

FURRYTALE

Youth Exchange
21. - 29. September 2022

Call for participants from
Slovenia, Serbia, Spain and Moldova

If you are interested in...



- Expressing a compassionate attitude towards animals and contributing to animal welfare and protection
- acquiring and consolidating social skills in an intercultural setting through creative artistic and outdoor activities and social games
- carrying out activities to raise public awareness of the care and welfare of animals, i.e. video production activities, creating video content aimed at raising public awareness about animal welfare
- Staying on the farm where we will have a direct contact with the animals and help with the chores.
- visiting a shelter, an asylum for animals, and theoretically learn about the basics of animal rights legislation

...and much more, then read further :)



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About the project

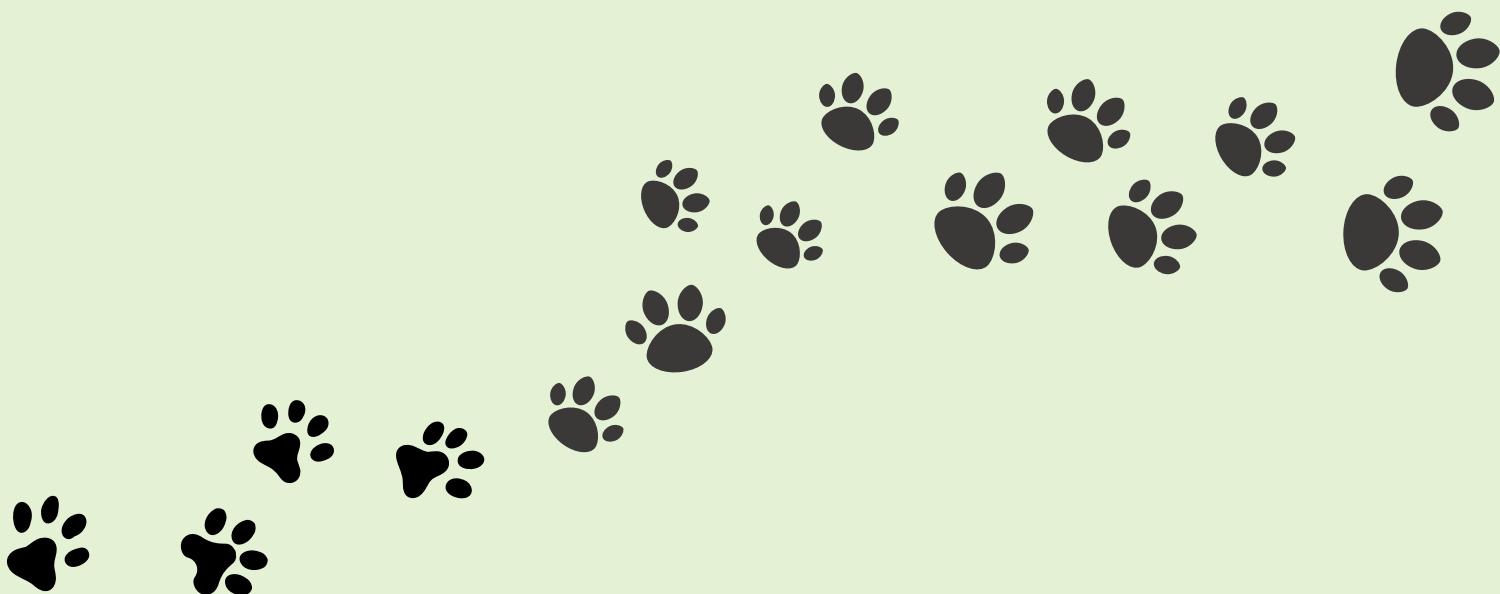


Animals need to be treated better than they currently are, and with our project, we want to show young people a respectful, responsible and compassionate attitude towards animals. In a world where the capitalistic mentality prevails, and everything must be produced fast and in big quantities, companies often uncompromisingly maximize their profits, often forgetting about social responsibility and sustainable development. The collateral damage is a huge amount of violence and torture and disrespect for animal rights.

Due to the economic regulation and fast-paced lifestyle, it is difficult to find a place for compassion and responsibility and respect today treatment of animals, so we want to create this space with our project.

The issue of animal protection is most urgent in the fields of the meat industry, pharmacy, cosmetics, etc. where the animals are treated as means for generating a profit. Animals are exploited in experiments or suffer a similar fate where they are exploited or tortured. The attitude towards animals as pets is also problematic, which results in an ever-increasing number of abandoned animals (dogs, cats and other pets).

With our project, we want to address the problem of abuse, torture and irresponsible treatment of animals, more concretely these are the issues of animal testing, disrespect for the rights of animals in the economy, poor care, torture, discarded animals etc. Together with the participants, we want to creatively address these problems, point them out, talk about them and to look for improvements and possibilities for a better tomorrow. We want to support young people in their desire to help animals, we want to help them encourage a compassionate attitude towards animals and show them a responsible way of treating them. We want to show them what ways they are possible for a better, higher quality and fair way of life for all beings in harmony with nature.



Participants profile



The most important for us is your motivation. The project aims to gather 25 participants from 4 different countries.

We are looking for:

- 5 participants between 18 and 30 years old from each of these countries: Slovenia, Serbia, Spain and Moldova; in addition, 1 youth leader per country is welcome to guide a group (this person can be also above 30 years old);
- have enough understanding of English to be able to follow and participate actively;
- are interested in the topic and have a desire to learn more about it;
- are willing to fully participate throughout the whole youth exchange of 7 working days:
- Ready to share the results of the youth exchange upon return home (on personal and organization's social media, write an article for local media, information among friends etc.).

Venue

The youth exchange will take place on beautiful Homestead Paternoster (Breg pri Litiji) 42 km from the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. They have a camping site, glamping houses, common space for groups, shared bathrooms, and toilets. They have various animals, and own production of cheese and honey.

There are many nice places to visit nearby.



Logistic, financial conditions and sustainability

All the costs are covered by ERASMUS+ programme. We will cover all essential costs of the program (including accommodation, food, and travel costs up to a maximum amount per country).

Travel costs reimbursement up to:

SERBIA: 180 eur per participant

SPAIN: 275 eur per participant

MOLDOVA: 275 eur per participant



READ CAREFULLY!

Travel reimbursement costs will be made through your sending organization and **ONLY** on base of all the proofs after the youth exchange (tickets, boarding passes etc.).

We encourage you to travel as environmentally friendly as you can. Preferably taking buses, trains (we are aware this is not possible in some cases, especially if you are coming from Spain and Moldova). Do not purchase any of the tickets before consulting with Voluntariat!

For those travelling by plane: we encourage you to check the nearby airports Zagreb (Croatia) or Venice (Italy), since the tickets and connection to Ljubljana are usually bad and expensive.

Food: The meals will be vegetarian. We will take care for the participants with allergies or intolerances and vegans :)

Travel: All selected participants will get an infosheet with detailed instructions on how to get to the venue and there will be assistance available regarding finding the best travel options.



How to apply?

Registrations can be made directly by clicking
HERE

The **deadline** for applying is **1st of September 2022**.

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, do not hesitate to contact us on info@zavod-voluntariat.si.

