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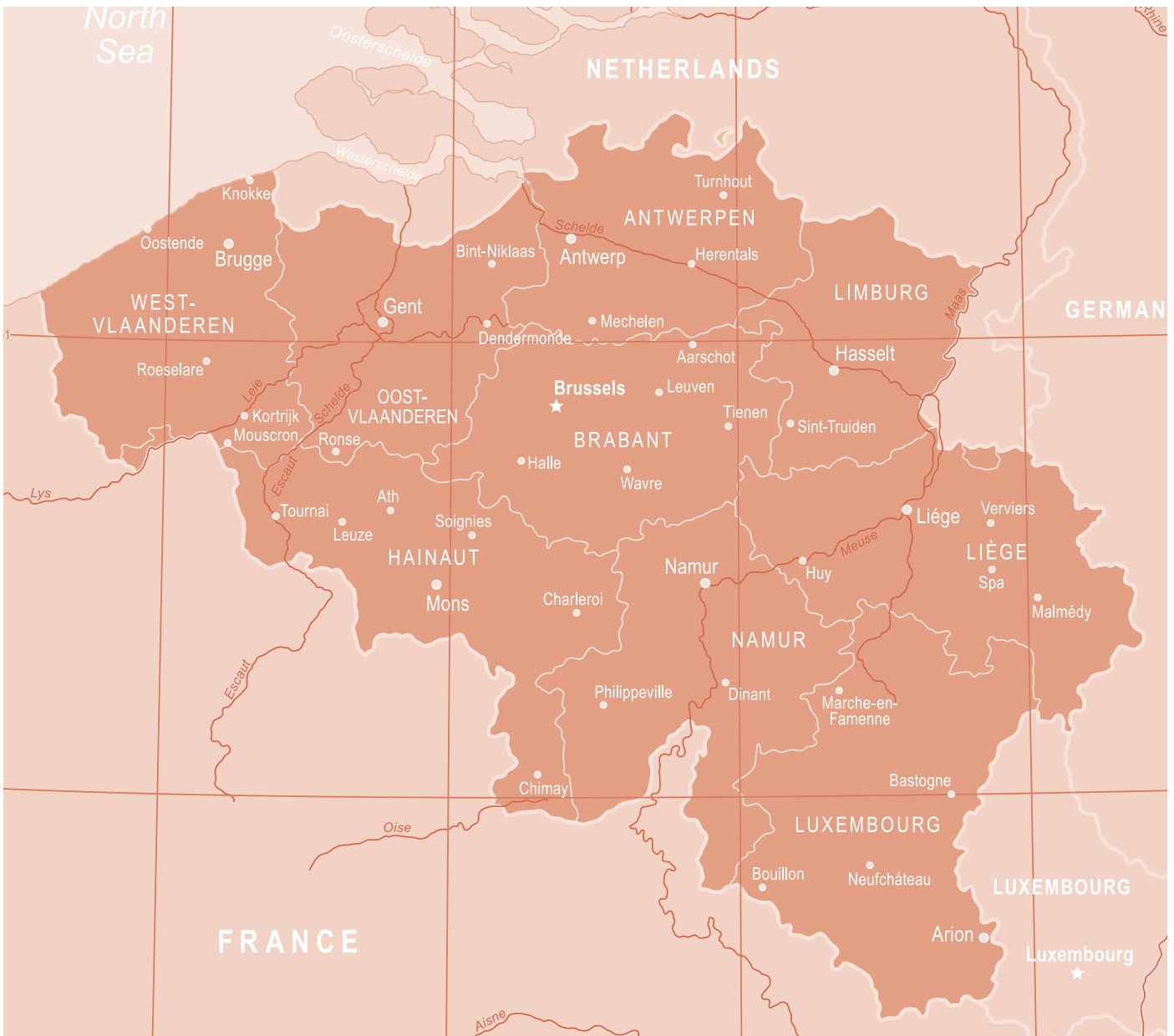
ABOUT THE SVI

The “Service Volontaire International” (SVI) is a Franco-Belgo-Vietnamese non-profit, non-religious, non-political association created by and for volunteers. The SVI is officially recognised as a youth organisation by the Belgian Ministry of Youth and accredited by the European Commission to send and coordinate Erasmus+ and European Voluntary Service (EVS) programs. The SVI takes part in international exchange programs in more than 80 countries, including Belgium.

Our main focus is to prepare, send out, and welcome volunteers who wish to take part in international projects/work-camps organised by other local, non-profit associations.

Background

The SVI was founded in 2009 by former volunteers and aid workers. The SVI is the Belgian independent branch of the Vietnamese NGO SJ Vietnam which was created in 2004 in Hanoi thanks to the com-



mitment of both United Nations Volunteers and the Belgian Development Cooperation in which Pierre De Hanscutter, co-founder of SJ Vietnam and founder of the SVI, was working.

In 2013, the French branch of our organisation was created by former volunteers. Its offices are located in Lille and since the beginning of 2017 one employee works there full-time.

Our main activities

The SVI is actively involved in international exchanges with both the North and South. Its main aim is to prepare, send and welcome young volunteers in the context of international projects implemented by local and non-profit associations.

Our public

We are a youth organization. Our main target group is therefore between 18 and 35 years old. However, many of our European partners offer the possibility to go on a volunteering project from the age of 16. Our offers can be for individual projects as well as for groups (youth movements, school groups, families...).

Our will is to make volunteering accessible to all. This is why we work a lot with Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps in order to reach a wider public and especially to give young people with fewer financial, social or cultural possibilities the opportunity to try this experience. In this way, we hope to make a wider contribution to "educating" responsible, critical and supportive citizens.

Almost 1,000 young Belgian people take part in a volunteering project every year, as well as about a hundred volunteers who come from all over the world to come and live the same experience in Belgium.

Missions and values

The organisation mainly focuses on intercultural exchanges between young people (from 16 to 30 years old) across the world, trying to give them the opportunity to take part in a volunteering project, regardless of age, gender or skills. In other words, the SVI's main goal is to make international volunteering accessible to the greatest number of young people. By doing so, the SVI seeks to encourage young people to be active and proactive in the society they live in, empower them and help them to become citizens of the world who are ethically and socially aware, critical, as well as sensible. Thus it promotes not only solidarity, but also active citizenship.

The SVI's ultimate goal is to make young people aware of the challenges of our globalized society and get them to understand the reasons why solidarity, diversity and development are important in such a society.

The SVI believes that the youth should be the first ones to benefit from opportunities such as international volunteering because they represent the future and will play a key part in tomorrow's society. The SVI also believes that volunteering should not be a way to make profit, but to support local associations, to strengthen one's faculty to adapt to foreign cultures, to break out of one's comfort zone and learn about others and oneself. The SVI also believes that everyone can contribute to a project, whether they are from the North or from the South and that cultural exchanges can be made from North to South and the other way around.

What does volunteer mean for us?

First of all, voluntary work has to be distinguished from humanitarian work. Indeed, the volunteers sent to international work-camps do not need any specific skills apart from their motivation (and sometimes a basic knowledge of English, which is the main language spoken on most work-camps) whereas humanitarian actions are carried out by professionals such as doctors or teachers in a crisis situation.

Secondly, the SVI actively stands up against what is often referred to as "humanitarian tourism" or "voluntourism". The SVI strongly believes that volunteering and tourism are two completely different things. Voluntourism is a form of alternative tourism and refers to a combination of tourism and volunteering whereby people go to developing countries on holiday while also volunteering for a charitable cause during their stay, usually for a large sum of money (the prices can vary from €700 to over €2,000 and do not include transportation). The SVI is deeply convinced that this is morally unacceptable, as the host organisations on the spot do not receive any financial support. Furthermore, the companies belonging to this sector pretend to function like associations by using similar communication strategies. They organize voluntary projects according to their clients' demand without taking into account the needs of local populations. Thirdly, as far as the SVI is concerned, volunteering is not about saving the Third World or bringing culture to poor countries. It is not a trip either; it is simply about bringing a financial and human support to a local organisation and community.

Volunteering does not mean adding a new line to one's CV, although it can be a real plus for one's future professional life. It is a personal commitment. It means having to learn and adapt to another culture, language and country, but also to other people and other customs and that will eventually lead to the development of critical thinking and open-mindedness. It also means getting involved in something, sharing one's knowledge, skills and experience, being responsible, organised and learning to trust and respect others. International volunteering also leads people to ask themselves what they could learn from

other people, cultures or countries and that gives way to a better mutual understanding and learning. Thus, through volunteering, one can become a brand-new person who can understand oneself and the world we live in better. In a nutshell, volunteering is not only about a "project", it is also learning to live together with people who have different habits and way of living.

Team organization

Since the creation of the SVI and for a few years, Pierre De Hanscutter had been the only full-time member. However, in April 2015, two more people were hired to help him ensure the smooth running of the SVI. Five people are currently full-time employees at the Belgian office, including the director. Apart from those five employees, trainees and volunteers are taken on each year, thus following the SVI's way of thinking: its activities should be **managed by and for young people**, giving them the key to success, regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs and gender.

The SVI consists of several different departments but everybody, whether working full-time or part-time, plays a key role within the organisation and works towards achieving shared goals. The different departments are the following: coordination (outgoing volunteers and groups going to Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America, Oceania; incoming volunteers and groups going to Belgium); communication (external and internal); human resources; administrative service; legal service; accounting; translation; partnerships (with non-profit-making and profit-making organisations); education and training sessions; IT; community outreach; funding and EU affairs.

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Scan this QR code to download the application form for registering in the project.

Or use this link: [Le formulaire d'inscription sur un projet](#)

Send your application form to incoming@servicevolontaire.org

ABOUT OUR BELGIAN PROJECTS

Volunteers who want to participate in a project in Belgium will have the choice between short-term and long-term projects.

Each of our local partners has committed to the IVS to welcome young people from all over the world to the project. We organize regular meetings with them in order to raise awareness and inform the teams hosting the volunteers about the challenges and difficulties of such a project.



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How to apply for a project in Belgium?

1- One of the volunteers would like to participate in a volunteering project proposed by the SVI: what should he / she do?

At the SVI, we believe that volunteering should be an experience that is prepared in advance.

It is therefore essential that any young person wishing to take part in such an experience should go through a sending association.

The role of the sending associations is essential in accompanying the volunteers.

The coordinators will be able to help the young person to choose the right project and will be in the front line in preparing the young person for this experience.

The SVI, on the other hand, assumes its role as a coordinating association. We are the link between the sending association, the volunteer and our local partners. We guarantee that our local partners are aware of our philosophy regarding the hosting of volunteers. We are the contact person in case of problems and ensure communication between everyone.

