



Project Title: Balkan Hot Spot

Short description of organisation:

"United Societies of Balkans" is a NGO created in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a group of motivated young people with rich experience about volunteer programs, social awareness and vision to mobilize young people, their involvement in volunteering, their awareness around social issues and access to knowledge.

Main objectives of the organization are:

- Break down prejudices and stereotypes among Balkan countries.
- Determine and multiply the specific cultural elements of our societies.
- To build bridges of healthy cooperation between the countries of the Balkans and Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe.
- To become involved with minorities and immigrants.
- Promote human rights, solidarity and respect for diversity.
- To promote the values of non-formal learning, volunteering, active citizenship and democracy to create a better future for the European youth.

Short description of EVS project:

Through the Balkan Hot Spot project, the volunteer in cooperation with the youth of the local society and of the other volunteers of our organisation will have the opportunity to create a space of free expression and communication of young people, always within the context of the subjects, the principles and the goals of the Programme "Youth in Action".

More specifically volunteers will undertake the management of the web TV, web Radio, blog and library of the organisation, as well as they will gather informative material about the area of Balkans (music, books, movies). Thessaloniki European Youth Capital 2014 is the perfect context which will provide volunteers with increased educational opportunities and experiences.

Balkan Hot Spot project offers EVS volunteers the opportunity to be trained in New Media and more specifically:

- a) In creating and managing the organization's blog by writing articles and taking photos (usbngo.wordpress.com).
- b) In creating radio shows for the organization's internet radio, USB Onair (www.usb-onair.gr).
- c) In creating and editing videos, which will be uploaded to USB's internet channel on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/ngoUSB).
- d) In managing the library of the office.

The organization has a mentor, whose responsibility is to guide and help the volunteers in their daily life and their function in the organization.

Volunteers' responsibilities will be to

- 1) Organize and develop the web-Radio station.
- 2) Broadcast radio programs, which focus on cultural activities, youth social issues, and organization's activities.
- 3) Create music playlists, for the radio.
- 4) Organize and develop the web-TV station.
- 5) Create videos, focusing on cultural activities, youth social issues, and organization's activities.
- 6) Write articles about their personal experiences as volunteers, but also about cultural activities, youth social issues, and organization's activities.
- 7) Take photos, covering organization's activities, but also other events held in the city.
- 8) Participate in seminars, so that they will develop more skills and capacities.

Date and Place

September 2014 – June 2015

February 2015 – November 2015

Thessaloniki, Greece

IF YOU WANT TO COOPERATE WITH US, PLEASE SEND YOUR INTEREST TO OUR EMAIL VOLUNTEER@USBNGO.GR AND INFO@USBNGO.GR FOR FURTHER PROCESS

DEADLINE FOR IS 22rd Of September!!