

## Let's Make the House Alive III.

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**European Solidarity Corps  
group volunteer project  
from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Idrija, Slovenia**

## THE BEGINNING

Hello guys!

I'm so happy writing this foreword, because this means that we managed to finalize the organization of the project and that you will be able to come to SLOVEnia – this little, beautiful country. We tried our best to make a great program with many activities that will be interesting for all of us.

We also thought – since Slovenia is such a small country – that we will try to show you as much of it as we can. We will stay in Idrija, 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.

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The aim of the project is to **renovate the hostel** and **provide attractive offer from young people for (young) visitors** that come to Idrija, more precisely warm and welcoming spaces full of energy, innovative guided tours or something else the teams will think of in the process of planning.

At the same time, we would like to offer the participants to spend **fun time in a group of international participants, to work in a team and to get learning experience** which will include project planning and strengthening of different competences, useful in their future life.

The project will include 12 young people, aged between 18 and 30. In addition to the participants from abroad and from Slovenia, there will be a coordinator from the Idrija Youth Center, mentors and coordinators from each country.

## Topics

The participants will work on three areas, according to their interests and skills:

- **technical renovations** (such as renovating furniture, install floors, sanding and painting walls, doors and windows)



- **design innovations** (such as embellishing hallways, painting on walls, decorate rooms)
- **creating activities** to do within the hostel for future guests and to enjoy together during the project!



## Program

The main group activity for volunteers will be divided into five parts, each followed by an evaluation of learning processes:

1. **BEGINNING:** starting with getting general information about your stay, getting to know each other and getting acquainted with mentors
2. **PLANNING:** gathering ideas, planning of the activities and, dividing tasks, setting the deadlines and preparing the action plan
3. **IMPLEMENTATION:** various activities for revitalizing the building
4. **CLOSING:** conclusion and evaluation in which we will present the project to the general public, organize an open day, write articles in different languages, review the competences we gained and evaluate the whole experience



**Collecting ideas:** in the time leading up to the project, we invite you to collect ideas for the activities – maybe getting some DIY ideas, checking hostels you know have an interesting program or have renovated their space in an interesting way. You can check out photos of the hostel here: <https://booki.ng/2kl12G>

## APPLICATIONS

### Who are we looking for?

We are looking for volunteers who are: active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible, pro-active and sociable persons. They enjoy working, have motivation to renovate and a basic level of English (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

According to the current conditions of entering Slovenia (due to the covid-19 epidemics), you have to fulfill one of the following conditions: to have been fully vaccinated, to have recovered or to have been tested no longer than 2 days before your arrival. The actual measures of the Slovenian Government also require weekly testing for those who have not been vaccinated or recovered.

The Participants must be between 18 and 30 years old. There is no other condition, so we're welcoming people with all social, geographical, economic, cultural, educational or other backgrounds. It does not matter your previous experience, if you have the motivation do not hesitate to apply and we will receive you with open arms. 😊

## Practical ARRANGEMENTS

### Travelling

**Arrival:** 17th November 2021 (before dinner at 18:00)

**Departure:** 7th December 2021 (after lunch 13:00)

### Money reimbursement // 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). From all airports you can find bus/train connection to Ljubljana (the Slovenian capital) and from there a one-hour bus ride to Idrija.

You can reach the location of accommodation in 10 minutes from the bus station in Idrija (the hostel's address is Ulica IX. korpusa 17).

There are shuttle buses available from all the surrounding airports by a company called GoOpti. It works like public transport, but is much faster and adaptable. So as soon as you will know your arrival time to sLOVEnia (let's say you are coming to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik airport) you can also book the GoOpti van directly to Idrija.

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.

Max. money for travel costs:

For travel distances between 10 and 99 km	20€
For travel distances between 100 and 499 km	180€
For travel distances between 500 and 1.999 Km	275€

Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

## Food and pocket money

**Money for food: 110 €**

**Pocket money: 84 €**

This is the money you can use during your stay to buy food and anything else you might need. The whole amount will be transferred to your bank account during the first days of your stay in Slovenia.

## Accommodation (Hostel Idrija)



**Run by the local young people for the (young) people from around the world.** The Idrija Youth Hostel is located within a 5-minute walk from the UNESCO protected historic town center of Idrija. It is housed in an old nunnery, today the home of a youth center and numerous youth programs.

Having travelled the world, our team understands the needs and wishes of travellers: **fresh linen and towels, hot shower, good food, free internet, friendly staff and relaxing atmosphere.** We offer no less!

You will be staying in rooms with other people and share bathrooms and kitchen with them.

More photos and **information:** <https://booki.ng/2ikL12G>

## Venue (Idrija Youth Center)

The project will take place in the building in which you will be accommodated. The Youth Center Idrija is located in another part of the same building as the hostel we will be working on. We believe this is a great opportunity for you to experience the hostel as visitors and get even better ideas about what would be needed or pleasant to make the stay of future visitors more enjoyable.



## General information and safety

**Police:** 113

**Ambulance:** 112

**International code for Slovenia:** 00 386

**Youth center phone number:** 00 386 51 231 049

**Hostel phone number:** 00 386 40 808 022

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World War:** Slovenian Partisan Printing Workshop, Partisan Hospital Bolnica Pavla

**Natural heritage:** the lake of Divje jezero, Upper Idrijica 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.**