

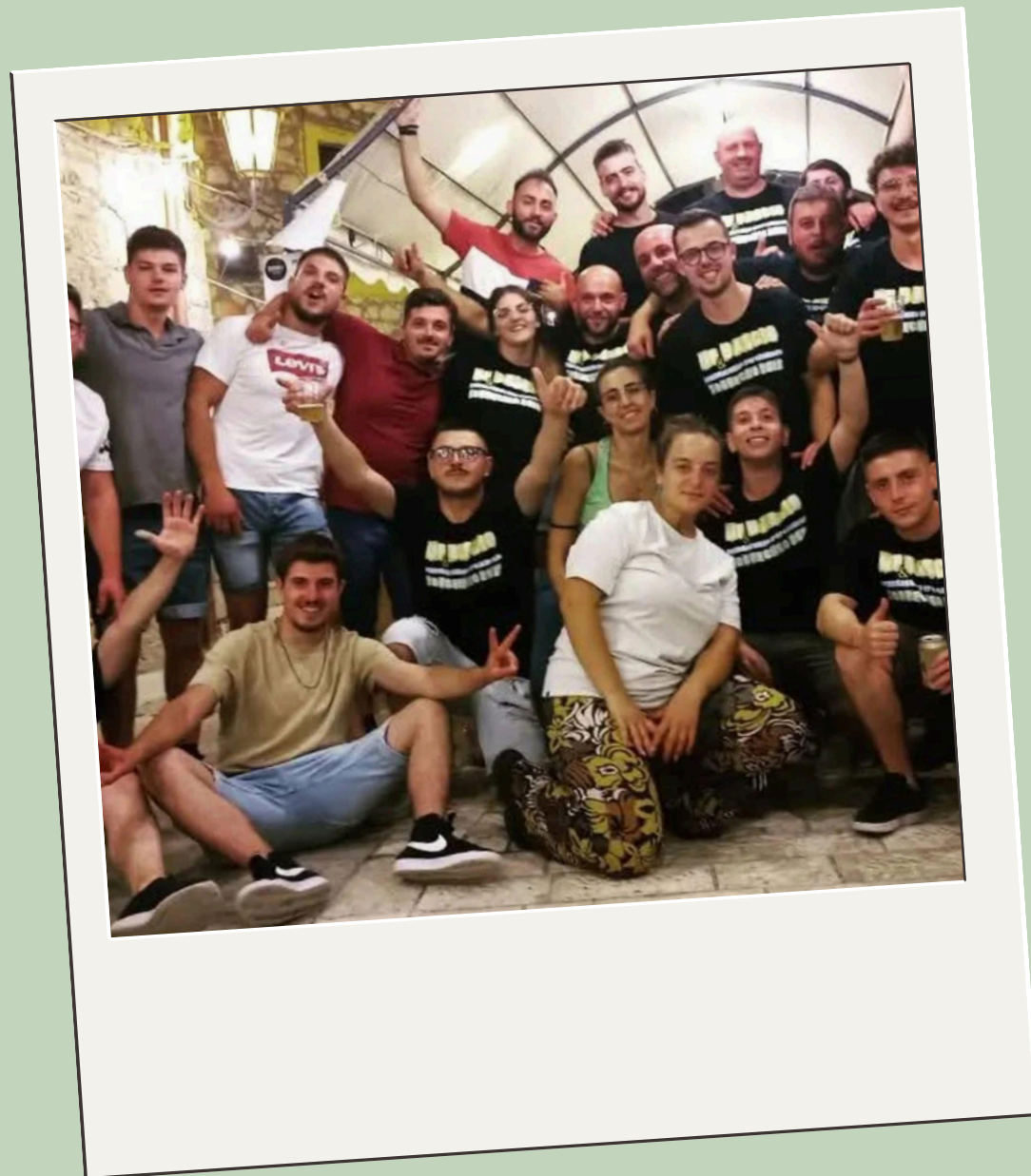


ESC OPPORTUNITY - GRAMIGNA



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Introduction



Gramigna APS is an Italian association based in Torrecuso, that promotes urban agriculture, social inclusion, European projects and sustainable development. We work with young people, adults and local communities to generate social impact in rural areas. Our work focuses on local communities and international youth initiatives, with a particular focus on rural areas.

Through constant work to improve the social inclusion of marginalised people and combat socio-economic injustice, we seek to create a fairer society where young people have more opportunities and can experience a European dimension.



Gramigna has been accredited to the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programme since 2018. So far, we have sent volunteers abroad as a sending organisation, but now, we want to host volunteers who will collaborate in Gramigna's daily activities, from social farming to actions related to environmental sustainability, ecological awareness, and community support.

We have been working since 2015 and our experience has allowed us to develop several training courses and projects regarding youth entrepreneurship, soft skills for people leaving in rural areas, social inclusion through agriculture for migrants and people marginalised. We have several partners and stakeholders at national and European level.



