**Please describe the hosting activities and important information needed for the volunteer and the partner organisations:**

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| HOSTING ORGANISATION |
| *Please give a short description of hosting organisation (and, if applicable, of local coordinating organisation)* |
| Associazione Culturale Strauss is a non-profit organization that was created in Mussomeli in 1999. It is a self-financed organization that is part of ARCI (Italian Cultural Recreational Association).  "Arci Strauss” has as main objectives the promotion of a multicultural and multiethnic society, the dissemination of culture and values of the European community in marginal and peripheral areas such as the province of Caltanissetta, and to support for young people.  Main mission of our organization is in fact to meet young people’s needs and provide them services for their social, professional, cultural and personal growing.  The youngsters, target group of “Strauss”, are aged between 15 and 30 years, and many of them are living different disadvantage situation: economic; education; social; geographical, environmental, disability, etc.  The services offered and the activities promoted by Strauss to support the reality of youth extend from the local to the international level. Specifically, the Strauss manages and works with the following services and activities:   * InfoYOUTH desk; * Europe desk, that includes the Eurodesk Local Agency; * “Crea-Impresa” desk; * “Borsa Lavoro” service for minors charged with crimes of various kind; * Languages laboratories, art workshops and multimedia laboratories; * Care, maintenance and beautification of the urban park "Villa Aldisio"; * European Youth Exchanges and Youth Initiatives in Hosting, Sending and Coordinating; * Seminars, Training Course, Study Visits in Hosting, Sending and Coordinating; * European Voluntary Service in Hosting, Sending and Coordinating; * Cultural entertainment and assistance projects for children in kindergartens and elementary schools; * Educational projects promoting active citizenship and cultural diversity at middle and high schools; * Inclusion and integration projects at centers for the disabled and residential communities for minors; * Projects for tourism promotion and internationalization of the territory; * Organization of seminars, conferences, caravans antimafia, exhibitions and various events at the local level. * Orienting women on labour market   Info-Youth, Europe-desk, info-H and Creaimpresa services register a continuous flow of young people who for one or another reason need support and assistance from our side; which allows us to be always in touch with the reality of youth, understand their needs and try to satisfy them. Through these services, we support the youth community in all directions, helping the user in the preparation of a curriculum vitae, writing a letter of motivation, in preparing for a job interview, in the development of business ideas, in the research of learning experiences and opportunities in Italy or abroad, and, in general, for everything concerning the world of youth.  Promotion activities and environmental awareness carried out at "Villa Aldisio," Borsa Lavoro service done in collaboration with the Municipality of Mussomeli and all projects in kindergartens, nursery schools, first and second degree primary schools, in high schools , in centers for people with disabilities and community housing, allow Strauss to become deeply rooted in the territory and carve out a role of primary importance in civil society, as well as, of course, to promote social and cultural development of young people and the community as a whole. A further contribution to the strengthening of the role of Strauss in the local community comes from the recent reliance by the municipality of Mussomeli of the premises of the Daily Center "Francesca Sorce", nowadays, after the renovations and adjustments made by Strauss, titled European Centre of Culture "Francesca Sorce." It is a building of 2 floors of almost 600 square meters where Strauss has moved offices, conference rooms and accommodation for volunteers.  To achieve big objectives is always necessary not to go it alone but as a team and network. For this reason Strauss among its affiliations and networks, today can boast:  - ARCI - since its creation, Strauss has always been affiliated to the national association ARCI, spread throughout Italy with hundreds of member associations;  - Eurodesks - since 2006, Strauss is also an active member of Eurodesk network, spread throughout Italy and in all the countries of the Programme;  - RIVE – Rete Italiana Volontariato Europeo – recently established, RIVE encompasses many of the most active organizations in Italy as part of the EVS and promotes the development of quality in the specific area of the youth work.  These are supplemented by "Turn ON Europe"; a network created by Strauss and which now brings together 33 member organizations around the world which cooperate to improve the quality of youth work, increase the amount of young people exchanged between members of the network and improve the condition of youth in the places of relevance. |

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| TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEER |
| *Please give a detailed description of volunteer’s tasks :* |