We always advise you to do this at least 2 months in advance to take into account all the preparations: preparation for departure in the sending association but also administrative formalities before arriving (insurance, passport, Visa, etc). The SVI is of course supported for Visa applications and we provide the invitation letters if necessary.

Each volunteer who wishes to apply must therefore go through his or her sending association. Our coordinator of the projects in Belgium will then send an application form that he or she can complete.

2- What skills will he/she need to show in order to access

Volunteering is participating in a project for which only the motivation counts. We are not involved in humanitarian projects that require specific knowledge, but in a voluntary participation with the aim of contributing to a project and wanting to meet other cultures.

This is why, in the application form we ask the volunteer to clearly fill in his or her motivations.

3- How long will he/she have to wait after he / she send the

Our policy is to ask our partners to reply within 10 days of our sending. If the partner does not reply, we invite the volunteer to choose another project. For our part, we regularly make our partners aware of the need to respond quickly in order to take into account the needs and expectations of young people.

4- What are the steps after sending this form?

When our partner's response is positive, we invite the volunteer and the partner to participate in a Skype in the presence of the incoming coordinator.

This Skype aims to clarify the project, explain the expectations of each and see if it can be suitable for everyone.

The final decision will not be taken during this Skype but will be communicated a few days later by both the partner and the volunteer.

If both parties confirm the project then we can start the confirmation procedures.

You should never book a plane ticket before the confirmation has been given after the Skype.

5- The project is confirmed: what now?

Once confirmed, the SVI will send a series of documents to be completed by both the volunteer and the host association.

The volunteer might be asked to provide the SVI with these documents:

- Proof of flight tickets.
- A copy of his/her passport, visa.
- Proof of insurance.
- A certificate of good conduct.
- A certificate of good health.

All these documents must be sent before arrival on the project.

Our short-term projects

In Belgium, volunteers have the opportunity to take part in various well-known festivals: music festivals, street arts festivals and fantasy film festivals.

For these work-camps, we are looking for 5 to 10 volunteers, depending on the demand of our partners. These volunteers will be involved in the implementation of the festival (assembly and dismantling, management of waste on the festival, distribution of tickets.... In exchange for this, they will be able to participate in the festival.

This is not a free way to participate in a festival but a desire to invest in a concrete project. The volunteer should therefore expect to be actively involved in the tasks that will be entrusted to him / her.

At SVI we are very attentive to all forms of diversity: both in terms of gender equality and culture. We are convinced that this kind of project facilitates intercultural exchange and we therefore insist that all the volunteers present on the same project should be of as many nationalities as possible.

Each group of volunteers will be welcomed at a meeting point previously fixed by the project coordinator or by a team-leader.

This team-leader is present during the Skype organized beforehand and a whole series of communication means are implemented before the project so that the volunteers can already communicate with each other and with the team-leader (social networks, WhatsApp...).

The team-leader will be present throughout the project and will be a volunteer among others but will also be the guarantor of the good understanding in the group, of the presentation of the activities to be done...

He/she will be the link between the group and the incoming coordinator in order to relay any difficulty as quickly as possible.

Our long-term projects

Each volunteer will be welcomed on arrival by a SVI member who will be able to take him / her to his / her volunteering project, or by a member of the local association. In the next days, the volunteer will have an interview with the incoming project coordinator if he or she cannot be present on arrival.

Our partners always make sure to welcome the volunteers as well as possible in order to put them in the best conditions to start their project.

For each volunteer staying more than a month in Belgium, it is requested to participate in one of our preparation weekends.

This is an excellent way to meet the SVI team but also young Belgian people who are embarking on the adventure of volunteering.

We also regularly invite our volunteers from other countries to take part in the life of the SVI association: our dinners, our evenings with young people, our events organized by the SVI volunteers, etc.

Volunteers are an integral part of our association and as such are invited to all our activities.

Regular evaluations will be carried out informally but also more formally with the incoming project coordinator and the local partner. These evaluations will be forwarded to the sending associations.

Important things to know

1- Visa

European citizens only need a national identity card or a passport.

Non-European citizen may need a visa. The visa must be requested at the embassy or Belgian consulate of the country where you live.

If there is no embassy or Belgian consulate in the country where you live, you should contact the Belgian Embassy, which is responsible for your country. This one is usually located in a neighboring country.

The procedure for visa application can sometimes take a long time.

Therefore, you must apply for a visa at least four weeks before departure.

(http://diplomatie.belgium.be/fr/Services/venir_en_belgique/visa_pour_la_belgique)

If you need an invitation letter, you can contact us at incoming@servicevolontaire.org

In order to send you a letter of invitation, we need the following information:

- Last name.
- First name.
- Date and place of birth.
- Address.
- Passport number with date of issue and expiration.
- Nationality.
- Start and end dates of the project.

Volunteers can get extra info at <http://www.diplomatie.be/en/travel/visa/default.asp>

2- Health

You need a health insurance to cover your entire trip to Belgium (however usually the host has an insurance to cover your working time). Your sending association may help you find a suitable one. No vaccine is required but if you are going to do some physical work, we recommend that you take the vaccines against lockjaw and hepatitis. Make sure that you have seen a dentist before leaving home.

You must bring all the medicines you need. It might be complicated to buy them in Belgium if you do not have the necessary documents to get it. Furthermore, the medicine you need might have a different name from the one it has in your country.

European volunteers need their **European Health Insurance Card** up to date. You can get it for free!

3- How to prepare your luggage

It is crucial that you bring all your stuff in a backpack and not in any other type of suitcase, which might become very uncomfortable to move after a long journey.

Due to its location, Belgium has a typical temperate oceanic climate, which means of course Belgium has the reputation to be a rainy country. Well, let's moderate this a little bit! Generally speaking, there are no significant temperature differences between the South and the North. That being said, the southern part might be a bit colder during the winter (anyway don't forget your mittens for the whole country) while the northern part (by the coast) might be a bit hotter during the summer. During the summer, it's even possible to go for a dip in the North Sea so do not forget to bring your swimming suit.

You would better not forget some useful things when you are thinking about traveling to Belgium:

- Sleeping bag, sheet and pillow, mat (if specified in the info sheet of your project), towels.
- A TENT (if specified in the info sheet of your project).
- Sun cream, a hat.
- Clothes and shoes adapted to various weather (even in summer!) and outdoor activities.
- Your mobile phone (if you stay here for a long time it is convenient to buy a Belgian Sim-card).
- Some things about your country (posters, music, postcards, map, video, food) and your family.
- Pocket money.
- Personal pharmacy.
- If possible, bring only ONE bag to have more space in your dormitory. Backpacks are the best!

To get cheap flight ticket, we have selected a list of cheap airlines companies. You can get this list at <https://travel.servicevolontaire.org>

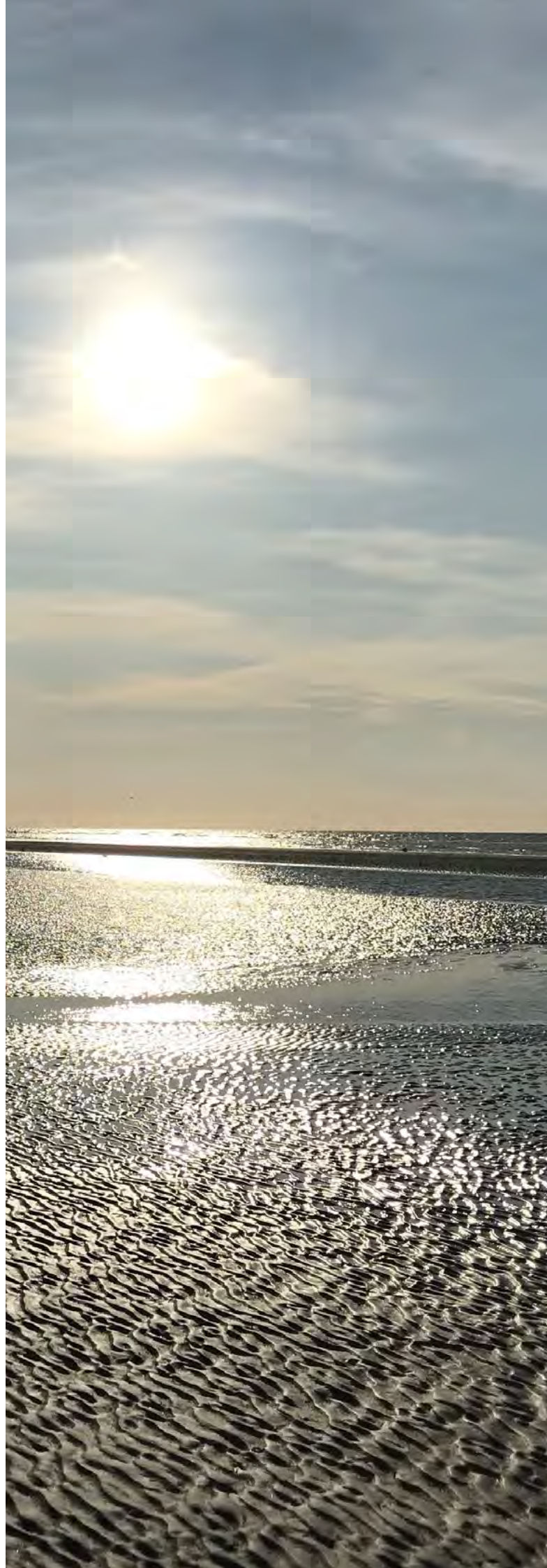
4- Emergency phone numbers

If you encounter any trouble related to your volunteering project, call the SVI:

- +32 2 888 6713 Office
from Monday to Friday
between 09am and 18pm
- +32 495 680 934 Director
De Hanscutter Pierre

5- Covid

You can find all important information about the situation in Belgium via this link: info-coronavirus.be



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It may be a small country in size but Belgium plays an important role on the international scene and consistently ranks among the top places to live in the world. Belgium's multicultural makeup gives its capital Brussels an edgy vibe with an array of global services and facilities on offer to ease in even the newest expat.

On the surface, Belgium offers many top attractions in spades. It's the home of the European Union (EU), a short trip to a number of international capitals, and has three official languages (French, Dutch and German) and a sizeable international community. Beyond that, it's also famous for fries, **Tintin**, chocolate, and beer. For expats who are ready to **embrace Belgian culture**, moving to Belgium offers many new experiences.

