

## THE TOWN OF ROUILLON IS

### **WORKING FOR EUROPE AND THE ENVIRONMENT!**

In the town of Rouillon (2300 inhabitants) we are searching for an ambassador of an ecofriendly lifestyle, who can educate children, young people and adults about the environment and environmental action. No need to be an expert... just full of motivation about this subject and willing to share it with locals. The main objectives will be to improve the status of the school canteen by working on sustainable initiatives, and to promote carbon-free travel by leading various projects with the school and community.









**MISSION** The volunteer will lead the development of eco-friendly initiatives in the municipality of Rouillon, educating and encouraging inhabitants to take care of the environment with their daily actions. More specifically, missions may include:

- ✓ Work with the school canteen and local producers to educate school children on the benefits of a greener menu (local produce, organic produce, changing their attitude to vegetarian options)
- ✓ Work with the school, school canteen, activity centre, and other local institutions to lead by example by reducing waste and promoting more sustainable waste management (recycling, compost, etc.)
- ✓ Coordination of walking bus/cycling bus (Pédibus/Vélobus) for greener school journeys
- ✓ Facilitate cycling in Rouillon: propose cycle paths, bike reparation stations, etc.
- ✓ Organise activities for children around the topic of taking care of the environment, in class, during school break times, or at the local activity centre (which runs on Wednesdays and during the school holidays).
- ✓ Support the local Youth Council (CMJ) in launching eco-friendly projects for the town
- ✓ Organise community events (workshops, excursions, fairs, clean walks) to encourage eco-friendly actions

Plus any other actions or collaborations you wish to propose!

In addition the volunteer will participate in the organization of the Fête de l'Europe with the 11 other European volunteers hosted in Sarthe. Together, they can organize event in May within their structures.

**CONTEXT** The volunteer will be hosted by the department of youth animation at Rouillon town hall, and more particularly in the animation youth department during the year 2021 but this project will be coordinated by the Maison de l'Europe, allowing the volunteer to participate more broadly in actions to promote European citizenship together with 8 other volunteers in which:

- 6 volunteers are hosted in local boarding schools,
- 3 volunteers in other town hall,
- 1 volunteer is hosted in a high school,
- and 1 volunteer is hosted in the association Maison de l'Europe.

These 11 volunteers will be able to carry out common projects, especially during the Europe Day in May.

Rouillon would love to welcome a young person who has witnessed and experienced the innovative practices of another European country and who in motivated to share and implement them in our local community. We would have a lot to learn from this young person. They could inspire our employees, our children and our citizens. Rouillon has been investing in the environment for several years, and our second European volunteer will help us to continue on this journey and amplify our impact.

# **PRACTICALS** Your food and lodging, insurance, pocket money and your travel costs will be covered by the European Solidarity Corps program.

#### BEFORE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE:

- travel tickets are covered (275€ to 360€ depending on the country you live in);
- The volunteer will be hosted by a local family, where they will have their own room, very close to their places of work, local shops, and well connected to the city of Le Mans
- the volunteer will be insured. «CIGNA» covers health and medical costs.

#### MONTHLY EXPENSES:

- every month the volunteer will receive 390€ for food money and pocket money according to the daily rate determined by the CES agency;
- the volunteer will be invited to have meal for free at noon in the school of the town.

#### **LANGUAGE COURSES:**

- according to the EU program, online courses will be offered to the volunteer before and during the mission on the « OLS language platform »;
- the volunteer will be offered the opportunity to participate in evening French classes, organized at the University;
- the town of Rouillon is well served by public transport. It is 10 minutes by bike from the University.

#### GOOD TO KNOW:

- the volunteer will work a maximum of 35 hours per week (French lessons, language lessons on OLS and meetings included), 5 days per week (weekends off);
- a total of 24 days of leave will be granted (which can be taken on a flexible basis, agreed between the volunteer and the town hall);
- the volunteer will have a bicycle and a local transport card, which includes buses and trams;
- debriefing times also called "CES breakfast" are planned every two months with other volunteers hosted in Sarthe;
- and the French national agency for ESC projects will run 2 seminars in which the volunteer will be invited to take part.



**ROUILLON** is in the top 1000 "Best places to live" out of nearly 35,000 French towns, and is ranked number 10 in villages of its size. Working between the town hall, school and activity centre, you will very quickly feel integrated in the community. More info about the city in the video here.

**LE MANS** Close to Rouillon, you can hang out in the biggest city of the region: Le Mans, where bars, restaurants, markets, the university, parks, and an impressive programme of cultural, sports, and solidarity events bring people closer. Much more than the legendary 24h of Le Mans race which it is best known for, Le Mans is full of surprises (starting with its gorgeous old town, tucked away behind the city cathedral).

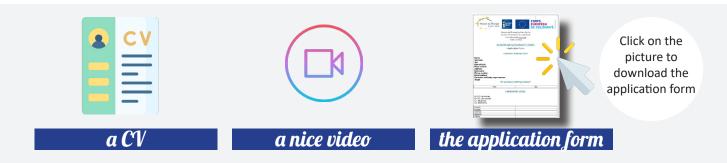
**AROUND** Rennes, Nantes, Tours and Paris are some beautiful cities which are just one hour away by train. Slap bang in the middle between Paris, the Loire Valley (famous for its castles), the Atlantic coast (famous for its beaches), the region of Brittany (famous for its strong culture and rugged natural beauty), and Normandie (famous for its history and, of course, its CHEESE!), a year won't be long enough to explore all there is to see.



**HOW TO APPPLY?** This project is coordinated by the House of Europe in Le Mans. You will mainly be in touch with us during the application process, and at the beginning of your ESC to settle there. All administrative and financial aspects of the projects are managed by the House of Europe.

More information about us: http://europe-en-sarthe.eu/a-propos/about-us/

### To consider your application complete, we would like to receive from you:



Please send us your application to <a href="mailto:evs@europe-en-sarthe.eu">evs@europe-en-sarthe.eu</a>

If you already have some knowledge of French, please don't be afraid to apply in French! No matter if there is mistake, you are here to learn!

Deadline to apply october 30rd 2021