

SIW International Volunteer Group

EVS- Project Description

Bulgarije: Eco-center Vlahi

Theme of the project: Environment

Date of the activity: 01.February 2008 until 01.February
minimum 6 months, maximum 1 year
Application deadline: 20th of October 2007

Project language: English
Local language: Bulgarian

The project: The project's aims to develop an eco-center that is going to be an environmental demonstrational and educational center.

Eco-center Vlahi will serve as:

- Center for environmental education for children, pupils, students, organized tourist groups and individual tourists as a form of eco-tourism;
- Informational and demonstrational center for the sustainable use of the natural resources for the local community and tourists;
- Center for trainings, debate and seminars on topics related to eco-tourism, environment, biodiversity, sustainable development, and renewable energy for NGOs and CBOs.

The Eco-center is located in the village of Vlahi, municipality of Kresna, southwestern Bulgaria, at the foot of the Pirin mountain.

Work: The volunteer will be involved in: support the preparation of information materials about the Eco-center and updating the web-page of the center; development of the programs for environmental education on different topics and for different target groups; coordination, participation (when possible) and stimulation of the meetings of the Eco-Working group of volunteers in CVS-Bulgaria; fundraising for the Eco center; support the Eco- center Manager with the coordination and supervision of the finishing of the reconstruction process, maintenance of the building and the garden, and organisation of different events;

The volunteer is supposed to be occupied 80% (32 hours a week)

Holidays - 2 days a month and all official Bulgarian holidays. The volunteer will be working together with a the proeject team and an american volunteer from the Peace Corps.

Volunteer profile: 21 - 30 years old. Nature lover and environmentally aware enthusiast, who can live in a small community, Interest in developing eco tourism. Previous experience in environmental associations or in environmental education for students or tourists is an advantage.

Living conditions: rented apartment in Kresna town. Pocket money, Food and transportation according the EVS program. Accident insurance.