



EVS volunteering opportunity

ESC: European Green Belt Camp

SCI Österreich, Austria

Languages of the voluntary service
English

Start date
Between 5 September and 20 Sep 2025

Topics
Environment and natural protection

Duration of the voluntary service
15 Tage

About the organisation

Der Service Civil International (SCI) ist eine der ältesten Friedens- und Freiwilligenorganisationen (NGO/NPO) weltweit, mit 100 Jahren an Erfahrung in der Koordinationen von Freiwilligenprojekten sowie Austauschprogrammen.

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Description of the activity

The dry grasslands of the so-called "Weinviertler Klippenzone" in the European Green Belt along the border between Austria and Czech Republic are habitat of a lot of different rare plants and animal species. To maintain these habitats and to avoid invasion of bushes into the grasslands it is necessary to establish regular management. Biotope maintenance like mowing or removing bushes or neophytes will be implemented on rupicolous or steppic grasslands in protected areas - situated amidst a beautiful wine-growing landscape. This helps to preserve rare species like

the critically endangered Feather Grass (*Stipa tirsia*) or the butterfly Mountain Alcon Blue (*Phengaris rebeli*)

Further information

International and local volunteers will help mowing steep meadows and remove bushes from dry rocky grasslands that are threatened to be overgrown by bushes and trees. So they will contribute actively to preserve endangered species. Work will be physical (mowing, raking, cutting bushes) and will last for about 5 - 6 hours every day. During the workcamp we will change two different accommodations. Both accommodations will be very basic. First week we will sleep in tents, whereas second week we will have simple shared group accommodation. In the first week of the camp we will stay in Hart-Aschendorf during which we will sleep in the tents. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you bring the tent with you as well as your own sleeping bag, sleeping mat and a pillow! During the second week we will stay at the campsite of Poysdorf (<http://www.vinoversum.at/poysdorf/campingplatz/>).

Hart-Aschendorf and Poysdorf are both small villages located in the very northeast of Austria, close to the common border of Austria with the Czech Republic and Slovakia and close to the rivers Dyje and Morava, which form beautiful floodplains in the area. Brno (CZ) and Vienna (AT) are the closest bigger cities. Info in German: https://www.poysdorf.gv.at/Freizeit_Tourismus/Vino_Versum_Poysdorf_Tourismus/Tourismus

Desired volunteer profile

Participants should be motivated for physical work and be ready to work outdoors (warm and weatherproof clothes and working-boots as well as sunscreen are strongly recommended!).

Max. 2 participants from Switzerland aged 18 - 30 y. o.

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