Belgium is one of the best places to live

Belgium is for you. If you prefer the beach and cycling, you won't be able to resist the call of the coast!

Our prestigious cities of art will dazzle you, whether or not you are a lover of history, architecture, culture... Belgians are gastronomes. They love good food and will share with you their specialities of beer, cheese, chocolate, pralines, chicons, Flemish carbonades, speculoos... And French fries are an institution.

And above all, Belgium is a place of fun: the cultural life is intense (exhibitions, concerts, festivals, theatre, dance...) and the night is festive.

Cost of living

There is an excellent standard of healthcare in Belgium. High quality medical care is widely available, enhanced by large university hospitals. It's also considered cheaper than the US, and shorter waiting times means Belgium is becoming a hotspot for medical tourism from surrounding countries.

It's also relatively affordable to live. Brussels, where many expats choose to base themselves, is cheaper than other western European capitals, such as London, Copenhagen, Vienna, and Zurich, according to Mercer's Cost of Living rankings.

The cost of living in Brussels is **24% cheaper** than in Paris.

The cost of living in Brussels is **21% cheaper** than in Amsterdam.

The cost of living in Brussels is **26% cheaper** than in Washington.

The cost of living in Brussels is **33% cheaper** than in Sydney.

The cost of living in Brussels is **46% more expensive** than in Prague.

The cost of living in Brussels is **148% more expensive** than in Buenos Aires.

The cost of living in Brussels is **78% more expensive** than in Mexico City.

The cost of living in Brussels is **12% more expensive** than in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The cost of living in Brussels is **5% more expensive** than in Madrid.

On top of that, the country boasts a good public transport system with a smooth-running integrated network of buses, metros and trams, making it easy to go on weekend getaways around Belgium (with some weekend destinations even 50 percent discounted) or even pop into a neighbouring country.

Cost of public transport in Belgium

Most Belgian cities are well connected by public transport. In major cities, a transport pass for the month costs around €35–€50. These passes can be used on every mode of public transportation. A single fare usually costs around €2–€4.

Taxi rates start off at around €4 in Brussels. In general, to buy a 1 km taxi ride in Belgium it costs 2 €. As this is an average, it can go as low as 1.66 € and as high as 2.78 € depending on the time of year. This price for one km in TAXI is higher than the cost in France (by 15%). In other major cities, the starting rate varies but the rate per kilometre is generally in the same range.

The journey between Zaventem airport and the centre of Brussels costs around 45 euros. However, we encourage you to take the train and public transport.

Cost of dining out in Belgium

Belgium, and its capital city of Brussels in particular, is known for its culinary prowess. Brussels has been compared to such cities as New York, Hong Kong and Paris because of the sheer quality and variety of dining experiences it has to offer. The prices, however, are also up there for fine dining. But you can easily find cheaper options, so those who love to eat out will not have to limit themselves. Inexpensive meals for one person range from €10–€15, with a half-litre of commercial beer costing around €4. As a comparison, a McDonald's value meal is around €8 and a cappuccino around €2.70.

Emergency

Make note of these important emergency numbers before you land in an emergency in Belgium, plus a number of Belgian helplines for support and information.

If you're living in Belgium, it's important to make note of Belgium's emergency numbers before it's too late. Belgium has a range of important emergency numbers and useful helplines, depending on the accident or crisis. Here is a list of the most important Belgian emergency numbers to write down.

Emergency phrases and medical terms in French and Dutch:

- Accident: Accident / Ongeluk.
- Emergency: Urgence / Spoedgeval.
- Ambulance: Ambulance / Ziekenwagen.
- Doctor: Médecin / Doctor.
- Police: Police / Politie.
- Extremely ill: Très malade / Heel ziek.
- I need an ambulance: J'ai besoin d'une ambulance / Ik heb een ziekenwagen nodig.
- I need a doctor: Il me faut un médecin / Ik heb een doctor nodig.
- I need the police: J'ai besoin de la police / Ik heb de politie nodig.

Emergency phone number

Call: 112

This emergency number can be called anywhere in the European Union (EU) for free, plus certain other countries such as Israel, Norway and Russia. You should only call in emergency situations. You can also call 112 for serious accidents, if someone needs to be pulled from a vehicle, if a dangerous big animal escapes, such as a horse or snake, or to clear a road after a storm. The unique benefit of the 112 number is that it can be called from any telephone, including mobiles without a SIM.

The operators in Belgium will typically speak English, French, Dutch and sometimes German, and you will need to supply the exact location, address and details on the accident and wounded people; don't hang up until you've been helped.

Numbers beginning with 0800 are also free.

Lost and stolen Belgian IDs, passports and residence permits

Block your documents by calling the government service **DocStop** | Call 00800 2123 2123 | 24/7

**SUMMARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS
IN BELGIUM 2021**

Code	Name	Place	Dates	Type	N° Vols	Age limit	Remarks
SVI-BIFFF	Brussels International Fantastic Films Festival	Brussels	6-04-21 18-04-21	EDU – FEST CULT – ART	10	18+	Motivation Letter. Project with teamleader
CCAFE-SVI	Couleur Café	Brussels	June 2021 (date to confirm)	SOCI – MANU FEST – CULT	10	18+	Motivation Letter. Project with teamleader
SVI-ESPER	Esperanzah Festival	Floreffe	August 2021 (date to confirm)	ENVI – FEST	5	18+	Motivation Letter. Project with teamleader
SVI-DOUR	Dour Festival	Dour	15-07-2021 18-07-2021	ENVI – FEST	10	18+	Motivation Letter. Project with teamleader
SVI-BSOLIDARITY	Solidarity Project	Florenville/ Namur	August 2021 (date to confirm)	SOCI – FEST CULT	10	18+	Motivation Letter. Project with teamleader
SVI-AV	Accueil et vie	Tubize	Permanent project	SOCI – DISA EDU	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-COTEACOTE	Côte à Côte	Louvain- La-Neuve	Permanent project	SOCI – DISA EDU	1	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-AJJB	Auberge de jeunesse Jacques Brel	Brussels	Permanent project	ENV – CULT LEAD	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI_fagotin_2021	Le Fagotin	Stoumont	Permanent project	ENVI – EDU ANI	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-DONBOSCO	Don Bosco	Ganshoren	Permanent project	SOCI – ENVI MANU – CULT	2	18+	Motivation Letter 80€/month
SVI-NOW	Projet Now	Waulsort	Permanent project	SOCI – ENVI MANU – CULT	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-AJT	Auberge de jeunesse Tournai	Tournai	Permanent project	SOCI – ENVI EDU – CULT	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-GDH	The Caves of Han	Han sur Lesse	Permanent project	SOCI – ENVI ANI – EDU	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-REN	Renaissance	Braine L'Alleud	Permanent project	SOCI – DISA EDU	2	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-ALI	AlimenTerre	Louvain- La-Neuve	Permanent project	ENV - SOCIO CULT	1	18+	Motivation Letter
SVI-CHEVLIPONT	Compagnons de Chevlipont ASBL	Bruxelles- Forest	1-04-2021 1-09-2021	EDU- SOC MANU	2	20+	Motivation Letter

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL FANTASTIC FILMS FESTIVAL

Code	SVI-BIFFF
Name	Brussels International Fantastic Films Festival
Location	Brussels
Dates	06.04.2021 – 18.04.2021
Type	EDU – FEST – CULT – ART
Age	18+
Volunteers	10



Presentation of the partner

The Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival is a 13-day festival. BIFFF Festival is one of the largest fantasy film festivals in the world. Come and immerse yourself in the temple of fantasy, horror, science fiction, thriller, and surrealism. A unique world, a portal to 1001 dreams in the heart of the capital of the European Union. In addition to numerous exhibitions, street theatre performances, magical creatures, and the famous Vampire Ball, more than 150 international films are previewed here.

2000 artists and professionals are invited to share their passion and experience of cinema in a fantastic atmosphere.

More than anything else, it is a unique concept. It is one of the most important genre film festivals in the world. It welcomes more than 50,000 spectators every year.

The festival consists of international film competitions, face and body painting competitions, numerous creative workshops and master classes, a special art competition day, a zombie race, and many other crazy events!

The line-up is more international than ever; however, we dedicate a special part of our program to home-grown Belgian artists.

The workcamp will be located in the Palais des Beaux-Arts and the Cinematek of Brussels (Belgium), in the very center of the city.

Volunteers profile

Volunteers are young people (18-35 years old) who have to be extremely motivated, flexible, reliable and enthusiastic. They CANNOT have any physical condition. And most important, they must love cinema and particularly fantastic genre!

Volunteer work

Volunteers will be part of the local team composed of more than 100 volunteers. They will have to be ready to work at least 5 hours every day. Tasks will be clarified continuously during the festival but volunteers will mainly work with the public: ticket control, public circulation, general information...

Volunteers might also have to do some physical work before and after the festival.

Unfortunately, you won't only enjoy the festival... It will be hard work too.

The job will be more or less the same throughout the whole festival, you have to be aware that it could be repetitive. Volunteers will have to work during the whole festival, from the beginning to the end. They will have to be present 2 days BEFORE.

If you plan it in advance, you will be allowed to take 3 days break maximum. During their free time, they will be free to go to the festival and enjoy the films and events (projections start at 3:00 PM and end at 1:00 AM).

Be ready to sleep little and to go to bed late!

Accommodation

Foreign volunteers will be welcomed by local volunteers already implied in the Festival since many years. You will be hosted in “couchsurfing” conditions in order to facilitate the intercultural exchanges, to create new friendships and to spread the motivation among the participants! All the hosts will be located in Brussels itself. You will be welcomed by Belgian volunteers who are participating in the festival and you will be accommodated in their homes during the whole festival period.

You need to bring a sleeping bag.

You will be in contact with your host only one week before the beginning of the festival.

Food

The organization will give volunteers sandwiches, drink tickets and food tickets during the festival. The equivalent of only one meal will be provided every day.

There are a lot of shops, small snacks (pizza, fries, sandwich, Chinese...) and bars in Brussels.

Here is a link that will give you an idea of the cost of living in Belgium for 2021: <https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/country/belgium>

Specific information

Volunteers will have to work during the whole festival, from the beginning to the end.

It is requested to arrive two days before the project as there is a preparation and presentation meeting.

Casual clothes should be enough, but it should also be comfortable in order to be reactive and flexible during the rushes. You will be provided a BIFFF T-shirt. Brussels is a rainy town so be ready for this and don't expect the temperature to be very hot in April. You must remember that you will spend some times outside for different activities.

No specific material is required out of a sleeping bag.

