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LONG TERM
VOLUNTEERING PROJECT
ALTAMURA - ITALY



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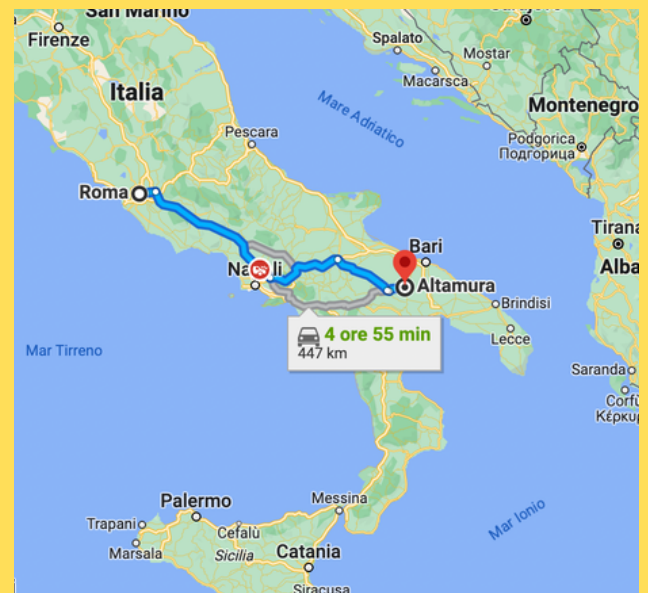
Altamura



Altamura is a town and comune of Apulia, in southern Italy. It is located on one of the hills of the Murge plateau in the Metropolitan City of Bari, 45 kilometres southwest of Bari, close to the border with Basilicata. As of 2017, its population amounts to 70,595 inhabitants.[

The city is known for its particular quality of bread called Pane di Altamura, which is sold in numerous other Italian cities. The 130,000-year-old calcified Altamura Man was discovered in 1993 in the nearby limestone cave called grotta di Lamalunga.

Altamura is about 20 km far from **Matera**, a city that lies on the right bank of the Gravina river, whose canyon forms a geological boundary between the hill country of Basilicata to the south-west and the Murgia plateau of Apulia. The city began as a complex of cave habitations excavated in the softer limestone. Matera's Sassi is a Unesco heritage site since 1994. Matera was also the European Capital of culture in 2019.



WHY



Associazione Link APS was established in 2003 with the aim of promoting intercultural learning and values such as solidarity and active citizenship. Since its birth the association had youth as its main target group, focusing on local and international volunteering and mobility as an opportunity for growth and non-formal learning. Link carries on different cultural activities and since June 2019 manages the Community library in the city of Altamura called **Agorateca**.

The staff is made up of 8 workers, 2 trainees, 4 European volunteers and a variable number of local volunteers.



Link works for the promotion of European programs, youth mobility and non-formal education programs. It has carried out projects for young people, operating as a hosting and sending organization in youth exchange, training courses, seminars and strategic partnership projects.

At the local level Link has carried out campaigns and information days with teachers and students and has stimulated the creation of informal groups and youth associations implementing youth participation projects.

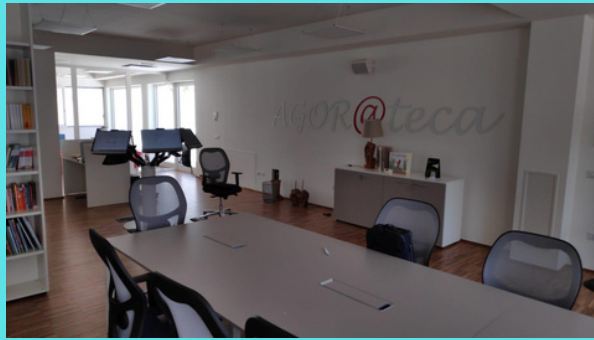
.Link is accredited as EVS SO, HO, CO organization since its creation. We are hosting volunteers all year long, for long and short term projects and volunteering teams.

Link got **Erasmus+** accreditation and hosts/sends groups of youth all over the year.

Moreover, under the same accreditation, organizes professional development activities.



Altamura



Community library Agorateca is located next to the school “Tommaso Fiore” in Altamura. It is a public space which is connected to the school, to allow pupils and teachers to use the multi-functional space, but also open to public. Agorateca has both the basic function of a library, but also it wants to be a space which encourage **participation** of the population and **active citizenship**. The library is located in a peripheral and less privileged area of the city.

Agorateca offers the organization of cultural events, book presentations, concerts, theatrical performances, artistic workshops. In the external area of the structure there is an urban garden, which allows the implementation of social agriculture projects, environmental education and active participation in the redevelopment of urban places. Agorateca also hosts a youth web radio called **Agoradio**.

The volunteers will support all the activities organized by the team:

- support the basic activities of the library, (front office, the cataloging and loan books, management of the study room);
- carry out language teaching courses, organize support and manage workshops and promotion activities for reading dedicated to children, teenagers and adults;
- setting up cultural events to be hosted in the Agorateca premises;
- take care of the vegetable garden, construction of outdoor furniture with recycled material.
- work on the production of podcast for Agoradio web radio.

The volunteer will also help in the international activities of the organization:

- hosting groups of volunteers
- hosting international meetings with partner organizations;
- hosting youth exchanges and preparing groups going abroad.

MOCH

The **profile** of the requested volunteer is from 18 to 30 years old, familiarity with the use of the computer, Internet and management of social networks. We also appreciate abilities in the use of photography and video/audio production and editing. An important feature is flexibility, enthusiasm and the desire to DO and EXPERIMENT with ever-changing contexts, with a basic knowledge of the English or/and Italian language.

Housing: volunteers will live in a big apartment shared with other volunteers in the city of Altamura very close to the train station. T Volunteers will stay double rooms (no single room available), the flat has a common space (living room), 3 bathrooms, a kitchen where the volunteers are able to prepare meals on their own. The house has an independent heating system. There is a washing machine. The volunteers is obliged to take care of the house and all included furniture and objects. It is the responsibility of the volunteer to clean the house.

Financial conditions: the funds of the ESC program cover 100% of the accommodation, give a pocket money to the volunteer which amounts to 5 euros per day and around 140 euros for food per month, offer a health insurance that reimburses medical expenses during the project and provides language training on a digital platform.



WHEN

LONG TERM

We have one placement from October 2023 to April 2024. Standard duration is 6 months but it can be negotiated a longer duration up to 9 or 12 months. A second placement open from January 2024 on with the same conditions regarding the duration.

SHORT TERM AND VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

Link is also hosting during 2024 several team projects and short term individual programs. If you are interested you can ask for more information writing to esc@linkyouth.org

APPLY

Application should be sent through the portal
https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/27075_en

DEADLINE:
14TH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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