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GOING ABROAD

NEW FRIENDS

NEW LANGUAGES

PERSONEL SKILLS

NEW CULTURES

SOCIAL COMPETENCES

- * **European Voluntary Service**
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**INFORM YOURSELF
HERE !**

www.systemandgeneration.eu
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PREJUDICES ALL OVER THE WORLD

When I was in Scotland , we spoke in our group about stereotypes and yes, it is true -everyone has it. You have prejudices for everyone – French, Spanish, German, Japanese and Turkish.

They are different like you and you don't know them exactly, so you hearing of the prejudices. It split up the society and with this attitude we haven't got a chance to grow up to a big community. But there is Youth in Action. During

adults have this view on the world and despise other cultures, the youth will have to opportunity to change it. But what is Youth in Action?



Youth in Action

Youth in Action is taken for civism, solidarity and democratic engagement in the youth. They want more mobility and collaboration in Europe, so they promote organizations which works with youth. The youth shall fancy the co-creation of Europe, so they create the solidarity and tolerance over the borders. You don't have to be rich or titled – it

doesn't care, which education, social rank or cultural backgrounds you have. You can be a part of the citizenship and can have a wonderful experience. One of the programme is European Voluntary Service.

<http://eacea.ec.europa.e>

<http://www.youthinactionri.org/>

EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

In the EVS you have the opportunity to work in a charitable project abroad. For you it is free, because this is the function of your host organization. You don't need language skills of the country, because they will teach you. EVS promote the solidarity , the active european citizenship and the mutual understanding of young people. You will learn new skills, a new language and a new culture – and you will meet a lot of new friends. Take a look at these video. It will show you how to do a EVS in just nine steps:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7jdJkRUc7M>

One of these organizations which offer the EVS, is system&generation in Ankara, Turkey.

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/european-voluntary-service_en.htm

<http://www.evsguide.eu/evsguide.ht>

<http://www.europeanvoluntaryservice.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Discover-the-EVS-European-Voluntary-Service/139995199358271>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Voluntary_Service



SYSTEM AND GENERATION

System and Generation Association was established in 2008. Our organization aims at making young people integrated with the society, encouraging their entrepreneurial spirit, helping them acquire knowledge and qualification, getting them know young people from different cultures, empowering sympathy and tolerance, improving cooperation and encouraging European cooperation with young people, supporting the cooperation between the international institutions. System and Generation gets into the act about; increasing of economic growth, providing efficiency about increasing of production, sustaining the production, sustainability that cares socio-economic needs and planning that analyse the problems, and also with the belief of projecting process, considering co-working culture by reaching this target as the best way, combining the systems which made in EU and creativity of our citizens especially the youth. Our association has two web sites which are www.systemandgeneration.eu

Our association has joined more than 50 projects on youth field both in domestic and overseas, prepared projects, presented and carried out them since its establishment. Our "Future is Today; The Seminar of Holistic Approach to Youth Politics" Activity 5.1 project has been shown among the good application

examples by Turkish National News Agency. The link at the website of Turkish National News Agency is:

http://www.ua.gov.tr/uploads/genclik/2011/bestpractice/Eylem_1.3_5_1_proje_ornekleri_compendia.pdf

....making young people integrated with the society, encouraging their entrepreneurial spirit..."

The "The Caravan of You Youth There and Youth Here" Project, which was improved by volunteer youngsters of our association, has been prepared in order to enable the information sharing among the young in terms of EU Youth Programs and European Voluntary Service. S&G Youth Information Caravan, by going beyond its visiting 9 cities

decision, has been to 52 cities, travelled over 100.000 km and met thousands of young people; by appearing in more than two thousand issues both visual and social media, it has contributed to introduction of youth-based European opportunities. It is known as the most sustainable youth initiative project and shown as a good application example in many domestic and overseas international work. Under the skin of our S&G Youth Caravan Project, it's aimed at visits of universities and different education corporations in the cities they went, describing EU Education and Youth Programs and organizing informatory meetings in

which non-formal learning techniques were applied At the time of our project's **application**, foreign youngsters ,who were in our country as part of European Voluntary Service (EVS), also had some duties and made contribution. Youth Caravan was stated in a book published in Holland. <http://vimeo.com/30492330>

S&G
imaging the social systems
of yesterday and
today

can facilitate the
generation of fore-
sight in order to
build tomorrow.

