

# YOU CARE – YOU SHARE 2.0

## European Solidarity Corps



### WHEN? WHERE? WHO?

**When:** February 1st - March 28th, 2020

**Who:** 15 people in total 3 volunteers per country from Portugal, Italy, Poland, Latvia and Bulgaria.

**Where:** Sumy, Ukraine

### WHAT IS "YOU CARE - YOU SHARE 2.0"

According to the demographic studies 15.32% of Ukrainians are people over 65 years old, which is around 6.9 million of the population in general. The country takes the first rank in the world in terms of the natural decline of the population. Around 91.000 of youngsters in Ukraine are in orphaned or are educated in the specialized establishments for children with disabilities. During recent months the situations have worsened due to an unstable economic and political situation in Ukraine. Thus, we would like to focus on those categories of people who need extra support and care.

Last two years the Hosting Organization ["CENTER FOR EUROINITIATIVES"](#) works in promoting volunteering and empowerment of young people through the net of charity events.

A short-term volunteering project "YOU CARE - YOU SHARE" which was successfully implemented in 2018 showed the high demand of the group volunteering projects. "YOU CARE - YOU SHARE 2.0" is a result of the cooperation between 6 organizations from Portugal, Poland, Italy, Latvia, Bulgaria, and Ukraine.



The project's idea is to engage European youth into developing a charity campaign in the city of Sumy which aims at organizing events for disadvantaged youth, children from specialized establishments and elderly house made in the cooperation with local volunteers, Network of school euroclubs, CEI Volunteering Club. European volunteers will team up with local volunteers and work jointly at all stages of the project. The mixed team will develop the project from scratch to the stage when it requires minimal coordination and is sustainable.





## HOSTING ORGANIZATION

NGO "CENTER FOR EUROINITIATIVES" (CEI) — is a public nonprofit organization, created on the principles of voluntarily participation, human rights, freedom of speech, common interests, self-government and equality of rights for its members, as well as for the protection of our legal interests, rights, and freedoms.

Goal: To assist in the reformation of Ukraine in accordance with European standards, to introduce democratic values, and to develop civil society in Ukraine using educational and informational methodologies.

[CEI Youtube Channel](#)

## PARTICIPANTS

The project "YOU CARE - YOU SHARE 2.0" was created for active people who are interested in working with children, volunteering and helping people. CEI always encourages volunteers to develop new activities, own initiatives and ideas as long as they are in the framework of the project. We require no specific skills, but happy to have flexible and creative people. Also, we do not require any professional qualifications, but rather interest and enthusiasm.



We are searching for young people who:

- ❑ are 18-30 years old;
- ❑ are enthusiastic and energetic;
- ❑ are eager to learn, enjoy working with youth and full of creative ideas;
- ❑ \* Strong organizational skills are considered very useful as the ability to communicate in English, and be willing to study either Russian or Ukrainian (as not all people they will work with speak English). In addition, people with singing, dancing, playing musical instruments skills are welcomed.



Moreover, volunteers:

- ❑ should be comfortable living on their own;
- ❑ be able to adapt to new situations;
- ❑ have good problem-solving skills;
- ❑ work and live in the mixed groups of volunteers from different nationalities that will have their project at the same time at CEI.

CEI doesn't mind to involve volunteers with fewer opportunities into the project and ready to accept such applicants with:

- ❑ Economic obstacles;
- ❑ Geographical obstacles;
- ❑ Educational difficulties

The project is inclusive and it is open for all interested people, who are under the demands of European Solidarity Corps volunteering projects.

## VOLUNTEERS' TASKS



The main product of the project "YOU CARE - YOU SHARE 2.0" is to organize the set of charity events in for the youngsters in the orphanages and specialized schools as well as for adults in the elderly house together with the local volunteers and the school Euroclubs members.

During the project the volunteers will learn how to organize and manage charity initiatives, promote their campaign among the local community using various means and methods, learn from their peers and also from the local volunteers, meet new culture and get to know the basics of the language, develop and grow as a personality with the sense of initiatives and compassion.