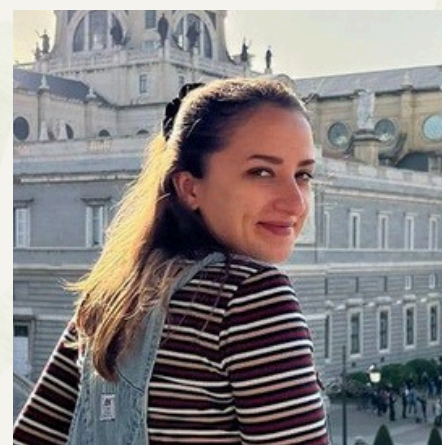
Our team



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President



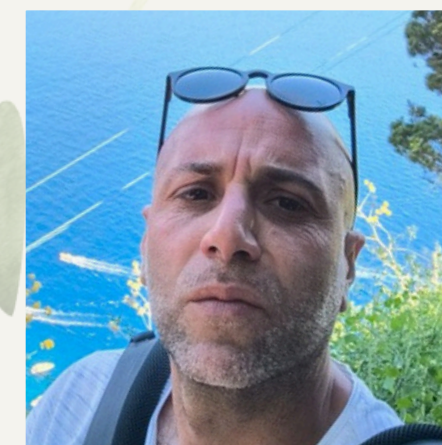
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Our vision and mission

Gramigna APS promotes **social and environmental regeneration**, which we believe are **deeply interconnected**. Thus, our core focus is the **environment**, understood in a broad sense—spatial, economic, and social—as well as the sustainability of people, animals, plants and everything that surrounds us. We work to raise awareness and improve everyone's future prospects so that they can become truly **sustainable**.

Our work is strongly rooted into the promotion and enhancement of the resources of the **rural areas**. We use **agriculture as a powerful tool for social change**, implementing agricultural projects in urban settings, in prisons with inmates, and in our local territory.

We work especially with **young people and vulnerable groups**, promoting exchanges, training at the European level, and activities that foster active democratic and cultural participation, including artistic expression and creative practices.

We strive to build sustainable and participatory communities, bringing **European values** into **rural** territories and fostering a meaningful dialogue between the local and European dimensions.



Our objectives

Social inclusion

Offer opportunities for participation to young people, adults, disadvantaged people, NEETs and people at risk of exclusion.

Digital transformation

Support cultural change through the conscious use of technology, promoting digital skills.

Youth empowerment

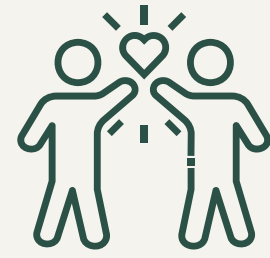
Involve young people from rural areas in Erasmus+ projects and active citizenship programmes.

Sustainability

Promote cultural exchanges and practices to protect the environment and combat climate change.

Rural development

Implement projects in rural areas to combat depopulation and promote local development



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Welcome to Torrecuso



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Torrecuso*



Project background

**Are you passionate about making a positive impact on society?
Do you believe in the power of youth work and want to contribute to
social justice and equality?**

As a volunteer with Gramigna APS, you will be an active part of our team, supporting projects that promote social and environmental sustainability in rural areas.

Your activities will include innon formal educational activities with young people and local residents, community-based research, communication and hands-on agricultural tasks, such as the grape harvest and cultural workshops and events that foster participation and inclusion.

Through these experiences, you will contribute to building a more sustainable, conscious, and connected rural community, while developing practical skills in research, sustainability, agriculture and civic engagement.

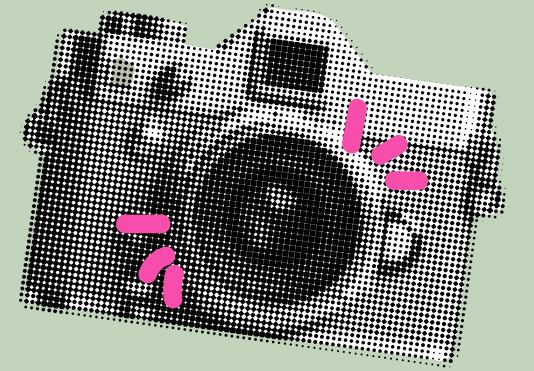
Project purpose

Your tasks will involve:

- Assisting with communication activities and supporting local initiatives for the community
- Participating in seasonal agricultural work, such as grape and olive harvesting, food processing, and land care
- Developing public speaking skills and engaging with diverse audiences during events, workshops, and community gatherings
- Collaborating with Gramigna's project management team to create new and engaging content (articles, social media, materials)
- Contributing to the planning and implementation of youth-focused projects, including non-formal education and intercultural exchanges.



Project plan



In addition to the internal activities of Gramigna, volunteers will also have the opportunity to engage in activities hosted by our project partners.