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<http://systemandgeneration.eu/>

<http://www.facebook.com/systemgeneration?fref=ts>



PROJECTS OF SYSTEM & GENERATION

Let's go to Siberia

Training Course in Novosibirsk

08.04.2012—14.04.2012

Priorities :

- **European citizenship awareness**
- **Participation of young people in democratic life as active citizens**
- **Cultural diversity**
- **Inclusion of youth with fewer opportunities**
- **Workshops on Erasmus , Trainings and Youth Exchanges**



Youth for Youth

Youth Exchange in Sannicolau Mare/Romania

01.02.2012—08.02.2012

A Project which aims to make cultural meeting with the children from Romania, Poland and Turkey, by using a common ground "citizenship". Children from different countries gathered and made activities together in a Romanian elementary school

- **to develop knowledge and understanding about citizenship**
- **To promote the team spirit**
- **To develop intercultural and communication skills**
- **To develop cooperation and creativity**



Stairway to Europe

**Study visit in Virrat, Kokkola,
Kannonkoski, Finland**

10.10.2011—16.10.2011



- the aim of the Study Visit was to give the participants an overview of the work done at Finnish Youth Centers
- Gained the information about the Finnish Youth Centers role and tasks in the field of youth work services and about their working methodologies



- to contribute the quality of preparatory activities for a better EVS
- Prepare potential volunteers for EVS by getting them to learn what is European Voluntary Service
- Direct relation with active citizenship of any voluntary service

Active Link Exchange

**Exchange in Istanbul
& Ankara**

07.07.2011 –19.07.2011

- exchange was a great training for candidate EVS'ers who are preparing depart from France to Greece and Italy



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YOUTH AND FIRST CIVIL DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION

Overall objectives of the project were: 1.To increase the consciousness of young people as active citizens by the development of representative democracy. 2.To raise the awareness of young people about the political and social problems. 3.To encourage young people for active participation and involve them to express themselves effectively, during the preparation of a new constitution rather than being passive about the issue. 4.To inform the Turkish youth about the EU establishment principles and the preparation process of EU Constitution. **Specific Objective was to make contribution to the parts of the new constitution related to youth , which will be the first democratic and civil constitution of Turkey , by sharing experiences and suggestions with the help of 70 students from the universities from all over the country and young people from the universities located in Konya and 30 students from EU countries, such as our neighbor countries Greece, Romania and Bulgaria. 26th August - 1st September 2012, Konya**



Europe Day 2012, Ankara



NO VISA FOR EUROPE CONFERENCE



Visa Free Europe Conference was held by the attendance of more than 300 representatives from public and private enterprises, civil society organisations and academics on June 25th 2012 in Ankara. The S&G Youth Caravan undertook Mission of Raising Awareness and Advocacy for Visa Free Europe and started No Visa Campaign by being sent off to Bruxelles by Mr. Bağış, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator.

Networks

ALF



Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue Between Cultures. It is Euromed organization of 43 country and 4000 members.

We're Co-Coordinator of ALF Network in Turkey.



<http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/turkey>

ENYC



Europe Network of Youth Centres For International and Intercultural Learning.

We're full member and representative in Turkey.

<http://www.eycn.org/full-enyc-members>

WORLD NEIGHBOUR'S DAY



The initiative, originally set up in Paris in 2000, aims to foster community cohesion and create better neighbourhoods where people enjoy living. Across Europe, over 13 million people celebrated the day in 2013. We're representative of WND in Turkey

Volunteers

System and Generation is a sending, hosting and coordinating organization.



How to do EVS?

1- Where to Start: Let's Find a Hosting Organisation

Firstly you should check the European Database on EVS Accredited Organisations, [here](#). You should find a hosting organisation from that database in order to do EVS with them. While you search for a hosting organisation please be careful about project's theme.

After you decide about project theme and find a list of hosting organisations which have projects with related theme, you will also note the

contact information about organisations. You should try to ask them if they have free quota on their project.

2- How to apply? Do you need anything else

Although you have already found a hosting organisation for your self, it's not enough to apply to EVS. You also need a sending organisation which is going to take responsibility and make you ready for EVS. S&G is one of the accredited sending organisations. In this step, you're going to fill the volunteer application form (you can find at the top of the page - In quick links). S&G will sign a partnership agreement with your hosting organisation.

Before you depart for EVS, as your sending organisation, S&G will give a training to you about EVS, your rights, volunteering etc.