After the work, you will be able to enjoy the films and events. The entry will be offered as well as your meals and your pass.

Members of SVI will be here to provide further information on the cultural sites and events in the region. There are several opportunities of sports and outdoor activities.

Meeting Point

The meeting point and how to get there will be indicated in the info sheet.

Camp language

Notions of French or Flemish would be great, but English is compulsory.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) - 14 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 60 km
- **Nearest train station:** Central Station - 200m

About Brussels

Brussels is not only the Belgian capital but also the European capital. The city combines the characteristics of a large city with the charm of smaller, quieter towns. Modern with a classical touch, the streets of Brussels are full of charm and history. Brussels can be visited on foot, by bike, but also by horse-drawn carriage.

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COULEUR CAFÉ

Code	CCAFE-SVI
Name	Couleur Café
Location	Brussels
Dates	June 2021 (date to confirm)
Type	SOCI – MANU – FEST – CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	10



Presentation of the partner

It has been a long time since Couleur Café piled up its souks, restaurants, and musicians in the **covered market of Schaerbeek**, in Brussels, that now became a European cultural centre. In **1990, first edition of Couleur Café**, the idea was to have a **multiculturated, multiraced** and **friendly** festival. Something that would not be big and gloomy. Something like the multicoloured social fabric of Brussels. The program back then was mainly with African and Afro-Cuban music. First success with 5,300 visitors.

Couleur Café already had the perfect ingredients: souks, decoration, restaurants, craftsmen, fanfares... Even if it was way more modest of course. With the success, the festival became bigger, moved, took on new music and became interested in urban music. Couleur Café wants the program to be eclectic, welcomes discoveries and Belgian music, even if its **black roots** are still as important. Over the years, the festive side of the festival and the multidisciplinary dimension were strengthened, with for example the **Cool Art Café** exhibition (with fine art) and the increase of extra-musical activities: **dance lessons, free style demonstration, NGO's invitation** in the **Solidarity Village**...

At **Tour & Taxis** since **1994** and now at the **Roi Beaudouin stadium**, Couleur Café is not only a world music festival anymore but a festival with all urban music. With more than 50 concerts in three days, Couleur Café offers three stages with lots of different music: r&b, hiphop, funk, afro, reggae, raga, dub, dancehall, latin, salsa, blues and rock. There are also spaces for **electronic music** with that same desire of melting-pot.

Although Couleur Café gathers more than **75,000** visitors, including **3,000** campers, it keeps a human face. It is managed self-sufficiently by Zig Zag, a non-profit organization. The festival became a must-see Belgian musical event that still encourages the fun and friendliness 24 years after its creation.

Volunteer work

Before the start of the festival, volunteers must be hired to set up, barricade, cover, organise, glue, build and more to welcome and install over 250 people from the Couleur Café staff and our volunteers, the day before the official opening of the campsite.

During the festival (you can work during the morning or the afternoon): Among the many posts to be managed are the ticketing, breakfast, and rotating teams for the peace and quiet of the campsite, the cleanliness awareness team, and the technical team. But also, the distribution of documents to explain to the residents around Tour & Taxis about the event.

Accommodation

You sleep in tents. Either you bring it or the SVI rents you one (25 euros) for the duration of the festival. We give you back 23 euros when you give us back the tent. You also need to bring your sleeping bag and mattress.

Food

In compensation for your volunteering:

- 1) Drink vouchers
- 2) Food vouchers

Only during the festival and not during the off days.

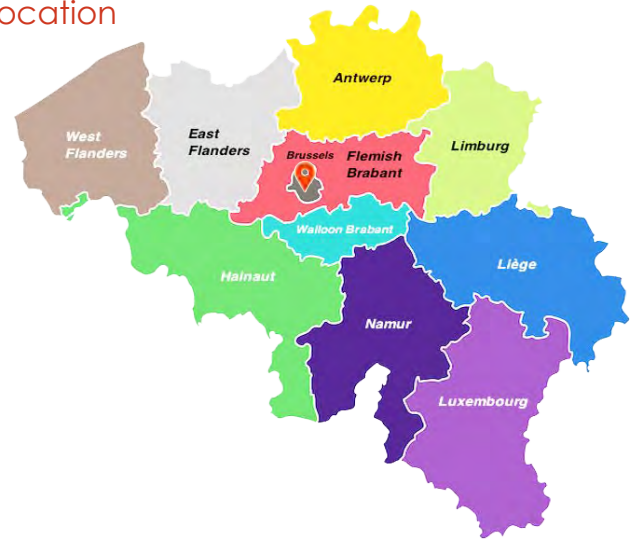
Meeting point

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Camp language

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Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels)
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 60 km
- **Nearest train station:** Brussels-Midi Station – 8 km
- **Transport between the railway station and the place of volunteering:** Metro 6 (25min)

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ESPERANZAH!

Code	SVI-ESPER
Name	Esperanzah Festival
Location	Floreffe
Dates	August 2021 (date to confirm)
Type	ENVI – FEST
Age	18+
Volunteers	5



Presentation of the partner

Esperanzah! is a world music festival that has offered a varied programme of well-known and lesser-known artists since 2002. Every year it is an alternative line-up, open to the world and based on discovery. A programme that expresses cultural diversity and deliberately goes against the tide of monopolies, algorithms and the mainstream. It takes place at Floreffe Abbey, located between Charleroi and Namur in Belgium.

Z ! Association, organizer of the Esperanzah music festival, aims to design and organize remarkable sites, events or cultural and social activities.

Volunteer work

Volunteers will be responsible for cleaning the festival site. They will collect waste so visitors can attend concerts in a welcoming and safe site. They will also be assigned to physical tasks. They will have to make festival-goers aware of the protection of the environment. Volunteers will work from 9am to midday and from 1pm to 5pm. Your job is to keep the area clean and tidy. During the festival, the volunteers are free to enjoy too! The work to be done can be physical.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in a dormitory. Kitchen, shower and toilet will be available, but they will share it with another group of volunteers. There will be no washing machine. You will be asked to bring a mattress and a sleeping bag. Do not forget to bring working clothes as it can be rainy from time to time.

Food

Three meals are provided each day for volunteers. Vegetarian volunteers will receive special meals. Only during the festival and not during the off days.

Specific information

Clothing: Boots or hiking shoes (you might not want to take nice shoes because you might get VERY dirty). Do not forget, everything will take place



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outside. Work clothes (for the construction work), and comfortable clothes (for the festival). Summer clothes AND winter clothes because it can get warm or cold!

In Belgium we can have very rainy summers with temperatures around 15°C but we can also have periods of high heat with dry weather and temperatures around 35°C, so we have to check the weather before leaving and be ready for anything.

Volunteers need to bring clothes that dry fast because if you get wet, you might have to change clothes several times a day. If you think about bringing clothes that dry fast, you will not end up with only wet clothes left.

Meeting point

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Camp language

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Location



- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 29 km
- **Nearest train station:** Floreffe Station – 2 km
- **Transport between the railway station and the place of volunteering:** Bus 10 (12min)

About Floreffe

Floreffe is a French-speaking town of Belgium located in the Walloon Region in the province of Namur.

There is a fabulous range of things to do in and around this destination. Nothing compares to watching great masterpieces when your soul needs to be transported. By looking at the fabulous works of art in the Félicien Rops museum, see if you can find a deeper meaning in them.

DOUR FESTIVAL

Code	SVI-DOUR
Name	Dour Festival
Location	Dour
Dates	15-07-2021 – 18-07-2021
Type	ENVI – FEST
Age	18+
Volunteers	10



Presentation of the partner

The Dour Festival is a European festival of alternative, independent and multicultural music organized by Carlo Di Antonio, taking place every summer in Belgium at Dour, near Mons, for 5 days on the Dour wind farm, near the French border in the province of Hainaut. The festival is getting bigger and bigger and counts more and more festivalgoers coming from all over the world.

More than 200 artists perform on six stages. More than anything else, it is a unique concept and a wonderful atmosphere. More than 1,000 journalists came to the festival. These professionals are usually from Europe, but every year we can note the presence of journalists from Australia, Canada, and the United States. The programming is more international than ever, but we devote a large part of our programme to Belgian artists.

Volunteer work

Volunteers will be part of the GREEN BRIGADE. Your job is to keep the area clean, tidy, and safe. The team will collect and recycle the waste to give the festival-goers a nice and safe ground. Volunteers will also have to do physical work (built the stage, carry heavy material,..). Do not imagine you will simply enjoy the festival. It will be hard work too! Your job will be the same throughout the whole festival. It could be heavy and repetitive. Volunteers will have to work around 6 hours a day, probably early in the morning. During your free time, you will be free to go to the festival and enjoy the concerts (concerts start at noon and end at 5.00 am).

Accommodation

A camping site is reserved for the volunteers. It is well located, outside the festival, in a quiet environment. There is also a bar. There are showers and toilets in the camping. You need a flashlight, toilet paper, bath towel, basic pharmacy, earplugs... You can expect not to have hot water to shower. You need to bring all the things that will be useful to your stay because you will not be able to buy anything during your stay over there! You need a tent and a sleeping bag (+ camping mattress, pillow,...) and all you think you need to go camping (there is no kitchen). You need to bring your own material to fix your tent if you need to do so! There will not be any building where you can sleep. If you do not bring your own tent and camping material, you will have to sleep in the mud!

Food

The organization will give volunteers 1 ticket for a sandwich and 4 tickets for drinks per day.

You need to have a small budget for others meals (about 10€-15€/day). There are a lot of shops, small snacks (pizza, fries, sandwich, Chinese...) and bars in Dour. If possible, take kitchen material like a camping stove, plates, cutlery... to cook for yourself in the camping.



Specific information

Take hiking shoes as it can be very muddy. Working clothes, warm clothes (it can be very cold sometimes and at night). You need to bring all your camping gear! (Tent, mattress, sleeping bag, etc.)

Camp language

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Location



- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 45 km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) - 62 km

- **Nearest train station:** Saint-Ghislain Station – 10 km
- **Transport between the railway station and the place of volunteering:** Bus 7 (25min)

Dour Festival also organizes shuttle buses. Several bus options are available from France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Switzerland, and England.

The bus packages all include:

- Return bus journey from the city of your choice
- The presence of a coordinator during the journey
- Entertainment during the journey

You will find all the information via this link: <https://www.dourfestival.eu/fr/practical/getting-there/by-bus/>

About Dour

Dour is a very small town. You will not have to do anything else on site apart the festival. But after the site, you can go to Mons.