These activities include:

Exit strategy - Benevento



- Collect and share good practices in preventing gender-based violence.
- Support awareness campaigns and rights-based communication
- Help organize public events, debates, and educational seminars.
- Assist with updating the documentation center and databases.

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- Support the creation of cultural and community festivals with local youth.
- Collaborate on video making, photography, and creative content production.
- Take part in theater workshops and artistic performances for social topics.
- Help plan events that foster youth participation and cultural engagement.

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- Assist with after-school programs, helping children with languages and homework.
- Support non-formal education activities and creative workshops for children.
- Provide assistance and essential goods to vulnerable individuals within the local community.



Benefits



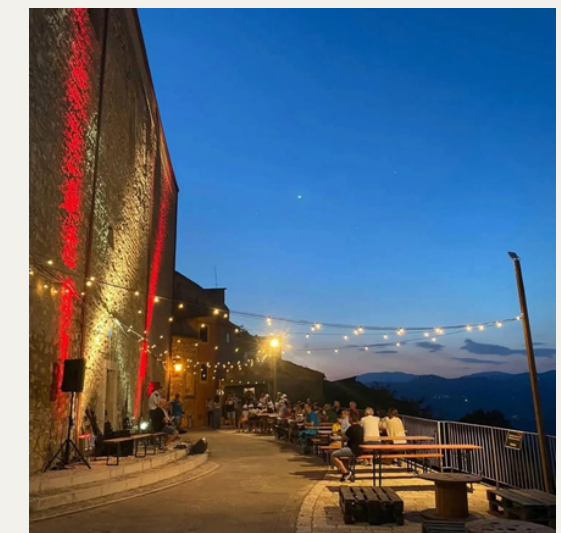
As a participant in the project with Gramigna APS, you can expect the following benefits:

- Gain hands-on experience in community-based research, non-formal education, and local communication strategies
- Develop practical skills in sustainable agriculture, from grape and olive harvesting to food transformation and land care
- Improve your public speaking and ability to engage with diverse audiences in rural and intercultural contexts
- Contribute directly to social and environmental regeneration in rural areas, promoting youth participation and inclusion
- Collaborate with a dynamic and committed team, and receive continuous support and guidance throughout your volunteering journey
- Immerse yourself in the natural and cultural richness of the Italian inner areas, discovering new forms of living, learning, and community-building
- Strengthen your understanding of European values and rural citizenship, while fostering meaningful connections between local and international perspectives
- Learn Italian through language classes with a local teacher in Torrecuso, and practice daily in an immersive environment

Requirements

To be eligible for this opportunity, you should:

- Be between 18 and 30 years old
- Be passionate about youth empowerment, sustainability, and social justice
- Have a basic understanding or strong interest in community work, non-formal education, or communication
- Be curious and motivated to learn about sustainable agriculture, food production, and rural regeneration
- Be open-minded, adaptable, and willing to engage with local communities and live in a rural setting
- Have a working knowledge of English (additional language skills are a plus)



Budgeting

The expected commitment is

35 hours per week. Sundays and holidays will be free for the volunteers and in case of more activities scheduled or the weekend, the free days will have space in the following week.

Adding to this, every month there will be 2 additional days of mid-week rest that the volunteers can manage their placement.

All the volunteering period will be followed by expert mentors, coordinator and supervisor.



Gramigna will pay housing expenses for the duration of the project.



Volunteers will receive the Pocket money. The money will be sufficient to cover daily expenses household expenses, food, personal expenses, etc.).



Travel expenses are cover by European Solidarity Corps, being reimbursed after the volunteer travels.



Accomodation

Private single room

Fully equipped kitchen


**Independent house shared with max 2
volunteers**

Option to grow a small garden

Free Wi-Fi & laundry facilities

Bikes or local transport available

Common areas for relax & activities

A photograph of three students walking away from the camera on a paved path lined with trees. The student on the left is a girl with long dark hair wearing a white shirt and blue jeans, carrying a black backpack. The student in the middle is a girl with long dark hair wearing a white shirt and blue jeans, carrying a black and white checkered backpack. The student on the right is a boy wearing a blue jacket and khaki pants, carrying a tan backpack. The background is a lush green park with many trees.

Encourage applications from individuals from all backgrounds, including those with fewer opportunities. Selection will be based on merit, and we strive for gender balance and diversity.

Join Gramigna aps and be part of a movement that empowers youth, promotes social change, and builds strong communities.

Apply now and become a catalyst for positive transformation!

How to apply:

To apply for this exciting opportunity please submit the following documents

Please attach:

- Your updated CV/resume
- A motivated video expressing your interest in the project and how you can contribute (max 90 sec/MP4)Any relevant certificates of references.
- Application deadline 20 of September 2025.

Send an email by including in the subject line “Application for Gramigna APS [Your name]” to:



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