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Cooperativa sociale Qualcosa di Diverso
XFARM Agricoltura prossima

Dear applicant!

Thank you for your interest in our project! In this little document you can find all the information which can be useful before applying.

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Project Dates: January 2023 to December 2023



Some words about San Vito dei Normanni

The project will take place in San Vito dei Normanni, a city of around 20.000 inhabitants in the heart of Apulia. It's located at about 20 km from Brindisi, 14 km from Ostuni, about 12 km (16 minutes) from the wonderful marine natural reserve of Torre Guaceto, and 40 km from Lecce. From Brindisi it's easy to reach the major touristic areas and urban centres in the region by public transportation. (train, bus, plane). During summer the city is bustling with people enjoying cultural events and other social activities organized by the local community.

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Proposed activities for volunteers

The volunteering activity will deal with the transformation (already underway) of a farm confiscated from the mafia, symbol of illegality and environmental unsustainability, into a **"manifesto" farm** of good practices in the agronomic, ecological, social and cultural fields.

The main responsibility of the volunteers will be that of providing support to the **agricultural activities** within the farm, notably: management of the vegetable crops and community garden, the olive groves, the vineyard and the henhouse.

Additional activities will be:

- support to the activities of **planting, management and experimentation related to the project "XFARM Agroforestry"** aimed at increasing biodiversity and regenerating the soil;
- support to the designing and organization of **Manifesto SuperCamp**, a week-long festival focused on agro-ecology related training and workshops, seminars, research, events and camping in the nature.
- support to the **organization of public events, seminars, workshops, training lessons** open to the local community and the company's partners;
- support to the organization of **social activities** aimed at raising **awareness on agro-ecological issues**, those referred to the social fight against the mafia and local development.

Food and accommodation

As a volunteer, you will live in a flat together with other volunteers, in the city of San Vito dei Normanni close to the hosting organization. The accommodation will be provided in **double room with a shared bathroom and kitchen**. The internet connection within the flat is not guaranteed, however it's always possible to use that of the hosting organization's office. The lodging choice will be always decided by InCo and **it is not possible for you to choose your own accommodation**.

You will receive an extra pocket money of 150 euros for buying food. In this way you are free to cook in your fully equipped flat.

Volunteers Profile

- ❖ 18-30 years old
- ❖ Interested in the project's activities;
- ❖ proactive, sociable and creative;
- ❖ motivated;
- ❖ with a strong personality and interest in issues such as integration, legality and ecology

- ❖ open-minded and curious;
- ❖ knowledge of English or Italian
- ❖ with a good ability to work in a team

Useful links

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/xfarmagricolturaprossima/?hl=it>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/xfarmagricolturaprossima>

WEBSITE: <https://www.xfarm.me>

If you would like to know more about the ESC volunteering experience, check out the blog of the volunteers: <http://www.incoweb.org/eng/Volunteers-say>