With a characterful medieval center climbing up a hill and a fine Grand Place, Mons located at 20km from Dour had a substantial face-lift in 2015, when it was European Capital of Culture. The legacy is a handful of entertaining modern museums, which make for an excellent visit and offer plenty to keep you busy for two or three days. One museum covers war in splendid fashion, while another celebrates the riotous Doudou festival, which stars St George, a dragon, Sainte-Waudru, devils and thousands of beery revelers.

SOLIDARITY PROJECT

Code	SVI-BSOLIDARITY
Name	Solidarity Project
Location	Florenville / Namur
Dates	August 2021 (date to confirm)
Type	SOCI – FEST – CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	10



Presentation of the partner

Get a two-in-one experience of volunteering by participating in our solidarity volunteering project. You will discover two festivals:

The International Street Art and Performance Festival: As every year, street theatre takes up residence in the Gaume region, in the village of Chassepierre. On 21 and 22 August 2021 (to be confirmed), the 47th edition of the International Street Arts Festival of Chassepierre will take place in the Walloon region. It has become an internationally renowned festival and one of the most important events of its kind in the Walloon-Brussels Federation.

For two days, a whole village is turned upside down by the arrival of these nomadic artists who have chosen to live in the open air and transform it into a 360° theatre. Actors, musicians, clowns, acrobats... share the pavement and pour out their fantasy to the delight of the public.

The Chassepierre International Street Arts Festival is a convivial festival to be enjoyed by all ages, alone or with the family, armed only with curiosity. It is an astonishing festival, with a strong emphasis on creation and innovation. It encourages encounters between cultures, love at first sight as some fifty companies from many countries come together. Their style is varied, but always favours humour, surprise, contact with the audience and spontaneity.

La Fte des Solidarités: The Fte des Solidarités offers a varied musical programme. Over two days, twenty or so concerts will take place in the exceptional setting of the Citadelle. The programme is aimed at the general public.

However, Solidarités is much more than a music festival. It is above all a family festival organised around concerts, stands, a village of associations and a children's city where they can have fun, share and discover. It is a time for living together and meeting people, a place for reflection through social debates, plays and films shown at the Magic Mirrors.

Volunteer work

The International Street Art and Performance Festival: you will prepare the artists' dressing rooms, help construction crews, help direct the festival visitors, help move equipment, etc.

La Fte des Solidarités: before and after the festival, you will help the construction/visibility/decoration crews. During the festival, you can enjoy the concerts.

Accommodation

You will be hosted in rooms in a lodge and a boarding school. Bring a sleeping bag.

Food

Almost all the meals are provided. Except for the breakfast at the solidarity festival. Make sure you have a small budget. 5 euros per day.



Meeting Point

The meeting point and how to get there will be indicated in the info sheet.

Camp language

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Location



Chassepierre (Florenville):

- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 45 km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 146 km
- **Nearest train station:** Florenville Station – 7 km

Namur:

- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 55 km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) - 62 km
- **Nearest train station:** Namur Station – 10 km

About Namur and Chassepierre

Namur

Strategically located at the confluence of the Meuse and Sambre Rivers, Namur is crowned by a big citadel that was once one of Europe's mightiest fortresses. Below the citadel, Namur's gently picturesque old-town core has much to discover, including architectural treasures from past centuries and small but charming museums (covering everything from the medieval crafts of the Meuse Valley to 19th-century erotic paintings). The cobblestone lanes are dotted with sunny cafes, bookstores and vintage shops – catering in part to Namur's vibrant student population. You could easily spend a few days in the capital of Wallonia, with citadel exploring, old town walks and leisurely boat rides along the Meuse among the highlights.

Chassepierre (Florenville)

The International Street Arts Festival of Chassepierre is also a tourist destination: Chassepierre is a village with many charms, nestled in the valley of the Semois. It is one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia. Its two hundred inhabitants do their utmost to give you a warm welcome.

ACCUEIL ET VIE

Code	SVI-AV
Name	Accueil et vie
Location	Tubize
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – DISA – EDU
Age	18+
Volunteers	2



Presentation of the partner

The mission of the Asbl Accueil & Vie is to receive and accommodate adults with an intellectual disability to ensure their social integration under the best possible conditions. The organisation Accueil & Vie offers two community houses, twenty supervised apartments and a day centre for a group of nearly 50 adults (our residents) with mild to moderate mental disabilities. Those living facilities and the day care centre aim at a family and community atmosphere, where the personality of everyone is acknowledged and accepted.

The organisation's core values are the right to dignity, to an honest dialogue, to solidarity, hospitality, non-violence, and the respect of differences for all our residents. Accueil & Vie offers ways for everyone to live happily and blossom by answering to their physiological and safety needs (accommodation, health, nutrition). The residents need for autonomy and interpersonal contacts, open-mindedness, acknowledgement and sense of belonging will be met thanks to the volunteers' capabilities and the resources made available to them. The living facilities and activities contribute to a fulfilling experience where everyone feels at home. Accueil & Vie wishes to create an atmosphere of trust and active communication between residents, families, volunteers and all the partners. The organisation helps the residents to be actively involved in the society. Our residents suffer from mild, moderate, and severe learning difficulties without exhibiting violent behaviours. For 9 years now, we have been welcoming international volunteers.

Volunteer work

We believe in the importance of diverse social contacts for our residents, which is why we would like to welcome a volunteer for 3 to 12 months. They would spend the day with our residents in a warm, friendly, and supportive environment, bringing life and community support to our centre.

Promote our values and our solidarity commitment to disabled people.

Working and living with disabled people makes for an incredibly strong and rich experience. Taking care of them humbles us and keeps us grounded. It also helps us see them as unique individuals who embrace their differences.

For volunteers, it is also a good introduction to social work and civic engagement.

Accommodation

- Volunteers will sleep in an individual room.
- Toilets, showers and kitchen shared with residents.
- Washing machines available.
- Wi-Fi access.



Food.

Meals are included and prepared in the centre.

Meeting

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Language

It is recommended to be able to speak a few words of French or to be willing to learn French.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 30 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 42 km
- **Nearest train station:** Tubize Station – 2 km

About Tubize

Tubize is a French-speaking town in Belgium located in the Walloon Region in the province of Brabant Wallon, 24 km from Brussels. It is a very small town with very few activities.

CÔTE À CÔTE

Code	SVI-COTEACOTE
Name	Côte-à-Côte Go asbl
Location	Louvain-La-Neuve
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – DISA – EDU
Age	18+
Volunteers	1



Presentation of the project

The Côte-à-Côte association has built a passive home in the heart of Louvain-la-Neuve for young adults with motor disabilities such as cerebral palsy (CP). It thus offers these young people the opportunity to live their lives independently.

Côte-à-Côte Go asbl has set itself the mission of creating an environment that enables CPs to realize their life project through autonomy and solidarity in order to become actors in society. This project also allows the inhabitants and friends of Côte-à-Côte Go asbl, with or without disabilities, to enrich themselves by sharing a life experience.

A pilot project in terms of housing:

- A passive construction, on a human scale, in the heart of the city of Louvain-la-Neuve.
- A grouped housing unit that brings together 11 young adults IMC's, an Erasmus student with reduced mobility, a student working on a disability-related issue, two carers and their families.

A pilot project in terms of support:

- A personalized life project.
- A maximum of autonomy with a maximum of social links.

The people | the CP

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is the result of a non-progressive, permanent brain injury that occurs in the developing brain.

It is a syndrome that combines posture and movement disorders. It is sometimes accompanied by associated disorders: epilepsy, speech, vision, etc...



Volunteer work

The volunteer will be a part of the household and will share the values of Côte-à-Côte. He will accompany the people in their daily life, bring his own ideas and his energy in a mixed group of people. Depending on his abilities and his adaptation, the volunteer will perform the following tasks alone or with someone:

- Manage daily life in a team setting while emphasizing the autonomy ability of each resident.
- Assist residents in their autonomy and self-sufficiency project.
- Organize community activities with the residents.
- Ensure safety and well being of the residents by handling morning and evening activities. Morning: breakfast, preparation for outings, maybe escorting to the place of activity. Evening: dinner, leisure activities, getting to bed.
- As needed: ensure security and wellbeing of residents at night.

Accommodation

Accommodation is included. You will have a room in the house if it is free. If not, you will be hosted in another house in Louvain-la-Neuve.

Food

You will be given breakfast and dinner. Dinner is prepared by the accompanying persons.

Meeting

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Language

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Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 27 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 40 km
- **Nearest train station:** Louvain-La-Neuve Station – 2 km

As the organization is located in the same city as SVI, you will have the opportunity to meet its members as well as participate in all local SVI activities.

About Louvain-La-Neuve

Located 30 km from Brussels in the heart of Walloon Brabant, the site of the university of Louvain-la-Neuve welcomes over 20,000 students in its eleven faculties.

Created in 1971 by the university, this city is one of the youngest in Europe. A city in the countryside, it offers an exceptional living environment to students, researchers, professors and inhabitants. Museums, cinemas, theatres, concert and exhibition halls, a swimming pool and sports centre, restaurants and cafés, shops and green spaces: all contribute to the quality of its environment.

Its entirely pedestrianised urban centre allows easy access to all academic buildings and provides an environment where students, researchers, professors and residents meet and form a unique social, cultural and economic fabric.

AUBERGE DE JEUNESSE JACQUES BREL

Code	SVI-AJJB
Name	Auberge de jeunesse Jacques Brel
Location	Brussels
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	ENV - CULT - LEAD
Age	18+
Volunteers	2



Presentation of the project

The association is affiliated to Hostelling International, the founding movement of the Youth Hostels.

As such, it offers accommodation to young people in particular (but not exclusively) who travel individually, with friends or in groups.

It offers basic hotel services: catering (canteen with sustainable label), meeting rooms, a bar with local and craft beers.

The association is also recognised by the Youth Service of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation as a meeting and accommodation centre and organises activities with young people aimed at developing their reflection on the world around them and taking an active part in it.

Volunteer work

Being an alternative hostel, the work carried out will be mainly hotel work.

- Creation and implementation of activities with the public (exhibitions, debates, visits, karaoke, etc.)
- Helping with the association's sustainability initiatives (reducing food waste, permaculture, etc.)
- Helping with the smooth running of the service (occasional help with washing up and cleaning the rooms)
- Helping to welcome users and running the bar

Food and Accommodation

Meals are provided for volunteers on the weekends only. Please bring money for food during the week 10-15€ per day.

Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) - 14 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 60 km
- **Nearest train station:** Central Station - 200m

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LE FAGOTIN

Code	SVI_fagotin_2021
Name	Le Fagotin
Location	Stoumont
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	ENVI – EDU – ANI
Age	18+
Volunteers	2



Presentation of the partner

Since its creation in 1995, the Fagotin association has progressively developed its activities until it became a major educational and touristic actor in the Belgian Ardennes. Today, the association is a combination of a "Nature Center", an "Animation Farm" and a "Meeting and Accommodation Center". Their values are centered around four key notions: CITIZENSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY, SOLIDARITY, GOODWILL.

Both in summer and winter, the Fagotin team, made up of experienced animators, offers camps, field trips, workshops, walks, guided tours, training sessions, meetings, etc. in order to promote the wonders of Wallonia's natural heritage to everyone, especially to young people.

Usually (out of this covid period), the team is made up of 16 employees who welcome more than 10,000 people each year.

Volunteer work

The tasks will vary depending on the needs of the farm. Volunteers can either help with the more physical work in the farm or with the social tasks. They will also take part in everyday tasks (cooking, washing the dishes, welcoming groups, etc.)

The work in the farm consists of many different tasks: maintenance of green areas (mowing, trimming, vegetable garden), maintenance of the pastures (fixing fences, cutting wood), maintenance of the animal shelters (construction and reparation), small interior and exterior improvements (painting, etc.).

The social tasks consist of helping the team with the organization of activities. Some activities are for children and teenager, others are more touristic activities (donkey rides, hiking with drinks, etc.).

Accommodation

Volunteers can either sleep in a tent (with or without access to showers and toilets) or in a residential center. The participation fee per day / per person will vary according to the option chosen by the volunteer.

Food

There are three meals offered per day. There are vegetarian options. It is also possible to pay for full board for the entire stay or to rent a kitchen (for groups).



Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Language

It is recommended to be able to speak a few words of French or to be willing to learn French.

Location



About Stoumont

Our partner association is in Stoumont, in the heart of the Belgian Ardennes. It is a quiet village, surrounded by forests. It is the perfect place to go for a walk in the forest. It has already worked with volunteers. Each year, about fifteen interns come and help on the farm. They make it available to the organization. It has bought another building in which work will be done. It will be converted into a residential center.

Stoumont is a very special place in the province of Liège. Difference in altitude within the municipality is around 400 metres and it has many water sources. This is the perfect place to really get to know. It is a very small town with very few activities.

- **Nearest airport:** Liege Airport – 42 km
- Maastricht Airport – 85 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 129 km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 134 km
- **Nearest train station:** Stoumont Station – 6 Km

DON BOSCO

Code	SVI-DONBOSCO
Name	Don Bosco
Location	Ganshoren
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – ENVI – MANU – CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	2

Presentation of the partner

Don Bosco is a boarding school made up of 7 big houses which can host up to 100 youth studying in different schools and university in Brussels.

Don Bosco was one of the best educators of modern times as he developed success-oriented teaching methods. Every young person has a huge potential. The whole educational work is done by pupil's parents, teachers, educators, and volunteers altogether. The objective is to make sure the youth is in the best conditions to experience their abilities in a positive way. Thus, they feel empowered because they realize that they have true abilities, gain self-esteem and throw themselves into their homework because they enjoy doing it.

The main objective is to help these young people to achieve academic, human, and social success through three cornerstones:

- Reason: discussing on issues drives them to use their abilities to think, to make decisions and to get involved.
- Religion: as a way to look for meaning in their lives.
- Love: which is shown by the educators through being a loving, strict and attentive person and by the youth by being grateful.

This teaching method is based on confidence in the youth's positive future.

Volunteer work

As a volunteer, your presence is a very important asset, but you will not replace the educators who are currently working there. The "schoolwork help" service is available for homework help, but also for edutainment activities and for organising games and artistic workshops. You will be invited to teach the children the tasks of daily life: taking meals, watching over showers, helping to tidy up the rooms, etc. The volunteer's mission is built with the volunteer himself and the person in charge. We adapt the mission to the volunteer's expectations and abilities.

Food and accommodation

The volunteer is provided with accommodation, utilities (heating, electricity, internet and meals from Monday to Friday. Over the weekends and on your days off, meals are not provided. Laundry is not provided (use of a launderette 100m from the house, but sheets are provided for cleaning every 3 weeks.

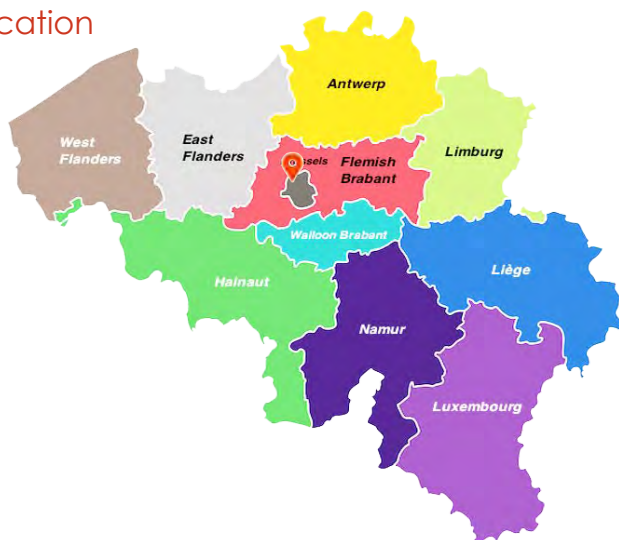
Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Language

It is recommended to be able to speak a few words of French or to be willing to learn French.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 22 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 60 km
- **Nearest train station:** Bruxelles-Midi Station – 8 km

About Ganshoren

Ganshoren is one of the nineteen municipalities of Brussels which is in the northwest of the city, 20 minutes away from the Grand-Place by public transportation. This is a peaceful and green municipality in which families from different social backgrounds live. The boarding school is in a quiet and verdant environment.



PROJET NOW

Code	SVI-NOW
Name	Projet Now
Location	Waulsort
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – ENVI – MANU – CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	2

Presentation of the partner

Project NOW is a food cooperative with social objectives. It was created by 10 people who were joined by 40 « villagers » from the municipality.

The aim is to make Waulsort attractive for the tourists again, to exploit its potential in order to create jobs, support local producers and at the same time recreate proximity services. On an ecological level, apart from the fact that all products are local, organic, and seasonal, nothing is disposable in the Villa 1900, except toilet paper...

We favor ecological and raw material. All clothes and home textiles are second hand to not support unethical and non-environmental suppliers. The garden is not chemically treated and includes a few squares of grass.

Native species are fostered: there are many birds, fed during the winter. A pond helps to support biodiversity and hens to reduce waste.

In the store, we aim at "zero waste": we buy many bulk products and favor reusable packaging. Our sustainable management tries to embed all aspects of a sustainable society: cooperative management, participatory democracy using collective intelligence, social justice and integrating differences (insertion of the long-term unemployed, collaboration with people who went through psychiatry, intercultural and inter-generational relations), attention to North – South and present-future balance, through the farm cooperative to favor local exchanges and local resilience (alternative currency, SEL), individual development, promotion of permaculture and other agro ecology types, promotion of soft mobility, reflection on other business and teaching models...

Volunteer work

- Helping in the restaurant and doing the dishes (evenings / week-ends).
- Building work: stripping down, sanding, painting, bricking.
- Garden maintenance.
- Creation of a little garden of medicinal herbs like in the Middle-Age.
- Plantation and "seeding" of the pond.
- Workshops, participation to visits and activities.
- Data-input work for the library and bookkeeping.
- Harvesting fruits or wild plants.
- Promotional actions for the Villa 1900.
- Maybe (but we will discuss this in the next general meeting) participation to the implementation of an online sales system.
- Work on the internet and social networks.
- Establishment and delivery of a local newspaper.
- Creation of handcrafts.
- Delivery in the village.
- Bike-taxi for some events.
- Cycling ice-cream delivery.
- On Monday, receipt of the goods.
- Repairing for the free repairing workshop (Repair café).

Food and Accommodation

Housing in Villa 1900s "Pink Room" with a sink (hot and cold water), a desk, a closet (the bathroom is under work, it will be ready for the second semester). Stay in an exceptional surrounding, in the middle of an unspoiled nature with rich biodiversity and in an area with a huge historical heritage. We have a washer and a drier that you are free to use. You will be fed during your stay, with the team. You should not be accustomed to eat at regular mealtimes ;-). If you are vegetarian, there is no problem. We have difficulty with "vegan" diet, but it can be possible (In this case, you have things to teach to us, we have special goods here, but no soya for example, as a matter of principle).

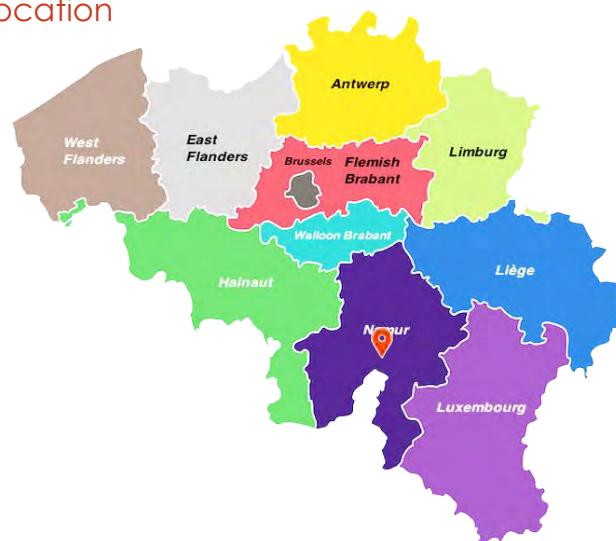
Meeting Point

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Language

It is recommended to be able to speak a few words of French or to be willing to learn French.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport - 40km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 101 km
- **Nearest train station:** Waulsort la pergola Station – 200 m

About Waulsort near Dinant

WAULSORT, in the Walloon Region, province of Namur, Belgium. The village of Waulsort was part of The Benedictine Waulsort Abbey built in 946 by Scottish monks.

Waulsort is a small, very quiet village in which it is possible to go for many walks.

AUBERGE DE JEUNESSE TOURNAI

Code	SVI-AJT
Name	Auberge de jeunesse Tournai
Location	Tournai
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – ENVI – EDU – CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	2



Presentation of the partner

The non-profit youth hosteling association "Les Auberges de Jeunesse asbl" was established in 1933. In line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it aims to promote social tourism, cultural tourism, and travel for young people, and to play a role in developing the potential of young people, thereby contributing towards their education and responsible citizenship in a humanist spirit. The aim of the association is to create and animate a network of Youth Hostels, meeting offices, and sheltering building centers. Another aim is to keep a friendly atmosphere between the hosted people without discrimination of age, skin-color, religion, nationality, language, gender, and opinion. The association also wants to let the youngsters know about the network of youth hostel across the world.

