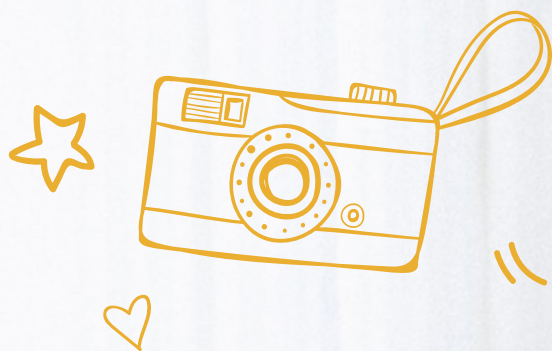


EU Solidarity Corps Occupational Strand PHOTO & VIDEO CONTEST



THE WINNERS

ABOUT THE CONTEST

The contest started on May 2019 with the aim of communicating the project, its finalities and results through the life stories of the project participants.

In the meantime the idea to launch a social media contest encouraged the building of the participants sense of belonging to European Solidarity Corps, through the sharing/circulation of the different experiences in the project.

This important heritage has been offered to youth, employers, and citizens interested in the project social goals through the Facebook Social Media channel.

Beatriz, Cristina, Fabian, Silvia, Julia, Kristina, Luca, Margaux and Marta participated in the contest and took us across the Europe, sharing with us their emotions, their thoughts, challenges and perspective for the future.

All their contributions are kept in the social media contest [Facebook page](#) **ANPAL for European Solidarity Corps - Occupational Strand**. Find there all winners creations.

THE PROJECT

(2 MAY 2017- 30 SEPTEMBER 2019)

The social media contest has been carried out under European Solidarity Corps: Occupational Strand project, funded by the Community programme EaSI (European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation) 2014 – 2020, in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps Initiatives, launched by the European Commission on December 2016.

The project has been implemented with the aim of providing opportunity to young people (aged 18-30) to find a job or a traineeship with a duration of minimum 2 and maximum 12 months in one of the 28 EU Member States, in public or private organizations, in the solidarity sectors: education, health care, social integration/social work, environmental protection, emergency and disaster management, food aid.

It is coordinated by ANPAL (Agency of Ministry of Labour and Social Policies – EURES National Coordination Office) in partnership with Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, EURES National Coordination Offices of Spain and Slovenia, Città Metropolitana Roma Capitale/Capitale Lavoro, DIAN Greece, VOLUM Romania, Time4society Belgium, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bulgaria, DG Immigration and DG Third Sector of the Ministry of labour and Social Policies, Eurodesk Italy, Unioncamere and EURES Italian network.



The end of a great experience that was just beginning

BEATRIZ BARBERO MARTINEZ WORK'S

The author

Beatriz is a Spanish social worker, selected to get a traineeship of six months in Milan, at Joint Social Promotion Association. This association works in the field of youth mobility and international volunteering programs.

About her experience in the project, Beatriz says:

“*This traineeship made me understand how this type of experience can change people's lives by giving values, knowledge, curiosity and made me aware that what I wanted is to give young people the same opportunities that I had.*”

Work description

These 2 photos were taken during the annual meeting of Associazione di Promozione Sociale Joint (Milano) where I did my ESC internship.

The annual meeting of the Association arrived at the end of my experience and was for me a key moment. Reflecting about the 6 months that I was there, talking sincerely with the people that I met and I worked with, making a personal and shared evaluation of my work gave me the capacity to understand what I wanted to do for my future. Now I am in Spain, working in an association that I have founded with other people, continue working in the youth mobilities and volunteering field. This traineeship made me understand how much this kind of experiences can change people's life giving values, knowledge, curiosity. and made me conscious that what I wanted is to give to young people the same opportunities that I had.



My experience with European Solidarity corps project

CRISTINA REYES WORK'S

The author

Cristina is a Spanish youth worker, she got a traineeship experience of three months in the European Solidarity Corps at Inco, in Molfetta (Italy). This is a No profit Organization working to promote mobility abroad, contacts, exchanges, training, education and meetings at international level, to support mutual tolerance and intercultural sensitivity among young people and adult and to foster the unformal process of European integration in our community.

About her experience in the project, she tells:

“My experience with this program was amazing ... It was one of the best experience of my life if not the best.”

Work description

My experience with this program was amazing...It was one of the best experience of my life if not the best. I met wonderful people and I really enjoyed my project. I am really grateful to my Eures adviser in Lecce and also to my Coordinator from Inco Molfetta who gave me such a great opportunity. I'd like to thank also to my friends who signed this consent in order to participate in the contest and to my new Georgian flatmate. Now I live in Granada, Spain, but still surrounded an intercultural environment.



A banana for more public awareness

FABIAN RICHTER WORK'S

The author

After studying social sciences, international relations and intercultural exchanges in Germany and Romania, Fabian, a German participant in the project, got a traineeship of six months in Belgium at the Fair Trade Advocacy. This is an Organization that leads the Fair Trade movement political advocacy at European Union level and contributes to the strengthening of the political advocacy capacities of the global Fair Trade movement. About his experience, Fabian says:

“*The opportunity to work at the Fair Trade Advocacy Office (FTAO) was obviously a chance that combines my experience and personal interests. To make our world a better place in my opinion Europe needs the right balance between raising public awareness, and regulations that are working not only for a few Europeans, but for all people and the planet. In my current position I'm not only able to create a network in a very valuable environment but moreover also shaping interests and developing work and language skills that no school and/or university had ever taught me before.*”

Work description

Dear Europe, after having studied in Germany and Romania, focusing on social sciences, international relations and intercultural exchange, it became clear to me that I do want all the intercultural, political and social aspect to be integral to my future job(s).

