

BRIDGES OF SOLIDARITY

Beyond the margin

Info Pack
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Dear Participants,

It is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to the volunteering project **BRIDGES OF SOLIDARITY**, under the European Solidarity Corps programme, taking place in the beautiful coastal city of Alexandroupoli, Greece!

At **Mindspark+**, we believe this project is essential because solidarity is built through everyday interactions, shared learning, and equal opportunities; by bringing diverse young people together, **BRIDGES OF SOLIDARITY** addresses social exclusion while strengthening skills, confidence, empathy, and civic engagement. The project reflects the belief that young people are not only beneficiaries of change but active contributors to more inclusive, resilient, and connected communities.

Safe travels, and see you soon in Alexandroupolis!

– *The Mindspark+ Team* GR ✨

Bridges of Solidarity is a European Solidarity Corps project designed to support social inclusion, empowerment, and active participation among minor refugees, youth with fewer opportunities, and local young people. The project responds to challenges such as social isolation, cultural barriers, limited access to digital education, and reduced opportunities for civic engagement by creating safe spaces where young people can meet, learn, and collaborate.

Through regular workshops, social activities, and intercultural exchanges, the project encourages participants to build friendships, strengthen their sense of belonging, and develop mutual understanding. A key objective is to improve digital literacy by providing young people with practical skills in internet safety, communication tools, content creation, and digital expression, supporting their educational and professional opportunities.

Bridges of Solidarity also promotes active citizenship by involving participants in community initiatives, discussions on social issues, and awareness campaigns. By exploring European values, diversity, and solidarity, young people develop empathy and become more engaged members of society. Additionally, the project introduces social entrepreneurship concepts, enabling participants to identify community needs, design solutions, and create initiatives with positive social impact.

Overall, **Bridges of Solidarity** aims to build a more inclusive community where young people from different backgrounds feel valued, connected, and empowered to contribute to positive change.

Short Term Team Volunteering

Bridges of Solidarity is designed to support minor refugees, marginalized youth, and local young people who need opportunities, skills, and safe spaces to connect, participate, and develop their potential within their communities.

The Mission

Foster social inclusion, digital empowerment, active citizenship, intercultural understanding, and youth-led social innovation through supportive and collaborative learning experiences.

Why It Matters

Creation of meaningful pathways for inclusion, empowerment, and connection between minor refugees, youth with fewer opportunities, and local communities, helping young people overcome isolation and build a shared future.

Key Takeaways

Immediate Application: Practical methods ready for daily outreach and workshops.

Safe Environments: Tools to navigate sensitive and polarizing digital topics inclusively.

Resource-Friendly: Activities designed to run effectively with minimal budget or tech infrastructure.

Profile of Participants

Participants need to be motivated and interested in the topic, should be between 18 and 30 years old (at the start of the project) and participants with fewer opportunities are more than welcome!

What to Pack & Preparation

Arrival Day: July, 9th

Departure Day: July, 25th

Documents: Passport/ID, Visa (if applicable)

Practical items: Comfortable clothes and shoes, an umbrella/jacket, plug adapters (Type C/F used in Greece), swimsuit, flip flops and beach towel.

Accommodation: The volunteers will be accommodated in our residence integrated directly into the Digital Youth Center, in shared rooms.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch are provided by the host organization and volunteers will receive the amount of 150€ as pocket money and food allowance for which volunteers should hand-in receipts.

At arrival: volunteers will receive the amount concerning the food allowance and pocket money as well as 50% reimbursement on the travel expenses.

Please complete the [Google Form](#) stating personal information, any health issues, dietary restrictions and/or allergies.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

For travel distances between 10 and 99km: 28€ or 56€ (green travel) per participant

For travel distances between 100 and 499km: 211€ or 285€ (green travel) per participant

For travel distances between 500 and 1 999km: 309€ or 417€ (green travel) per participant

For travel distances between 2 000 and 2 999 km: 395€ or 535€ (green travel) per participant



These travel expenses will be reimbursed **to the participant** via bank transfer. The 50% of the amount at arrival and the remaining 50% after the project, once all original tickets have been sent to us by post. We would like to remind you that flight tickets must be **economy class** and not exceed the amount of travel provided by the European Solidarity Corps [programme guide](#). To receive their reimbursement, participants must submit their **original tickets, boarding passes, and invoices** showing the exact price paid. Invoices must be in **EUR** and must clearly state the participant's full name. If participants fail to submit the required original documents, their expenses will not be reimbursable.

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Venue & Residence



The venue of most of the activities we will be hosting is the Digital Youth Center of Alexandroupoli.

[\(Konstantinoupoleos 34, 681 31\).](#)

These spaces are designed for **collaboration, coworking, and workshops**. They feature open layouts, professional audio-visual equipment, a fully-equipped audiovisual lab and motivational branding.

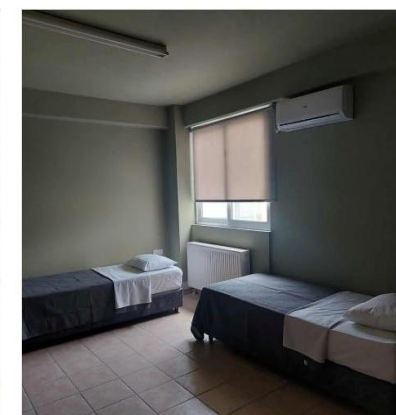




Comfort Meets Inspiration

Our residence is integrated directly into the **Digital Youth Center** ecosystem, providing participants with a seamless transition between work and rest.

- ✓ Minimalist modern design
- ✓ Motivational wall art and branding
- ✓ Air-conditioning & Wi-Fi
- ✓ Communal kitchen
- ✓ Smoke-free environment
- ✓ Private bathroom in each room



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Alexandroupolis



A vibrant crossroads where **Europe meets Asia**, Alexandroupolis is the luminous capital of Thrace. Defined by its iconic **1880 Lighthouse** and a seaside promenade that comes alive at sunset, the city blends modern energy with deep-rooted history.

Whether you're here for the fresh Aegean seafood, the blue-flag beaches, or its strategic role as a gateway to the Balkans, Alexandroupolis offers an authentic Greek experience fueled by hospitality and northern charm.



The Lighthouse (Faros): Standing 18 meters tall since 1880, this is the city's pulse and most iconic photo spot.

Ethnological Museum of Thrace: Housed in a gorgeous 1899 neoclassical mansion, it offers a deep dive into local traditions, costumes, and the history of the Thracian people.

The Cave of Cyclops: Located in nearby Makri, this Neolithic settlement is tied to the myth of Odysseus and the giant Polyphemus.



Evros Delta National Park: One of Europe's most important wetlands. It's a birdwatcher's paradise, hosting over 300 species of birds in a stunning landscape of lagoons and marshes.

Thermal Springs of Traianoupoli: Founded by Roman Emperor Trajan, these ancient baths are still famous for their healing properties today.

Top Nearby Beaches

The coastline of the Thracian Sea offers 25 km of diverse beaches, from quiet seashores to vibrant beach-bars most of which are just a 10–20 minute drive from the city center.





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Emergency Contacts – Alexandroupolis, Greece



General Emergency

European Emergency Number: 112

Free, 24/7 service connecting to Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Coast Guard. Operators speak English and other languages.

Hellenic Police: 100

Tourist Police: 171 or +30 25510 37411

Assistance for tourists; multilingual support



Local Services

General Hospital: +30 25513 51000

Main hospital for medical treatment.

Ambulance Service (EKAV): 166

For medical emergencies and ambulance requests.

Pharmacies: 107

Information on nearby pharmacies.

Taxi: +30 25510 33500