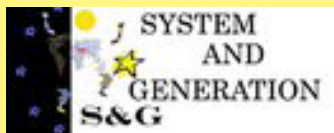


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VOLUNTEERING IN SYSTEM&GENERATION

System and Generation Association considers volunteering and especially the involvement in the EVS program as an effective tool to stress the European identity among young people. Our participation in youth projects gave us high motivation to further work on related projects. The precious experiences, which volunteers gain through their service, create a sense of solidarity and European unity within them. EVS volunteers are seen as a valuable part of our team. Our main objective is to assist young people in their personal development and to obtain new skills and contribute in their formation. We put emphasis on individual progress because we believe that it is vital for the future to have gained knowledge through non-formal education. The experience to live abroad and to discover another country and a different culture are essential in becoming a responsible European citizen. Furthermore, as a sending organisation our aim is provide young people, in our community, giving them the chance to experience other cultures within Europe. It is a crucial importance for the youth to

get an understanding for different cultures and mentalities of people in order to put down barriers and prejudices. Since Turkey has been a candidate country for the EU for a considerable time and currently is in accession period, it is essential to finally rethink the countries profile and reputation to the rest of Europe.

As Turkey is the melting pot of European and Asian cultures, it is especially important to provide youngsters with the unique opportunity to experience the atmosphere of the bridging country. Turkey, as cosmopolitan country, offers the possibility to live within an International community and to feel and get to know the traditional customs, which determine people behavior and attitudes, at the same time. Since religion still plays a considerable role in society, volunteers can gain an unrivalled insight and understanding for Islam.

S&G began to host short and long term EVS Volunteers in 2009. So far, the organisation has been hosting ten EVS volunteers for 3 months, ten EVS volunteers for 9 months and currently it is hosting 10 long term EVS volunteers. As a coordinating organisation, S&G

has successfully sent 7 EVS Volunteers to European Countries. Additionally, by facilitating the sending of five Turkish Volunteers, S&G has proven its capability to function as a sending organisation. We believe that we have the necessary potential and experience to work as a sending, hosting and coordination organisation.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Many people think of volunteering as an altruistic act of giving. In fact it is, of course, an extremely worthy thing to do. We want our volunteers to be ready to work efficiently and put effort into their occupation. Their main motivation should be to contribute to the well-being of society and serving the community. Moreover, he should be interested in our area of operation. We welcome anybody in the organisation, who is willing and motivated to work in the youth sector. Besides, we wish to give disadvantaged and handicapped youngsters the opportunity to experience the pleasure of volunteerism. The applicant will have the possibility to use his talents and further develop his skills through out the activities.

 **More information here:**

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● ACTIVITIES IN S&G



● YouthCaravan in Aydin.



● Shaking hands with Anna Lindh Foundation.



● EVS Presentation in Izmir.

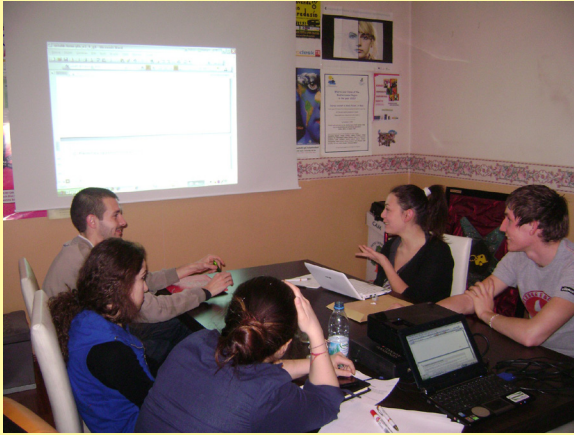


● Exposition in Izmir. Down, police radio with the new volunteers.



● Youth Caravan in Izmir. Right, meeting with EVS volunteers in the same city.





● Meeting in S&G office.



● NGO's fair in Ankara.



From 7th to 11th March S&G's EVS volunteer from Germany Rasmus Randig participated in the "Model of the United Nations Turkey 2011" in Antalya. For 5 days young people from all over the world acted as delegates representing a country in one of the United Nations committees like Security Council, SOCHUM (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Council) or SPECPOL (Special, Political and Decolonization) amongst others. Topics like "Co-operation between the United Nations and Security Organizations in Euroasia" were discussed and resolutions to these topics adopted by the young delegates. Rasmus represented Colombia in the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) where he could participate in the debates on "Co-operation between the United Nations A Security Organizations in Euroasia" and "Contemporary Armament In the Gulf Region and Its Implications for Peace and Security of the Middle East".

● MID-TERM in Antalya



● Volunteers listening to the guide in Aspendos.



● Drawing what the experience means for you...

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NEW ARRIVALS...

Freshly arrived on February 28th at the airport of Ankara, my French voluntary colleague and myself let us not have time to think hard that the duty calls us. Having eaten our first Turkish meal with our guardian (very good food but extremely copious, first sign of the Turkish generosity), direction Izmir where waits for us our first meeting to the EGE university by means of the youth caravan about which I had so often heard when I turned on this EVS.

After the various conferences and being presented to us in front of the amphitheater of the university here we are in the heart of the matter, to welcome the students near the caravan to discuss and exchange with them on the voluntary service and answer their questions. The contact was very easy with most of them with whom I got on as if I knew them for a long time. Regrettably, I was not able to discuss with the totality of them, because of the language barrier. I had to direct those who spoke in no way about English towards other volunteers because for the moment I know only some Turkish words.

I hope to improve by the next meeting to be able to exchange with everybody. Finally, I very quickly felt comfortable and I thought I would have more difficulty of adaptation because, let us not forget it, the day before I was still in France! That is why, for the first one, hardly arrived and without being really prepared, I consider that this first meeting with the youth caravan was very positive. I finished the day exhausted by so many kilometers crossed in two days, but happy to have arrived finally in the host country of an EVS for which I wished since a so long time. While waiting for the next, I know what I have to make: work my Turkish **...by Nicola**

The day of my arrival, after 5 hours of planes and 1 hour of my first Turkish diner, I leave Ankara from Izmir and these 8 hours of buses..

A bad idea don't you think? Not really, it's even all the opposite. In deed this journey and the conference was the best way to integrate me quickly.

In 2 days I have met a lot of peoples, started talking Turkish, saw specificity of the culture (the free drink in the bus, it's amazing !) and started a kind of multicultural dialog. It's what i expected when i arrive here and i'm not disappointed **...by Mickael**



FUN 'EVS



EVS Volunteers from all parts of Europe met in Antalya on the mid-term for five days to share their different experiences in Turkey.

The 'Flying caravan' because doesn't run, fly!

The next month you will have to guess a new riddle. Don't hesitate to contact here: ig.youthcaravan@gmail.com.