozdrav iz Kotla, event Ognjena Veronika (festival of fire and lights) and Festival of free video production. We co-produce festival Kamfest (festival of open

culture) and youth festival Mesto mladih (City of youth).

MCK has other spaces for activities – production rooms (which are especially useful now in COVID times, when our focus is on producing digital content). They include a photo studio, and also an art room with an oven for making clay sculptures, a multimedia room, and a practice room for young musicians. The main room with a stage can accommodate up to 150 people.

We offer our facilities to autonomous groups of young artists and we are always hosting a few volunteers through the European Solidarity Corps.

We are involved with local organisations and institutions – primary and high schools, Intermunicipal Museum Kamnik, Municipality Kamnik, cultural NGOs, Business and Student club, Youth council, House of Culture, street theatre organisation KD Priden Možic ... We help youth set up their own organisations and give advice to the existing ones on how to manage them better.



Top left:
**Kotlovnica's
staircase**

Top right:
**Annual festival
Pozdrav iz Kotla**

Bottom left:
**Improvisational
theatre by ESC
volunteers**

Bottom right:
**Exhibition
opening evening**



PROJECT EU.motion

The main activities of this project will be:

- Developing videostreamings;
- Developing and publishing creative and/or informative online content;
- Developing contributions aimed towards the development of a more multicultural and socially-inclusive atmosphere in our local community on various levels/platforms and in contact with various organizations/institutions;
- Assisting in the youth center`s developments and creating video-coverage of its main activities;
- Etc.

WORKING AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

You will help with the implementation of old and with the design and implementation of new content for our youth centre.

You will help with concerts, festivals, exhibitions, workshops, clothing exchange ... mainly preparing the venue, working as a light technician, helping backstage, performing or just participating in a workshop or playing video/board games. These are all activities that usually take place in the youth center, however, should the COVID situation persist, the focus of your activities will be more digital-based and oriented towards developing content for/with youth online.

You will prepare your own events with the help of mentors – organising workshops or social events where young people are able to be active participants, whether in-person or online.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Nationality – one Portuguese participant.

Age – Between 18 and 30 years of age.

Skills – You don't need any specific knowledge, but we need you to be interested in cultural and artistic activities and be motivated for learning new skills. Being active on social networks (FB, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.) is definitely a plus!

Previous ERASMUS+ or ESC activities – We are looking for someone who has never participated in a short term (up to 59 days) European Solidarity Corps activity. It's ok if you participated in a long term activity that lasted between 60 days and 12 months.

ESC – You need to be registered in the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) before we can select you. You will need The European Commission's main authentication service (ECAS) profile in order to register in ESC. To learn more about the whole process click here: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Insurance – Each participant must be health insured in their country of residence and have a valid European Health Insurance Card. With this, you gain the right to additional insurance by Cigna Health Benefits – you will be insured for the duration of the project and for two additional months.

Traveling to Slovenia and back – We will reimburse your travel expenses up to 360 EUR.

Individual support – You will receive 122 EUR of individual support per month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Food money – You will receive 178 EUR of food money each month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Accommodation – There is a recently renovated apartment in the same building as our youth centre. It can host 3 volunteers and consists of kitchen-dining-living area, one shower, one toilet with sink, and three single rooms with bed, table, and wardrobe.

Certificates – You will receive ESC and Youthpass certificates at the end of the activity. You will have a chance to further develop your Youthpass certificate during the activity.

Working hours – You will be expected to work (be active/engaged) as our volunteer for six hours per day, five times per week. This means you will have two »days off« each week. You also get an additional two »days off« each month.

Local transportation – When your transportation inside Slovenia is done as part of a project, its costs are covered by the project.

Kamnik lies about 20 kilometers north from Slovenia's capital city Ljubljana. There are good bus and train connections between these two places.

Municipality of Kamnik built a network of electric bicycles recently, so you'll also be able to use them to travel around Kamnik, if you so choose.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR APPLYING

Your Portuguese sending organisation is **Associação Mais Cidadania from Lisbon** – <http://www.maiscidadania.pt>.

Send an E-mail to **paula.mendes@maiscidadania.pt** with the subject »**EU.motion**«.

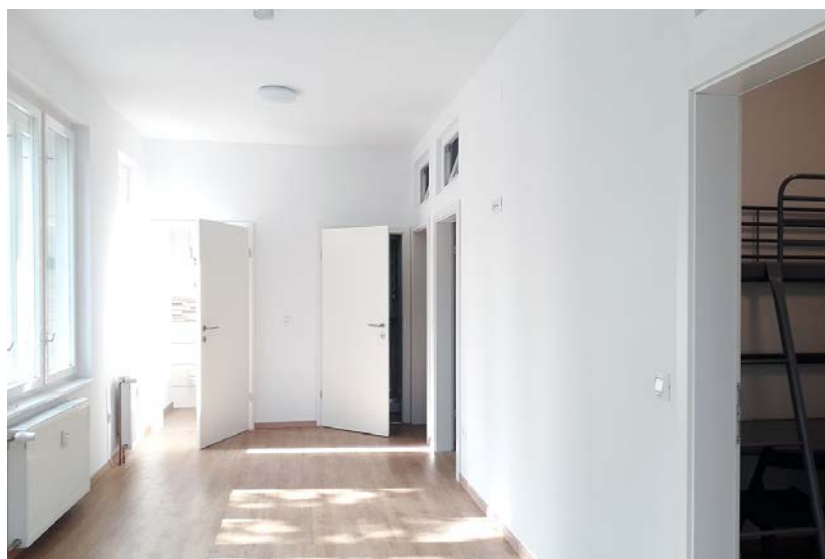
Your e-mail should include your **CV** and **motivation letter**.

We would like you to arrive to Kamnik as soon as possible, anytime from end of October/beginning of November 2021 onwards and join us as a volunteer for a period of 2 months (59 days).

You can also write to us (info@kotlovnica.si) if you have any further questions regarding the content of your ESC experience. We are eager to hear from you and to schedule a ZOOM session to get a chance to get in contact with you!



Top photo:
Youth centre Kotlovnica and ESC apartment are both situated in the building of Kamnik's House of Culture (Dom kulture Kamnik).



Bottom photo:
Recently renovated apartment that can host up to three volunteers.

ABOUT KAMNIK

Kamnik, a town embraced by the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, is considered one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Slovenia. It was once a flourishing trading town, where the counts of Andechs from Bavaria had their seat. At that time, Kamnik was the capital of Carniola.

The first written sources about Kamnik go back to 1229. The two castles of Kamnik, Mali grad and Stari grad, were mentioned even earlier.

Mali grad Hill – Today, only two-storey Romanesque chapel with a crypt has been preserved, which is also one of the main symbols of the city. The hill provides a magnificent view of the town and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps.

Stari grad Hill – The spot is popular among hikers and families.

Description from:

<https://www.visitkamnik.com/en/top-attractions/kamnik>.

Learn more about Kamnik by visiting:
<https://www.slovenia.info/en/places-to-go/regions/ljubljana-central-slovenia/kamnik>.

Photo below:
**View over northern part
of Kamnik from Mali grad Hill.**