That's all!
And, so simple!

Volunteers that we hosted since 2008

- 2008-2011
- Nagy B. - Hungary
- Rumen R. - Bulgaria
- Manuela C. - Italy
- Francesco B. - Italy
- Marie M. - France
- Aurore W. - France
- Taiki K. - Spain
- Joaquin Gragera M. -Spain
- Malgorzata B. - Poland
- Kahrine M. - Germany
- Alejandro S. - Spain
- Argyris C. - Greece
- Dace Z. - Latvia
- Enikő M. - Hungary
- Julia A. - Germany
- Marton N. - Hungary
- Clovis G. - France
- Florin B. - Romania
- Idoia Gaston S. - Spain
- Thomas Tsikos C. - Greece
- Vincenza B. - Italy
- Laetitia P. - France
- Minella M. - France
- Sarah D. - France
- Mickael B. - France
- Nicolas N. - France
- Sara S. - Italy
- Marina B. - Italy
- Rosalia V. - Italy
- Rasmus R.—Germany



S&G(2008-TR-30)



- 2012 JOIN OUR JOURNEY
- Eirini Giankou—Greece
- Melania Berbatova—Bulgaria
- Kristina Filipova—Bulgaria
- Svitlana Sveta Bodoya—Ukraine
- Juliane Tholen—Germany
- Youness Zerhouni—France

Volunteers View

Juliane Tholen is 19 years old and from Germany. She will stay at S&G for two month (December-January). These are her first impressions:

If you have a look at the „9 steps to EVS“-video, you know how I came to System & Generation to Ankara. I have chosen Ankara because I spend my holidays in Turkey a few times and I loved it. But now I want to know what Turkey really is like. Before my arrival I could ask Gürkan everything I wanted. He was ingenuous and tried to answer all my questions. When I arrived, it was the same feeling. Two volunteers picked me up from airport, took me to the flat and cooked something for me. They were receptive and friendly and took me to the office where everybody extended a warm welcome to me. Everyone was so close to each other and they incorporated me in everything. It seemed like they were a big family but when I mentioned that, they told me, some of them are there only for a few weeks and not everyone knows each other that good. That would be a part of their culture.

The office also seemed like an open place for everyone. It is a meeting point for the volunteers, for the youth – for assembling and talking with each other. In these ten days I am here, I met a girl from Slovenia, two girls from Finland, a boy from France and a girl from Syberia. Everyone wanted to know more about the culture of the others and was open-minded for the their habits. As we said during the introduction, everyone has prejudices. So do Germans. If you ask a German, what a Turk is like, he would answer, that they are violent and loud and that the women need to wear a headscarf - in my case: they drink Turkish apple tea.

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„For coming volunteers and those who are interested: Do it!“

As for me: Apple tea is nothing but a tourist attraction. They drink tea, but it is turkish black tea.

And that is what is EVS stands for: to eradicate such prejudices and be open for a new culture.

In my opinion the EVS is a great possibility to get more open-minded for everyone. The early days were very hard, because it is a big conversion to speak english all the time and to get along with so many new people. But all of them supported you and

reason with you because none of them speaks it fluently either. And that is how it came to us speaking with hands and foots. You will learn to be more confident as a person, with your language, with your air.

For coming volunteers and those who are interested: Do it !

You will get to know people all over the world, you will acquire new languages, get personal skills, intercultural competence and cultural expressions.

You will gather experience which nobody can ever take away.

Then I came to Turkey and there were no violent or loud Turks. All of them were friendly and attentive.

And only the older women wore a headscarf; the younger Turks wear the same clothes like us.



My name is Svitlana Sobova, I'm 28 years old, I'm from Ukraine and I was EVS volunteer in S&G during two months from 1 of October till 30 of November

During two months of my volunteering I learn a lot, but the most important for me there are: how to apply for Youth in Action program, how to save time and resources with Google Docs documents for communication between members of team, how to plan my working time and also – how to cook Turkish tea and coffee.

For all volunteers who came and plan come to S&G I want to advise to open their mind for new culture and enjoy it! Spent more time with Turkish people and try to be useful for organization in general and local youth.

My first impression of S&G: very open, friendly and creative team of professionals who want to do this world more brightly and comfortable for young people.

