



Galbiate (Lecco), Italy

09/03/26- 08/04/26

ESC TEAM at the **Hostel Parco Monte Barro**



OSTELLO
Parco Monte Barro



ASSOCIAZIONE DI PROMOZIONE SOCIALE JOINT

WHO ARE WE?

Associazione Joint is an association based in Milan, active since 2003.

We offer international mobility opportunities and non-formal education to young people.

We are the coordinating organisation of this project.

We handle the selection of volunteers, prepare the necessary documents, and provide the initial and final trainings.

Outside of this project, we are also involved in activities related to the Erasmus+ Programme, such as the European Solidarity Corps (including ESC Teams), international youth exchanges, training courses, and more.



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RISE

ROAD TO INCLUSION AND
SOLIDARITY IN EUROPE

RISE is the title of a series of projects developed by **Associazione Joint**. RISE is part of the program European Solidarity Corps (ESC), more specifically **ESC Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas (VTHPA)**.

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas (VTHPA) are large projects enabling short-term, impactful volunteering to tackle key EU societal challenges. They promote solidarity by engaging youth and organizations in quality activities that strengthen cohesion, democracy, and citizenship in Europe. VTHPA focuses on priorities like including disadvantaged youth and improving waste management.

In the Monte Barro project, these principles support healthy living, green practices, and assistance to people fleeing conflicts or disasters.



Where the volunteering will take place?

Legambiente Italy is the main environmental organization of Italy and since 1980 has been working with national administrations and local communities for the implementation of sustainable practices.

In 1988 opened local entity Legambiente Lecco with the main focus on ecology, sustainability, and tourism.

In 2013 Legambiente Lecco started their biggest project: the management of an eco-hostel in the middle of a regional Park - Ostello Monte Barro.

Ostello Monte Barro will be your hosting organisation in the project and the main place of the activities.





The Hostel Parco Monte Barro

The Hostel Parco Monte Barro is an eco-hostel led by Legambiente Lecco based on environmentally sustainable values. It is located in the middle of **Monte Barro Regional Park**, situated at **750m** above sea level.

The hostel is located in an **ancient hermitage**, with only a small church from the 16th century being left of it. The local facilities consist in 1) the above-mentioned church (rarely open), 2) the hostel itself, 3) a bar-restaurant, which is open only for lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and 4) an archaeological museum.

Being in a hermitage means that we will be **isolated**: we will live in a very beautiful and **natural environment**, far from the city life.

BASIC INFO

When: 09/03/26 – 08/04/26.

Requested departure: 4th April

On arrival training: first 2 days.

Who: 12 volunteers aged 18–30.

Pocket money: 17€ a day (the traveling expenses, visa and insurance costs are NOT included).

Accommodation: Triple or double rooms with an inner bathroom.

Activities: Volunteers will have activities 5 days per week with one hour lunch break, for maximum 36 working hours per week.

Days off: Volunteers will have 2 days off per week (Saturday & Sunday).

Vacation: The project includes an additional 2 days of vacation at the end of the project, which will be combined with the last weekend, so for better internal management, volunteers must leave the hostel on April 4th. The pocket money will still be paid until the April 8th.

Meals – only vegan or vegetarian: Breakfast (Italian basic – sweet breakfast) + Lunch + Dinner (lunch and dinner will be prepared by the volunteers with the support of local chef). Any additional food or beverages will be at the volunteer's own expense.



Activities

In the first days of the project you will have on arrival training when you will learn more about the rules, the hostel, the daily tasks and the other volunteers in order to create a familiar space where everyone can feel comfortable together.

Most activities will take place at the Ostello Monte Barro venue. For any activities held at other locations, the hosting organization will arrange and provide transportation. Activities will take place indoor and outdoor and might be in any weather conditions.

The activities will focus on green practices in contact with nature, linked to healthy and eco-friendly lifestyle. There will also be meetings with the local community to learn more about their sustainable practices and share your experience.

Please note that if you are working or studying and need to dedicate time to those commitments, you will not be able to join this project.

