



**Volunteering
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International Initiatives for Cooperation (IIC), Razlog,
Bulgaria

The project "Volunteering 4 Change" envisages the implementation of individual volunteering activities on the territory of five European countries for a period of three years. The volunteers will engage in activities for a period of 9 months in the following European countries: Bulgaria, Slovakia, Poland, Italy and Spain. The working week of each volunteer will consist of 5 working days and each working day will have 6 working hours. The volunteers in Bulgaria will work three times a week with representatives of the local community living in the villages around Razlog. The topics that will be in their focus of work and that will be promoted during their stay are social inclusion, stimulating youth participation of youngsters from rural area, enhancing the solidarity and tolerance as well as intercultural communication. During the rest two day of the working week the volunteers will implement activities in Razlog, they will maintain the information channels of the project and will interexchange information with other volunteers implementing their voluntary service in another partner country through skype meetings. They will also have the opportunity to get involved or to initiate activities together with volunteers from COOL project. The volunteers will reach the target groups of the project with the support of the local partners of IIC Association, the support teams in the villages and in Razog, as well as through visits to schools to promote the diverse activities that they have prepared and they will implement together with school kids and youngsters, visits to social centres and institutions, etc. The local community will be offered diverse set of activities and workshops developing their sensitivity, artistic approach, creativity, communication skills and socialisation. Here are some of the envisaged activities: courses on foreign language and culture, music classes, dance clubs, art clubs, yoga and aerobics, workshops for people with special needs like art therapy, music therapy, ergotherapy, etc. The activities will reach all interested stakeholders in

the region of Razlog Municipality. This rule will be observed and complied with by all international partners of the project – accessibility to activities of all representatives of the local community regardless of their sex, age, social status and sexual orientation.

Throughout the summer periods a great percent of the activities will be organised outdoors, while during the cold winter months IIS Association together with the associated partners will provide space and premises for their implementation. The methods used will be based on the non-formal education.

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