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Thank you #EUSolidarityCorps for making this happen!



From Brussels to Copenhagen to meet Grundtvig, the father of adult education!

SILVIA TURSI WORK'S

The author

Silvia is an Italian participant in the project. She has been selected to get a traineeship of twelve months in Belgium at the European association for education of adults. This is an European NGO whose purpose is to link and represent European organizations directly involved in adult learning. EAEA promotes adult learning and access to and participation in non-formal adult education for all, particularly for groups currently under-represented.

Work description

From Brussels to Copenhagen to meet Grundtvig, the father of adult education!

Memories from the General Assembly and Annual Conference 2019 of the European Association for the Education of Adults.



Going Bananas for Fair Trade

JULIA HEBRON WORK'S

The author

Julia is English, she is getting a mobility experience of five months in Belgium at the Fair Trade Advocacy, an Organization that leads the Fair Trade movement political advocacy at European Union level and contributes to the strengthening of the political advocacy capacities of the global Fair Trade movement. Julia has recently begun her traineeship and in the first few months of her experience she says:

“*I am excited to take this opportunity because I want to contribute to creating a more sustainable planet, both in and outside of Europe.*”

Work description

I recently started working at the Fair Trade Advocacy Office as a Communications Trainee in Brussels, an opportunity offered through the European Solidarity Corps. I was excited to take on this opportunity because I want to devote my passion for communication to a career that allows me to contribute to creating a more sustainable planet, both in and outside of Europe. I have only been here two months but it's been an amazing learning experience so far. I've had the chance to influence communications policies in the office, develop new skills, contribute towards making the world a more fair and sustainable place, meet people from all parts of the Fair Trade movement, and work with assistants from all over Europe. I look forward to continuing to learn and, as a young European citizen who feels strongly about the power of international cooperation and collaboration, want to make the most of the opportunities given to me by the EU! This experience has solidified my determination to devote my career to a sustainable future for people and for planet.



Cass, 22, UK

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My traineeship experience

KRISTINA VIDOVIC WORK'S

The author

Kristina is a Croatian participant in the project, she got a traineeship in Bari (Italy), at Eurosud, an organization offering support, services and counselling in the area of civil society and democratic institutions development, civil values, and non-formal education for all citizens (especially for young people). After her traineeship of six months, she found a Job as project manager in Bari.

About her experience in the project she says:

“*I highly recommend this experience to everyone who wants to challenge him/herself in order to reach great results in international environment with great support of Ms. Greco, locally adviser...!*”

Work description

Video materials created in Polignano a Mare, Ostuni and Alberobello in which Kristina Vidovic is talking about her experience.



Working and harvesting in the camino verde social project! Construction work, agricultural job, ecological goals

LUCA JEAN BELLOMO WORK'S

The author

Luca is an Italian participant in the project. He has been selected for a six months traineeship in France at Accro Adventures, an Organization working for the development and environmental awareness and preservation of the nature through activities in contact with the forest.

About his experience he says:

“My traineeship in Spain was the most beautiful work experience I ever had, I meet incredible people and I learn a lot !! About myself and i get various skills in a lot of dimensions”.

Work description

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Construction, agriculture, animals, peoples, team work, languages.

Those traineeship are opportunities to learn in each work field, thanks to all the people which are working to realise dreams of others!!



The chance and responsibility to be a young European

MARGAUX ROZE DES ORDONS WORK'S

The author

Margaux is French and joined the European Solidarity Corps, doing a nine months traineeship in Belgium at the Fair Trade Advocacy, an Organization that leads the Fair Trade movement political advocacy at European Union level and contributes to the strengthening of the political advocacy capacities of the global Fair Trade movement.

About her experience she says:

“Because I speak several languages, I traveled somewhere in Europe, I felt sometime more European than French. However, making me realize than being 25 'in Europe in 2019 is not only a chance, but even more a responsibility. I believe this is our generation's duty not only to enjoy the Europeans, but to fight for a sustainable and fair European society, with Solidarity at its core”.

Work description

Because I speak several languages, studied and traveled a lot in Europe, I have always felt very lucky to be European, and to some extent I felt sometime more European than French. However, campaigning with the Fair Trade movement in the context of the European Elections, made me realize than being 25' in Europe in 2019 is not only a chance, but even more a responsibility. I believe this is our generation's duty not only to enjoy the privilege of being European, but to fight for a sustainable and fair European society, with Solidarity at its core. I also realized It is not an easy task, but I was lucky to meet highly committed and passionate people, who were source of inspiration and hope. I am also glad I could work with great colleagues and friends. As we were 3 trainees in the FTAO team to benefit from the EU solidarity Corps program, we decided to do the #solidaritycontest together, in a more cooperative than competitive spirit. In the end, I think this picture summarizes very well my experience here: serious advocating and campaigning for public good with still lots of fun, love, and smile!



My Experience in European Solidarity Corps: Occupational Strand

MARTA DE BONIS WORK'S

The author

Marta is among the first participants who took part in the project, she is Italian and in 2017 she was selected to get a six months traineeship in Fair Trade Advocacy: an organization that leads the Fair Trade movement political advocacy at European Union level and contributes to the strengthening of the political advocacy capacities of the global Fair Trade movement.

Work description

"For me the European Solidarity Corps means being a European citizen but especially an active citizen" look the Marta De Bonis video on her professional and human experience with our project!