In the frames of the project volunteers are proposed:

- ▶ to organize various workshops and activities for children and young people;
- ▶ to conduct sport and active games;
- ▶ to promote European values and active citizenship, civic responsibility, community service,
- ▶ to distribute ideas of Europe, a friendship between people and peaceful coexistence;
- ▶ to lead kids groups;
- ▶ to teach leadership skills to youth and provide them with knowledge about EU, European integration;
- ▶ to promote cultural diversity and break stereotypes about the volunteer's countries;
- ▶ to explain and operate with the basic concepts of tolerance, mutual respect, sense of responsibility particular in relation to the world, human rights;
- ▶ to promote voluntary service among local youth;
- ▶ to organize entertainment events;
- ▶ to fulfill volunteers' blog and FB pages of the organization.

## **WHAT WAS BEFORE "YOU CARE -YOU SHARE 2.0"?**

The similar project "YOU CARE -YOU SHARE" was implemented last year in Sumy community by the group of volunteers. From one side project activities of both European and local volunteers were aimed at working with deprived children and adults. As the result they got a glimpse of different European cultures, overcame their uneasiness and benefit in a variety of different ways from both European and Ukrainian volunteers. From other side the activities of EVS volunteers were aimed at raising European awareness through conducting different workshops, meetings, fundraising activities and performances. Additionally to it, the volunteers promoted active citizenship through encouraging local youth in development and implementation of local actions and local projects.

## PROJECT VIDEO "LET'S ВОЛОНТЕРИТИ"



The project idea had a great potential in terms of learning opportunities and intercultural dialogue for all the participants of the project as the Ukrainian population.

In the video there is the view of the participants to the idea of volunteering. The promo video was made by the group of young local volunteers aged 12-15.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOQWwN\\_9qC4&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOQWwN_9qC4&t=4s)

## PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

**VISA PROCEDURE:** EU citizens do not need to make a visa for crossing the border of Ukraine and can stay in the country up to 90 days. As the project is 2 months, for the crossing of the border volunteers will need:

- a valid international passport;
- the invitation from CEI (volunteers will be provided by the scan of the invitation);
- Cigna Insurance;
- good mood and motivation to make a great thing for the local community :)

**TRANSFER TO SUMY:** You can get to Sumy from 3 main airports in Kyiv and Kharkiv: Boryspil International Airport; International airport "Kyiv" (Zhulyany); Airport "Kharkiv".

There will be the instruction letter with the transfer information to Sumy.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers will live in a shared apartment, which contains all necessary things for a living: a washing machine, a fridge, bed linen, kitchen utilities and kitchenware available for cooking, Wi-Fi router or will live in a Students' campus with the shares rooms and common kitchen.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** In the CEI office, there is a separate room where the volunteers may prepare for their activities, language clubs, etc. There is Wi-Fi there so if volunteers have a possibility we would recommend you to bring your laptop or a tablet for personal use. It is better if you have your own laptop in order to work at home.

Volunteers may use the technical equipment available at CEI to prepare for your activities. The activities themselves will take place in different locations.





## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

According to the European Solidarity Corps Programme Guide, each volunteer will get the coverage (or reimbursement) of the travel tickets in both sides:

- for Portuguese participants - 530 euro;
- for Polish participants - 275 euro;
- for Italian participants - 360 euro;
- for Latvian participants - 275 euro;
- for Bulgarian participants - 275 euro.

All volunteers will get:

- pocket money (3 euro per day),
- money for food (100 euro per month),
- local transport (10 euro per month).

The volunteer's allowance is given in the 1st week of each month in Ukrainian currency.

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## STAFF SUPPORT

**COORDINATORS:** During the whole process of the project, each volunteer will be supported by 3 coordinators - SENDING, HOSTING, COORDINATING. The HOSTING coordinator will provide volunteers with task-related support. The OFFICE MANAGER of CEI will provide volunteers with practical support during their stay in Sumy in the frame of the project.

**MENTOR:** Volunteers will be assisted by experienced mentors from the local volunteers. CEI will try to choose the mentors according to your interests and age.





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**All general matters of the project will be followed by partner organizations involved in it.**