The project requires your full availability: activities may take place in the morning or in the evening, and you are expected to be flexible and present for the 6 hours of daily activities as well as for additional tasks during your free time when needed, time to rest and quality time together as a group.



Activities

Working with animals:

- the campaign for the preservation of toads;
- local self-production;
- farm trip.

Learning about the area:

- **ex:** trekking activities.

Caring for the group and the place where we live:

- transfeminist workshop;
- manual, artistic, creative activities on recycling and reuse.



More useful info

Galbiate is 45 minutes walk and Lecco an hour and a half.

There is no public transport, so you can move around on foot, or by bus (line D55 connects Galbiate and Lecco from monday to saturday).

If you want to join places here around during your free time, we ask you to be independent cause car lift are guaranteed just for the activities trips.

Free WI-FI will be available at the main areas of the hostel. Once you arrive at the venue, we will provide you with the password and other information.

Please note, internet connection might not be stable due to the high altitude of the place or weather conditions.

Towels, sheets, and a hairdryer will be provided. Each person may request only one change of sheets in the middle of the month. Volunteers should bring their own personal toiletries. There is a washing machine, there will be sustainable guidelines for use it.



We kindly ask you to bring:

- Volunteer should bring with them European Health Insurance Card (EHIC “blue” card).
- Warm clothes! We are in a mountain environment;
- Comfortable hiking or sport shoes;
- Working clothes, something that can get dirty (we have some just in case);
- A reusable water bottle to keep with you;
- It would be delightful if you would bring some typical (and vegetarian) food from your country to share with the other volunteers;
- Positive attitude! :D



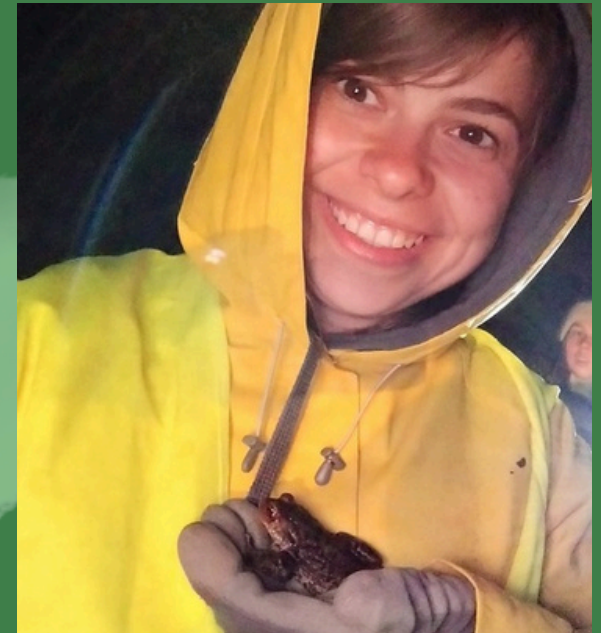
Volunteer profile



- aged 18 to 30;
- legal resident or citizen of an EU country;
- interested in living in an isolated area;
- ready for activities with farm animals or toads;
- open for physical or manual work and “get hands dirty”;
- ready for trekking experiences;
- ready to follow vegan or vegetarian diet;
- ready to cook for yourself and others;
- ready to share private spaces with the team
- be open minded;
- positive and peaceful attitude;
- flexibility to adapt to possible changes;
- proactive and respectful;
- ready to go out from comfort zone, experiment, and explore;
- at least intermediate knowledge of English.

Gallery

Previous editions of ESC Team



Role of Associazione Joint:

Coordinating organization, responsible for selecting candidates, on arrival training and bureaucratic matters (activity agreement and pocket money).

Associazione Joint:

IG page: [associazionejoint_milano](#)

Role of Ostello Monte Barro:

Host organization, responsible for managing activities on site.

Monte Barro: <http://www.ostelloparcobarro.it>

IG page for the volunteers: [@barro.team](#) and one for the hostel: [@ostello_barro](#).

**Please, send your CV and motivation letter to apply.esc@associazionejoint.org
Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted back
to have an online interview.**

More about ESC: <https://youthforeurope.eu/european-solidarity-corps>