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On the Road Onlus Associazione

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Location	Martinsicuro (Italy)
Theme 1	Anti-discrimination
Theme 2	Gender equality

Project environment

Motivation and EVS experience

Our organization has been working on human trafficking, exploitation and modern slaveries mostly involving immigrants at local, national and European level.

We would like to participate at European Voluntary Service for the first time (as coordinating organisation to both host and send volunteers) to increase and enhance our activities at the European level and make our workers, our young volunteers and the community we live in aware that they are all European citizens and encourage them to reflect on the European dimension we daily deal with.

By this programme we would like, on a hand, to raise awareness among young people living in our local community about human rights and discrimination and, on the other hand, we want to encourage them to reflect on topics related to discrimination based on gender, on ethnic grounds and on poverty and on the European dimension of such issues.

By this project will would offer the volunteers (both hosted and sent) an opportunity to better understand a reality that involve even the "neighbouring/other Countries of the world", as countries of origin or as like a transit or final destination of the people victims of trafficking, and the problems related to trafficking, such as discrimination, racism, exploitation of human beings. Volunteers (both sent and hosted) will be offered a place for interaction with local communities where they will be asked to play an active role in the promotion of solidarity and tolerance. As regards to the host project, by participating in operating activities, the European volunteers will have the chance to increase their knowledge and interact with On the Road workers, victims of trafficking and local community in a multicultural context. As regards to sending project, our organization aims at facilitating young people living in our community to have a long staying abroad as volunteers, which is a chance to acquire a European dimension and a personal development which will reflect on our local community. We aim at the multiplier effect of sending

projects on our territory: we want the volunteers to promote solidarity, tolerance and multiculturalism among young people living in our community in order to encourage them to be active citizens and contribute to create a better society.

In such a way, our participation in EVS wants to facilitate the sharing of ideas, information, practices and to facilitate young people the opportunity to identify and share common values and work together in spite of their cultural and linguistic differences. So we think that EVS project will have a very positive impact on our community.

Description of the organisation

On the Road Association has been operating since 1990 through intervention in prostitution and trafficking of human beings for the purpose of sexual and labour exploitation, with a particular focus on migrant women and minors, often victims of trafficking organised and managed by criminal organisations. The association has also widened its fields of action to other and new issues such as marginalization, poverty, violence towards women, homeless and refugees and asylum seekers. On the Road develops structured activities and services directly addressed to the people affected by such forms of exclusion, with an approach based on the promotion and protection of individuals' rights. The volunteers of the Association began the work - which is still being done on-site - in the streets, in particular the Strada Provinciale Bonifica and on the Adriatic coast between Marche and Abruzzo Regions. Over a long period, the Association has been widening its range of action, beginning interventions in other areas of the Marche and Abruzzo Regions, and in the Molise Region, in collaboration with local organisations. From direct intervention on the street and the first steps towards assistance and shelters, the action of the Association has developed into a real network of opportunities and aid structures including, counselling, sheltering, legal assistance, social and job insertion, as well as building up an official network of different public and private institutions. On the Road also works directly with migrants to reduce the discomfort connected with marginalisation and to increase their possibilities for self-protection, liberation from various forms of violence and exploitation, and to offer programs of social and job insertion, of autonomy and self-determination.

Towards this end, stable and structured services managed by trained professionals and volunteers have been established: outreach units; drop-in centres; various types of shelters; information sessions, orientation, counselling and training regarding sanitary, legal, educational, and psychological issues; vocational guidance and vocational training courses, "Practical Training in Enterprise" and other job insertion programs are also offered.

Great effort has been invested in the following activities: networking, awareness raising and self-esteem of the target, territorial and institutional involvement, promotion of the policies in the sector, training, research and publications.

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