

ESC IN THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FIELD

INFOPACK



HOST ORGANIZATION: GUARDAVANTI

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 2023 -
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WHERE: VARESE, ITALY



Who we are



The association **GuardAvanti: per il futuro dei bambini** is a non-profit organization, founded in 2011, involved in the international cooperation field, promoting the integration of cultures, a constructive coexistence in solidarity and a more equal and sustainable future through projects mostly in Italy and some abroad.

Guardavanti collaborates with partners in Italy and with some countries in Africa. The exchange of knowledge and experiences allows the creation of fruitful projects enriched by the mutual learning process.

The core for Guardavanti is the will to go beyond the categories of “rich” and “poor”: the organisation operates both in developing and developed countries, supporting projects around fair trade, economic self-development and emancipation from poverty. The organisation, based on the encounter of believers and non-believers of different nationalities, is free from political, ethnic and religious associations.



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In **Italy** GuardAvanti is active on global citizenship education in all levels of schools and:

- supports international campaigns,
- manages sponsorship,
- organizes fundraising campaigns
- does social media communication

Abroad GuardAvanti is active, in particular, in Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Zambia, in the field of education and sustainable development.

In addition, we've been hosting European volunteers since 2018.



Project context

Based in Lombardy, a region in the North-West of Italy, Guardavanti has headquarter in Villanterio.

The volunteers will live and work in Varese, where they will experience a mix of remote working and full team meet ups. The volunteers will be asked to work in many different locations for the needs of the project (like Somma Lombardo, Milan, Pavia, etc), they will have to frequently travel in the Lombardy region and be flexible to implement the various activities of the organisation.

They will work along with the staff in Italy, mostly remotely and they will be supervised by and in contact with the other staff members of the association who live abroad. In this way the volunteers will experience remote working that is now becoming mainstream. For the implementation of the association's activities, the volunteers can be asked to work frequently with other organisations and people outside the association.

Both Varese and Somma Lombardo are served by **public transport** and connected with Milano. This proximity allows to combine the possibility of living in a country town, and to experience life in the city of medium (Varese) and large size (Milan). By train you can also reach the beautiful Lago Maggiore in 20 minutes.

Somma Lombardo is a nice town with a city life rhythm characterized by different intercultural events and weekly events (market, concerts...).

Varese is a larger town, better connected to Milano and with a lot to offer culturally and socially.



ACTIVITIES

INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN ITALY

Interactive workshops in schools mainly in the provinces of Varese, Milan and Pavia.

Volunteers will support the educators in the conduction of laboratories in schools of all levels on the theme of interculturality and integration of students of foreign origin; interactive training sessions on the stereotypes commonly attributed to migrants from the mass media and other topics of education for global citizenship.

Activities in town: ESC volunteers will collaborate with locals to organize activities for the integration of different ethnical communities living in the area. The volunteers will have the chance to know other associations and will participate or can be promoters of partnership initiatives.

ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The ESC volunteers will take part in the organization of the events that the association usually carries out to promote its activities, including participation in local fairs with activities dedicated to children (creative makeup, animation, balloons, installation of a banquet with sugar yarn).

The volunteers can then brainstorm new promotional activities, contributing in first person to the visibility of the organisation in the area. The volunteers could also propose their own projects and ideas.





SUPPORT IN WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT:

Translation of the association's website: volunteers might be asked to translate together with high school students and volunteers the website of the association in several languages, including their mother tongue.

Management of GuardAvanti social networks: volunteers might be asked to write articles and create content for the social networks of the association in Italian and English. In particular, about ongoing projects and campaigns, sustainability, global citizenship, international cooperation, human rights, fair trade, critical consumption, world news, songs and proverbs from the world.

SUPPORT OF PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

In case of ongoing international project, volunteers might be asked to participate in the activities planned in Italy around projects abroad (for example awareness, communication, organization of events). Volunteers could support the project manager from time to time in the phases of needs analysis, planning, monitoring and reporting. The activity may also be carried out in a language other than Italian, depending on the institutional donor and the project partners.

VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE



- **open minded, respectful, proactive, positive, attentive to details;**
- knows how to use **Microsoft 365, Google Docs, social media;**
- flexibility to adapt to possible changes;
- willing to do office and administrative work;
- willing to work with children, young people, and in intercultural context;
- motivation and determination to learn more;
- communicative and sociable;
- interest in ESC, Erasmus+ and their promotion;
- intermediate knowledge of English; big plus knowledge of basic Italian.

ACCOMODATION AND SUPPORT

A pocket money of 5 euro per day for month will be provided plus 160 euro a month for covering the food expenses.

Volunteer will have an insurance provided by the program.

You will share a flat in Varese, with **double** rooms, bathroom and kitchen. The accommodation is provided by the hosting organization: Guardavanti. You will live in the apartment with other Italians and ESC volunteers.

The travel expenses will be reimbursed on the basis defined by the European Commission.

An online italian language course will be provided.

Volunteers should bring with them their laptop.

TIMETABLE

Volunteers will work from Monday to Friday with one hour lunch break, for maximum 35 working hours per week. Plus availability to work during weekend in case of festivals and events.

Volunteers will work for 5 days per week, with 2 consecutive days off (normally Saturday and Sunday).

Volunteers will get 2 days of holiday per month (possibility to use them with 15 days' notice before).



How to apply

Please send your CV and motivation letter to **apply.esc@associazionenoborders.org**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted back to have an online interview.

Instagram: Guardavanti [@guardavanti.onlus](https://www.instagram.com/guardavanti.onlus)

Associazione No Borders: <https://associazionenoborders.org>

