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Volunteering at La Maison de l'Europe -
Europa Nantes - Europe Direct



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Europa Nantes

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Maison de l'Europe

You are a volunteer of an association called "La Maison de l'Europe". Its goal is to promote European citizenship and culture. It offers resources, training and advice to raise citizens' awareness on the current European Union major issues.



Europe Direct

La Maison de l'Europe is also a Europe Direct centre. It is a label given by the European Commission. There are about 500 centres spread throughout Europe. The goal is to inform citizens from Nantes and the wider region about the EU, and everything related to it. It is a link that connects the citizens with the European institutions.

Europa Nantes

Europa Nantes is a project that brings together 45 associations with a European vocation in one building. The space is about 1000m² big and is open to the public.

At Europa Nantes, there is a radio, video, and podcast studio, a cafe, a European media library, an information point, eight classrooms (mostly used for language courses), a conference room and a kitchen.

Exhibitions and events (such as concerts) often take place at Europa Nantes. The first floor also hosts the offices of La Maison de l'Europe. Here is where you work.



YOUR PROJECT

FROM 01/10/2024 TO 31/06/2025

CULTURE OF SOLIDARITY AND DESIRE FOR EUROPE

1 - YOUR MISSION



- Preparing and run workshops about the European Union to different audiences
- Introducing your Country in a variety of ways (slides, games)
- Promoting international mobility through your own experience.
- Contributing to communication (social media, website ect)

- Organising European events to live up the place (setting up exhibitions, events, etc.).
- Participating in some of our major events : The Erasmus Days (on October) The Europe Day (on May)
- Participating in awareness-raising campaigns on the European Union
- Contributing to the design of pedagogical tools and activities about Europe



- Creating a personal project in line with your desires and our association.
- Participating in projects with French and European volunteers, depending on what you would like to do together.

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2 - THE EVENTS AT LA MAISON DE L'EUROPE

EUROPE DAY



At La Maison de l'Europe, we organize the annual Europe Day in May, which can take place in many forms, from a European village to themed events throughout the month.



Along with other volunteers, you are going to be able to play a full part in organizing this festival.



ERASMUSU DAYS

Every year we celebrate also the Erasmus+ program. As a European Solidarity corps volunteer, you're becoming an ambassador of mobility and you are going to share your personal experience during this great European event.

Nantes

in two words : creative and cultural



Come and explore Nantes, a vibrant and youthful city where festivals, concerts, and riverside parties await you, all set in a warm and creative atmosphere that promises unforgettable experiences!



The Machines de l'île de Nantes is an extraordinary, imaginative world where art, engineering, and dreams come to life. Picture a place where you can ride a mechanical elephant and experience the magical Carrousel des Mondes Marins.



Le Voyage à Nantes is an annual summer event that transforms the city into a giant art trail, filled with quirky and inspiring installations.

Near by ...



Saint-Malo, Bretagne



Vannes, Bretagne



Le Mont Saint Michel,
Normandie



Clisson, Loire
Atlantique



Pornic the nearest beach to Nantes, it's only an hour away by train. It's a typical seaside village in France, like many others along the coast.

And plenty more to explore

Training courses

Learn and meet new friends



You're taking part in two **training courses** in two different French towns with other European volunteers (around 30 each time). Themes such as **interculturality and Europe** are discussed. The training courses are an opportunity to network and make friends.

Around 40 European volunteers live in Nantes, and you'll have the chance to meet them at other meetings.

By volunteering with us, you are going to be able to develop **new professional and personal skills** that could be useful in your future career. The skills might be, for example, animation techniques, team projects, new tools and software, knowledge of the European Union, etc.





Le Jardin des Plantes in Nantes is a really nice garden to walk in.

Useful Information

Food : You'll receive 7 euros per day, for the entire duration of your volunteering.

Pocket Money : You'll receive 7 euros per day for the entire duration of your volunteering.

Travel : La Maison de l'Europe reimburses the round trip, according to the official Erasmus + Agency distance calculator. If you don't want to have any expenses to pay, you must not exceed the amount. If you choose to come by train, the grant is higher.