I can't talk just about Ankara, because I traveled a lot in all Turkey, but I can describe by one word all cities where I was there: Ankara – mysterious, Abana – charming, Kastamonu – impressive, Istanbul – majestic, Bursa – ancient, Konya – friendly, Sakarya – beautiful. And Turkey in general – amazing.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7jdJkRUc7M>

Interview with Eirini Giankou

My name is Eirini Giankou, I am 26 years old from Greece and I was an EVS volunteer in S&G from the 1st of August until the 30th of October."

What was your first impression of S&G?

When I first went to System and Generation Association I was wondering what would I face, and the fact was that I saw a very warm environment with friendly people who welcomed me and who later on became my colleagues.

What did you learn there?

In System and Generation I learned how to work in a group, and how to cooperate with unknown people on social and very important matters. Also, I learned that if we really wish for something we first of all have to persuade

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ourselves that we can and we will do it.

How was your time in Ankara?

Ankara is a city of contradictions, full of high buildings and beautiful green parks that offer a nice environment. Furthermore, it has many great historic places such as the Mustafa Kemal Anitkabir and the castle that give the opportunity of sightseeing.

Moreover, Ankara has a lot of commercial Malls

and cafes/bars that make foreigners feel like home!!



What did you want to advise the coming volunteers?

"I would like to say to the incoming volunteers that they should

never be

prejudiced about Turkey and its people! Turkish people are extremely hospitable and friendly! Also, Turkey is a place that everyone wants to live

in it!! I know it's hard to understand it now, so they should come and see for themselves!!

Enjoy your stay guys!! And live every moment of it!!!!

Interview with Melania Brebatova

My name is Melania Bebratova, I am 18 years old and I'm from Bulgaria. I did my EVS in S&G from August 5 to October 5 2012

What was your first impression of S&G?

Everybody is working hard and people appreciate personal ideas and initiatives.

What did you learn there?

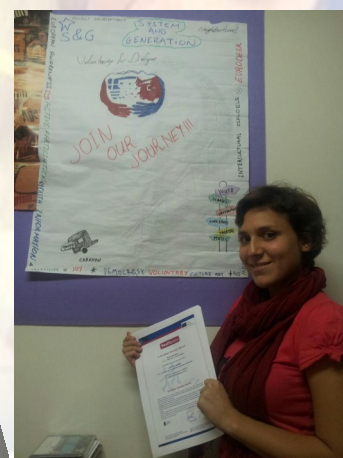
To work in a team, how to be organized and responsible and how to have fun while being in the office.

"...spend your free time in nice atmosphere and people are surprisingly nice to foreigners."

places where to go and spend your free time in nice atmosphere and people are surprisingly nice to foreigners.

What did you want to advise the coming volunteers?

I'll advise the coming volunteers to take the best of the opportunities they have at S&G.



How was your time in Ankara?

Ankara is a city with a lot of students and young people, so there are a lot of





&G Gençlik Bilgi

System and Generation has a lot of plans and visions. They want to improve the world, want to give the youth of Turkey mobility. They represent all interests of youth .

They give you a home and treat you like a friend of many years, like a family member. They give turkish volunteers the opportunity to go abroad and they give a lot of foreign volunteers the chance to be a part of the turkish culture.

Trace the visions and plans of System & Generation and maybe you will be a part of this organization soon and will be a part of one of this projects.

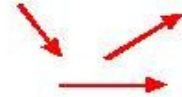
Thank you for every help and thank you , that I can be a part of this organization.

All the best !

Thank You



System and Generation



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CLUES

Name of the organization ?

Director of S&G?

Project for mobility?

Magazine of S&G?

Short form of "European Volunteer Service"?

City of S&G?

Country of S&G?

The project "Youth in Youth" was in.. ?

EVS- Coordinator?

The "Captain" ?

The project "Stairway to Europe" was in .. ?

Means of transportation of S&G?

Airlinemagazine?

Game to show the 9 steps of EVS?

Project, where all two comes, two new volunteers are coming?

Project "Singing on the train"?

Street of Office?

Main provider of information on European policies and opportunities for young people?

S&G= Intercultural learning laboratory... Zannetta Halászová

S&G - this a launch platform for the youth on the path to personal and professional success - svítlna sobova

With one step in a small office, you feel that you have a new family who changes your life. Secil Alaca

It is supporting and promoting young peoples active citizenships - Funda Baytekin

S&G is more than an association, it is somewhere you feel as comfortable as at your home. Nihal Erís

