



INVITATION TO EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

DESIGN THE FUTURE

1. 3. 2017 – 31. 1. 2018

RAKIČAN, SLOVENIA

PARTICIPANTS: 2 PARTICIPANTS (18-30 years)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English

In addition to Slovenian, most people in Slovenia speak English.

EXCHANGE DURATION: 11 MONTHS (2 TRAVEL DAYS INCLUDED)

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: ROMANIA (Asociatia Zury), BULGARIA (Association for CULTURAL, Economic, Heuristic and Linguistic Cooperation)

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The EVS project comprises conservation of cultural and natural heritage through creative industry. We wish to create additional opportunities for young people in order to offer them a chance to gather valuable working experience and get to know the aspects of cultural and natural heritage in detail.

Our organization RIS Mansion Rakičan is situated in a mansion that dates back to the 15th century. Despite regular maintenance work the mansion is in need of extensive reconstruction (inside and outside work). In addition, a nearby chapel will also be the object of reconstruction, as it has lost its original splendor and charm and is an integrated part of the mansion.

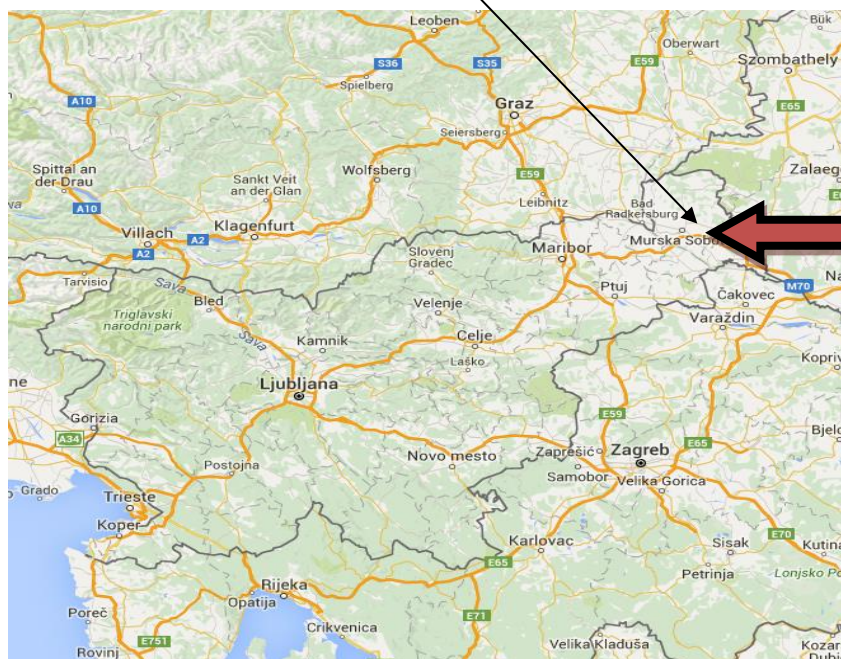
The project will involve two young volunteers aged from 18 to 30 years who are interested in cultural heritage, creative industry, architecture, landscaping, design, etc.

The project will provide volunteers with the opportunity to be actively engaged in society in order to further their creativity and ingenuity through their own ideas regarding the reconstruction of the mansion. They will gain new knowledge and skills and gather practical experience that will be useful in their future careers. During the formation of the project idea, volunteers will have the opportunity to experience the culture of our region, our habits, language, cuisine, etc.

A working opportunity abroad, whether it is a long-term or short-term stay, represents a valuable experience. Therefore, we will encourage young people to engage in such programmes and at the same time try to create the appropriate conditions and content so young people from other countries will be able to join the Slovenian EVS programme in the Prekmurje region (Region of Slovenia).

LOCATION:

LENDAVSKA ULICA 28, RAKIČAN, 9000 MURSKA SOBOTA, SLOVENIA (Rakičan is approximately 3 km away from Murska Sobota).



NEAREST CITY:

The nearest as well as the largest city in Pomurje region is Murska Sobota (Pannonian Slovenia). Approximately 3 minutes away from Rakičan (by car).

Population: 19.313



Located in an area extremely rich in natural thermal spas, this town boasts a beautiful Renaissance castle and a wide range of delicacies from the surrounding Prekmurje region.

ACCOMODATION:

The EVS will take place in the Mansion Rakičan (located approximately 3 km from the nearest city - Murska Sobota; 3 minutes by car or 20-30 minute walk). The venue features 54 beds arranged in rooms of various sizes. All of the rooms are equipped with private bathrooms with shower, internet and TV. A washing machine and a dryer are available. In addition, the mansion offers the usage of a kitchen including standard kitchen equipment for meal preparation (provided by our organization, no costs). The participants will also have the option to eat at local restaurants (own costs). Heating is provided in all rooms.



PARTICIPATION COST:

All expenses are covered (travel expenses, accommodation expenses, food, drinks and activities). Volunteers will not have any additional expenses during their stay. Sightseeing, excursions to nearby villages etc. is optional and at their own expense.

POCKET MONEY: 85,00 EUR per month for each volunteer

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:

Romania	275,00 EUR
Bulgaria	275,00 EUR

TRAVELLING MEANS (arrival and departure to Mansion Rakičan): By arrangement with your organization (sending organization from Romani and Bolgaria).

WHAT PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING ALONG:

- Valid ID/passport
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), every EVS volunteer also must be enrolled in the EVS insurance scheme (arranged by sending organization)
- Warm winter clothing as well as summer clothing (continental climate), sportswear, swimwear (spa resorts, cheap outdoor pools during summer, hiking trails)
- Laptop (optional), (free WI-FI at the venue)
- **Transportation receipts (bills/invoices for fuel and road taxes if traveling by car)**
- and A LOT of positive energy, enthusiasm and travel spirit! ☺

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- ideas for the reconstruction of the mansion and reconstruction proposals/suggestions
- nature study: learning about local environment and area (mansion's surroundings, its hidden corners, the historical park, equestrian center, etc.)
- interviews with park visitors, visitors of the café located in the mansion and the equestrian center
- the focus of the complete are will be put on the renovation multipurpose rooms in the mansion and the park that is lacking visitors and is in need of revitalization
- familiarization with regulations and restrictions regarding the renovation of Mansion Rakičan (the mansion is under cultural heritage protection)

The Mansion Rakičan also features a café and Equestrian Centre Mansion Rakičan.



OFFICIAL CURRENCY: EURO

WEATHER: <http://www.accuweather.com/sl/si/ljubljana/299198/daily-weather-forecast/299198>

WEBSITE MANSION RAKIČAN: <http://www.ris-dr.si/>

Neighboring countries (from Murska Sobota):

Croatia: capital city: Zagreb (168 km)

Italy: capital city: Rome (942 km)

Hungary: capital city: Budapest (289 km)

Austria: capital city: Vienna (226 km)

For questions contact us by email: info@ris-dr.si

See you in March in Mansion Rakičan! We are looking forward to your visit! 😊