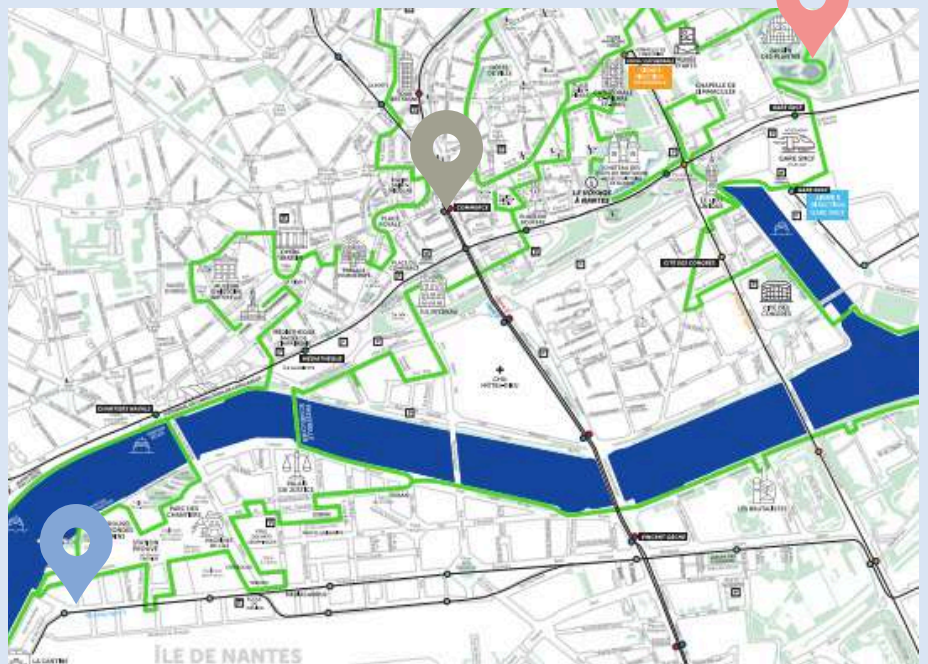
Language : La Maison de l'Europe will sign you up for a French course, for 4 hours a week for a minimum of 2 months.

Transport : You'll get a transport card for the entire Nantes metropolitan area

Accommodation: You'll be staying either in a residence for young workers with other European volunteers and people aged 18 to 30, or in a home-stay depending on availability. In all cases, you'll have your own room.



La Maison de l'Europe



Nantes city center "Commerce" : crossroads for the city's tramways and buses.

Favorite !

Mes Coups de ♥



Alessia from Italy



Travelling around France

"I spent the weekend from the 24th to the 26th of June in the little village of Saint-Michel Chef Chef with my friends to celebrate the birthday of Candela, a Spanish volunteer.

It was one of the best moments of my summer. We rented a big house near the ocean for all of us - there were seventeen of us."



The last big meeting with the Nantes volunteers

"It was an incredible few days meeting because I learned new things and I spent time with the other volunteers, who in a few days' time would have finished their volunteering projects".

Favorite !

Mes Coups de ♥



Silvia from Italy



Taking the Navibus in Nantes

“During my free time, I liked discovering green corners of Nantes.

One of my favourite places was Trentemoult. It is an old fishing village with colorful houses, some of them are decorated with flowers or murals. It's easy to reach Trentemoult: just take the Navibus, a public transport service boat, from the Maritime Station”.



The guided tours organised by my French course

“The Maison de l'Europe allowed me to follow French language course. I met many new friends and learned a lot thanks to my teacher, Xavier. One afternoon Xavier explained to us the most important works at the Nantes Art Museum”.

JOIN US!



Are you between 18 and 30 years old and eager to join a young, dynamic team? Are you passionate about the European Union and willing to suggest new and creative ideas ? Do you want to engage people in citizenship projects and promote cultural diversity? If so, apply to join us as an European Solidarity Corps volunteer via the European Youth Portal.

You will receive an email with a questionnaire to complete. Interviews are scheduled for beginning of september.



See you soon!

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