Volunteer work

The work consists in active participation to the work services:

- Welcoming, bar, food service, help cleaning.
- Creation and development of specific activities over soft animation, in the journey or the evening.
- Creation and development of activities over responsible and ecologic development: Food wasting, waste sorting.

Food and Accommodation

The volunteer will be hosted in a room with another volunteer.

When there is no food service at the hostel, the volunteer will receive money for food.

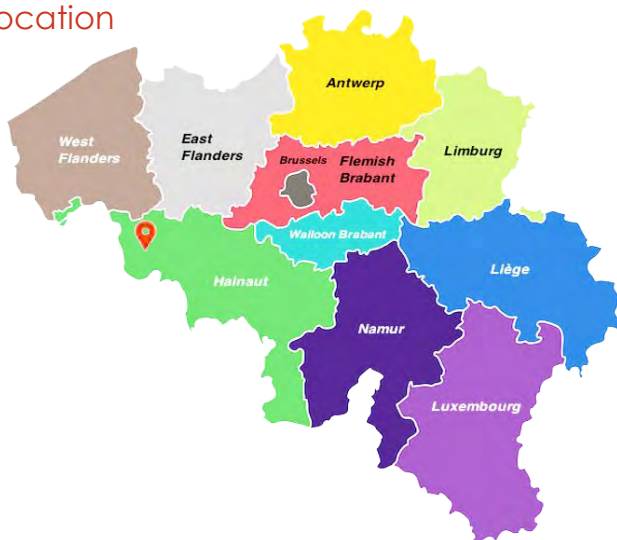
Meeting Point

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Language

The volunteer should speak either english, French or Flemish.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Lille France – 22km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 79 km
- Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 110 km
- **Nearest train station:** Tournai Station – 2km

About Tournai

Tournai is located between Lille (FR), Charleroi (BE) and Brussels (BE).

Enjoyable Tournai has a memorable Grand Place and one of Belgium's finest cathedrals. Even by local standards, the city has been in the wars, occupied at various points by Romans, Franks, Normans, French, English, Spanish, Austrians, Dutch and Germans. Today it's a lovely place for casual strolling, with a lively bar and restaurant scene near the river.



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THE CAVES OF HAN

Code	SVI-GDH
Name	The Caves of Han
Location	Han sur Lesse
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – ENVI – ANI – EDU
Age	18+
Volunteers	2



The presentation of the partner

The caves of Han are one of the most famous caves in Europe. It is exceptional in terms of beauty and the immensity of its chambers. The caves are fashioned by the river Lesse that flows through it from one side to the other. It has welcomed more than 20 million visitors for over 250 years.

In the 250-hectare park of unspoilt nature, you'll contemplate the fauna and the natural environment (wolves, lynx, bears) as well as le Massif de Boine, archaeological objects, places of cult and pilgrimage.

Work

As volunteer, you will watch over the path, while walking and observing the visitors to guide and help them. You'll also prevent the visitors from leaving the path and venturing in another part of the reserve,

ensure that the visitors do not damage equipment or harm the animals and that they do not adopt dangerous behaviors (like passing their hands through the enclosures) and do not disturb the path (noise, garbage,..). You will oversee activities and give information along the path: inform the visitors on practical questions and provide further information concerning the animals and the nature, ensure the maintenance of the path, organize the pick-up of visitors by the safari bus.

Food and accommodation

The volunteer will be hosted in a volunteer house. He will share 4 or 6 bedrooms with facilities. Sheets and washing machine are provided. Wi-Fi is available. Lunch is provided but the volunteer is responsible of his breakfast and dinner (10€/day). The volunteers do the groceries together.

Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Language

The volunteer should speak either English, French or Flemish.

Location



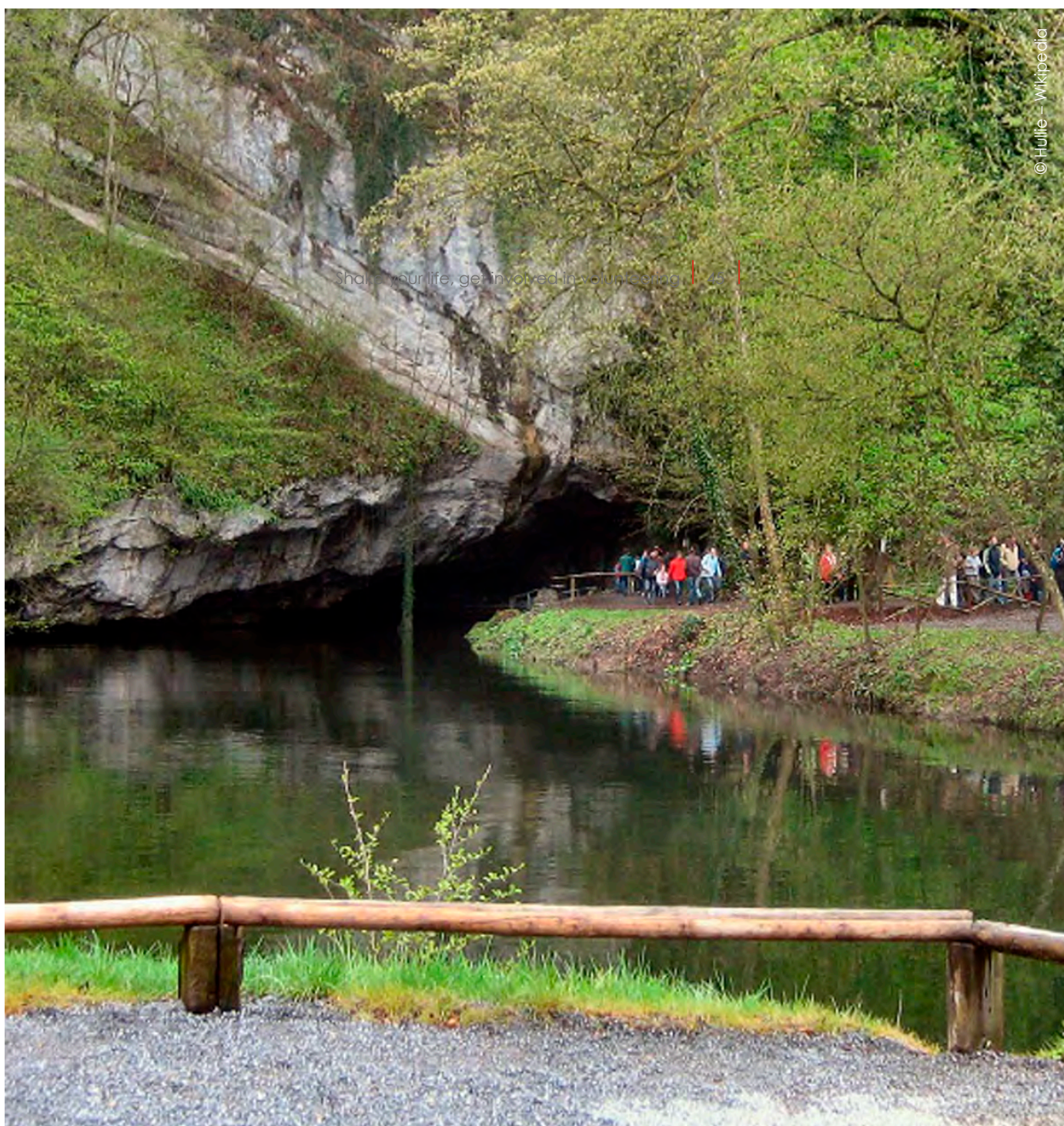
- **Nearest airport:** Brussels South Charleroi Airport - 77km
- **Nearest train station:** Rochefort-Jemelle Station – 10 km
- **Transport between the railway station and the place of volunteering:** Bus 29 (14min)

About Han-Sur-Lesse

The little village of Han-sur-Lesse is the gateway to the Ardennes and one hour driving from Brussels.

At Han-sur-Lesse, the Lesse river tunnels underground, forming one of the most impressive cave systems in Belgium, before winding its way prettily out of town.

The village itself is quite compact, with a walkable center dotted with tourist-oriented shops and eateries. It also has an animal park and several other modest, historically themed museums. If you need calm and peaceful life during your experience: Han-sur-Lesse is the place to be!



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RENAISSANCE

Code	SVI-REN
Name	Renaissance
Location	Braine L'Alleud
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	SOCI – DISA – EDU
Age	18+
Volunteers	2

Presentation of the project

Renaissance ASBL is a residential center hosting 20 adults who were born with physical disabilities (cerebral palsy). The center aims at giving those people an adapted living place. Renaissance is a residential center in which each occupant has to take part in the daily tasks according to their abilities. These tasks are supervised by various specialized people: educators, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, a caseworker and physiotherapists, a multidisciplinary team in which each person accompanies the resident individually within the group. The center highlights the importance of cultural exchange, openness, and encounters.

Volunteer work

During the project, the volunteer will take part in the community life of the residential center under the supervision of staff members. They will share meals with the residents, among other things:

- Life at the center: cooking, food stocks control, laundry, cleaning activities etc.
- Leisure and creative activities: theater, well-being, painting, expression, comics.
- Activities organized out of the center: shopping, cultural excursions, sports, etc.
- Special events: Run & Bike (adapted bicycles), Christmas market.

The volunteers will not be in charge of medical care (washing the residents, putting them to bed, waking them up, etc.). A meeting will take place on a monthly basis to report on the volunteer's stay.

The volunteers are allowed to meet their tutor or the director of the center whenever they want. They will never have to stay alone with the residents and will be given safety instructions by a prevention adviser.

Food and Accommodation

Three meals a day will be provided to the volunteers. They will eat with the residents on the ground floor of the center, with the team or on the first floor (where they will be housed). Every month, a general allowance and a food allowance are given to each volunteer working in the day center.

Specific information

The volunteers must have the maturity needed to face the challenges of daily life with physically disabled people. Prior knowledge of French is essential because some residents only speak French and need clear indications. Besides, the center needs volunteers who are dynamic, motivated, eager to learn and to take initiatives, able to question themselves, and to accept criticism from the staff. They also need to be aware that they will live several months with different people who have a way of life which is sometimes totally opposed to our daily life.

Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) - 24 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport - 27 km
- **Nearest train station:** Braine-l'Alleud Station – 3 km

About Braine-l'Alleud

As far as leisure is concerned, Braine-l'Alleud is home to a cinema complex, many sports halls, and a cultural center. Braine-l'Alleud is not far away from the historic site of Waterloo. Many hiking routes are available in the area.

Braine-l'Alleud is a Walloon municipality in the Belgian province of Walloon Brabant, about 20 kilometres south of Brussels. The Braine-l'Alleud municipality includes the former municipalities of Braine-l'Alleud proper, Ophain-Bois-Seigneur-Isaac, and Lillois-Witterzée. It also includes the hamlet of Sart-Moulin, the inverted name of which inspired Hergé's Moulinsart castle. The famous Lion of Waterloo where the eponymous battle took place is in the territory of Braine-l'Alleud. It is a very small town with very few activities.

ALIMENTERRE

Code	SVI-ALI
Name	AlimenTerre
Location	Louvain-La-Neuve
Dates	Permanent Project
Type	ENV - SOCIO - CULT
Age	18+
Volunteers	1

Presentation of the project

In the neighbourhood of La Baraque in Louvain-La-Neuve, a community of 200 residents share an alternative lifestyle in close connection with nature. This community lives near the city, in small sustainable accommodations as close to nature as possible (caravans, yurts, converted buses, bubbles, etc.). A real social mosaic can be found in this atypical neighbourhood: social workers, artists, students, politicians, unemployed people, craftspeople, etc. Therefore, social diversity is at the heart of this social and environmental project.

It is within a social and environmental approach that a solidarity organic grocery store and a community fridge have been created. The atmosphere in this grocery shop is pleasant and people take the time to talk and get their groceries. It is a proper place for social integration and everyone does their bit to ensure that the shop runs efficiently (school dropouts, people at the CPAS, people with a disability, etc.). These simple tasks can help all these people to increase their independence and self-confidence. As a result, this project reinforces the social cohesion and solidarity present within this community which has a very unique and ecological lifestyle.

Volunteer work

The volunteers' tasks will be quite varied. In the grocery store, they will welcome the customers, guide them during their shopping and make them aware of various topics (balanced diet, consumption of local and seasonal products, zero-waste). Volunteers will also try to encourage interactions between the customers and between the members of the community. They will contribute to the management of the grocery store (food supplies, coding and packaging of products, stock management, checkout). Aside from their tasks in the grocery store, volunteers will organise and host collective sessions on a variety of issues (fight against food waste, circular economy, bulk food, meat consumption, cosmetics and cleaning products, reusable packaging, zero-waste...).

They will be invited to come up with new projects and to contribute to the development of the association's activities, by reinforcing local partnerships as well as the network of solidarity grocery stores and local producers. Finally, volunteers will collect foodstuffs to supply the solidarity fridge and will participate in the maintenance of the community's vegetable garden.

This volunteering mission will complement the employees' actions by bringing a fresh perspective on the organisation, but also new ideas or methods for the beneficiaries of the project. The sharing, interactions, know-how and interpersonal skills will be beneficial for both the volunteer and the team members. This means that the volunteer will not be in charge of a task that requires technical or specific skills for the smooth operation of the organisation.

Accommodation

As far as accommodation is concerned, the volunteer will live in a caravan for a few days to get to know the experience and then he or she will stay with a local person (in the community area).

Food

The volunteer has to buy his own food and will be able to cook for himself in the home (so he chooses what he wants, vegetarian or not). Plan on a budget of 10-15€ per day.

Specific information

For this mission, no particular profile, no specific training or skills are required. Only genuine motivation from the candidates is important in order to carry out this project. SVI therefore guarantees that the mission is accessible to any young person who wants to get involved in a volunteering project. In general, the organisation accepts one volunteer per year for this project.

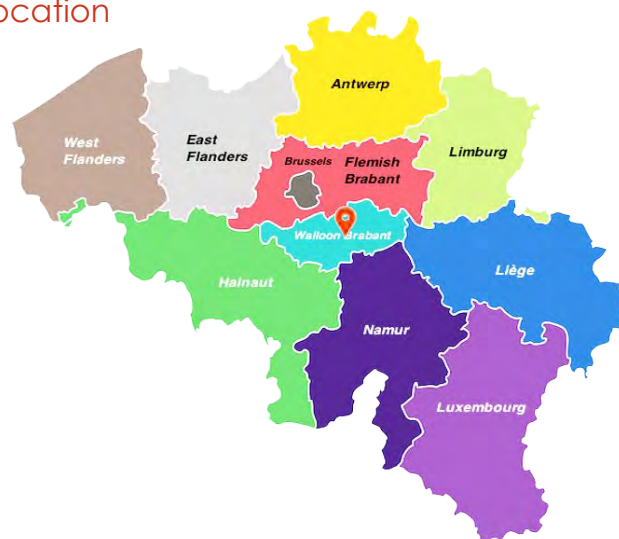
Meeting point

All information on how to get to the project will be given in the info sheet.

Language

French (reading, writing and speaking) is essential for addressing customers, entering items in the cash register, etc. Volunteers are required to speak French.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** – Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 27 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 40 km
- **Nearest train station:** Louvain-La-Neuve Station – 2 km

As the organization is located in the same city as SVI, you will have the opportunity to meet its members as well as participate in all local SVI activities.

About Louvain-La-Neuve

Located 30 km from Brussels in the heart of Walloon Brabant, the site of the university of Louvain-la-Neuve welcomes over 20,000 students in its eleven faculties.

Created in 1971 by the university, this city is one of the youngest in Europe. A city in the countryside, it offers an exceptional living environment to students, researchers, professors and inhabitants. Museums, cinemas, theatres, concert and exhibition halls, a swimming pool and sports centre, restaurants and cafés, shops and green spaces: all contribute to the quality of its environment.

Its entirely pedestrianised urban centre allows easy access to all academic buildings and provides an environment where students, researchers, professors and residents meet and form a unique social, cultural and economic fabric.

COMPAGNONS DE CHEVLIPONT ASBL

Code	SVI-Chevlipont
Name	Compagnons de Chevliport ASBL
Location	Bruxelles-Forest
Dates	1 April 2021 - 31 September 2021
Type	EDU- SOC- MANU
Age	20+
Volunteers	2 (1M/1F)



Presentation of the project

If you want humans to be brothers, make them build something together". This is our motto. In volunteer camps, volunteers roll up their sleeves to face contemporary challenges, create a space for youth organizations and movements. They become actors of the concept "culture for all", they promote active methods in the world of education. The premises we are developing are in ecological transition. In order to make them an eco-solidary space, our aim is to reduce greenhouse emissions, reuse rainwater, offer an independent place accessible to people with reduced mobility, adapt hospital premises to active education methods. By awakening to the techniques of construction and animation, we mobilize tools to activate the hands and the consciousness...

The association arises from the Resistance during the Second World War and cultivates the values of equality between men and women, of freedom thoughts, secularism and intergeneration. Through the social economy, we seek to open up a door to peace and to the world.

To promote peace education, our goal is to create and improve infrastructures for educational and cultural actors. In the centre of the city, our goal is to develop a friendly and eco-solidary space of 800M2.

First, we roll up our sleeves to create a humanist home.

Then, the users of the renovated places are NGO, non-profit organisations, youth organisations, women associations and local public.

Volunteer work

In a very concrete way, the objectives bellow are in order of priority:

1. Animation of participatory work camps with volunteers (also local volunteers).
2. Arrangements targeting the reduction of the carbon footprints emitted by the building's activities taking place there, by limiting greenhouse emissions, developing thermal insulation, recycling rainwater etc.
3. Improving stage equipment, host artistic and expression initiatives, which have deeply suffered during the health crisis.
4. Supporting the amateur theatre company "Les artistes solidaires" and organizing a dinner show about the exiles and refugees: "The Victor Hugo saga in Brussels in 1862".

Due to the sanitary situation and the size of the building, renovation remains possible, but the number of people in action simultaneously on the site is limited.

Accommodation

The participant does not have to pay any fees.

The project offers a room, in a host family house, food assistance in kind and pocket money (of 40€/month). Either they will participate in the preparation of the meal of the host family, or food will be provided and the volunteers will have access to a kitchen, or will be invited to a festive "meal" (1). Over the course of a week, these different scenarios can complement each other. For example, during the week they can take the lunch at the Constructorium (without any ready-made meals, there is a kitchen available on site), in the evening have dinner with the host family or have an invitation for a meal. A team meal is also scheduled periodically.

(1) Depending on the health situation, with few people or event with the number of people authorized. In compliance with health and legal standards, the work continues.

Meeting point

The meeting point and the way to get there will be indicated in the info sheet.

Camp language

In this project, you can speak either French or English. You will meet people from all over the world, so English will often be the language used. Don't forget: the group can represent a support even in the comprehension of linguistic. We don't ask for bilingual people.

Location



- **Nearest airport:** Zaventem Airport (Brussels Airport) – 18 km
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport – 60 km
- **Nearest train station:** Brussels-Midi Station – 1,1 km
- **Transport between the railway station and the place of volunteering:** tram Berthelot – 11 min

About Brussel and the area of the camp

Brussels is not only the Belgian capital but also the European capital. It combines the characteristics of a large city with the charm of smaller, quieter towns. Modern with a classical touch, the streets of Brussels are full of charm and history. Brussels can be visited by foot, by bike, but also by horse-drawn carriage. People of Brussels do not eat French fries every day. That said, they are still proud of their chip shops, and you may find a queue of people outside the best ones at any time of the day. As a very cosmopolitan city, Brussels offers a range of different cuisines from around the world scattered throughout the city.

The Constructorium is a pioneering project located in a green municipality in the South of Brussels called Forest. The Municipality of Forest, and the district are cosmopolitan (there are at least 262 different nationalities in Brussels). In a working-class district, the Constructorium is located on rue du Croissant, between a large park (the Forest Park) and a cultural centre around the Museum of Contemporary Art (the M.A.C.). Forest and the neighbouring municipality of Saint-Gilles have many Art-Nouveau houses and 1900 wonderful mansions.

The Constructorium is in the centre of citizens' networks fighting to improve their economic, social and environmental living conditions as well as the protection of their historical and natural heritage.

Before the health crisis, we used to meet at the local café, Ben Stassen (the Belgian Walt Disney, director of the Royal Corgy, Bigfoot junior, Robinson Crusoe cartoons among others) as well as the teacher, the pensioner of the Wielemans Brewery, the Audi electric car factory worker or job seeker.

In a huge cultural diversity, many inhabitants cultivate their friendliness, hospitality and surrealism.

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