| In full compliance with the EVS Charter and through a learning process based on NFE methods, EVS volunteers will have the opportunity to enrich their personal, social, professional and cultural areas, participating in activities sponsored and implemented by Strauss.  Specifically, Strauss manages 3 projects within two volunteers are placed. Projects are identified in three thematic action inherent in the history and mission of the association:  **Social project**. **Cooperation with Casa Rosetta ONLUS.**  **ACTIVITIES - Casa Rosetta – Activities with disabled persons**  *Volunteers will support psycologists, social workers and staff in organizing activities for disabled who spend their day at the centre. The volunteers will be involved in conducting art therapy and horticulture workshops that linked to manual and practical activities related to the processing of ceramics and planting, will help disabled people to express themselves and to experiment with new situations. The volunteers will work, together with the staff, in conducting theatre, music and painting laboratories, not only to develop their own and user's relational and creative skills, but also to prepare them and be prepared for events organized by Associazione Casa Famiglia Rosetta Onlus during local events attended by disabled people.*  *“Associazione Casa Famiglia Rosetta Onlus”, was founded in the early eighties to meet local needs in the field of health and psycho-social services policy. Since 1981 the association has been settled by the agreement with the National Health Service, as regards to the rehabilitation services and therapeutic communities. During these more than twenty years activities, the Association has been expanding its sphere of action in Italy and abroad, also reaching Africa and Brazil, where it runs centers with the same activities it implements in Sicily. The main aim of the association is to give concrete answers to those who suffer marginalization and social exclusion; to people with neuropsycomotor disabilities and their families, to people with mental illness, children and adolescents living in bad environmental and social conditions. The main activities, as well as regarding the works of Christian charity in favour of the weak people, are implementing measures of psycho-social in education, training, rehabilitation and research for the development of social policies.*  **Culture and information** - part of the project, implemented directly in the secondary schools of the City of Mussomeli, where Strauss manages autonomous spaces and realizes communication products for disclosure, foresees the collaboration of volunteers who, with conversations and historical-didactic paths, will support teachers implementing language, culture and traditions workshops. It is active for 3 years now.  The project also includes the full involvement of two volunteers in the organization and implementation of "English conversation clubs", implemented laboratory classes of Strauss and addressed to young people and the local community.  **Environment project** - volunteers will join the staff of Strauss and local volunteers in activities to promote environmental policies affecting the green area called "Villa Aldiso - ArciPark" (of ​​about 2000 square meters) entrusted to Strauss by the Municipality of Mussomeli. Volunteers will be involved in the activities such as:   * Care and beautification of the area; * Recycling workshops; * Gardening contest and flower arrangements; * Graffiti workshops ; * Awareness-raising activities and promotion of "environmental days."   Moreover, it is given that with the full support of the city administration, the Strauss is transforming parts of the area in a Social Garden, volunteers will work in practice management of the entire complex, including the organic cultivation of native non-commercial varieties and free distribution of the products.  **Social Media and Video Editing** - the project involves the active and participated support by volunteers in various areas related to the topic: writing articles on “La Meduza", blog by our EVS volunteer about free theme or particular topic, chosen with the volunteers group.   * Social Media and Video Editing - workshops conducted with the support of our web coordinator; * Preparation and management of the newsletter, the website and the Facebook page; * Care of the "section of the EVS volunteer", on online local newspapers as "castelloincantato.it and magaze.it"; * Photo editing and Video Making laboratories; * Weekly tours of photography; photo exhibitions.   **Volunteers could participate in the following activities organized by Strauss and participated by EVS volunteers hosted in HO by Strauss itself:**   * Italian language lessons, twice a week, integrating with the OLS; * Intercultural evenings, passion night, Eurocinema night, 1 per week; * Organization of events; E + promotion campaigns, etc, intended as a monthly appointment * Language classes with children, adolescents and youngsters in all schools in Mussomeli * Language conversation club at Strauss * Activities at the municipal Library (cataloguing, front office)   **PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER**   * Keen interest for the project contents; * Real motivation for the experience; * Willingness to live and work in a multicultural environment; * Respect and sense of responsibility towards people and things.   Finally, volunteers will collaborate to Strauss in the organization and implementation of meetings and events, including the promotion of the program ERASMUS+ and projects of the same Strauss.  On the basis of the profile and attitude of the volunteers and in accordance to the need of the HO we will set proper activities. |
| *Please specify his/her weekly schedule :* |
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| TRAINING AND SUPPORT |
| *What kind of linguistic support will be provided to the volunteer?* |
| First of all, Associazione Culturale Strauss will support volunteers for what concerns the OLS (Online Linguistic Support) available for participants of European Voluntary Service (EVS). Online linguistic assessment, in fact, is mandatory for all the EVS participants and, since Italian is included in the list of the languages available, our organization will provide a facilitator who follow them in their learning path.  In addition and alongside to language support foreseen under the Program, Strauss organizes also supplementary language courses in order to facilitate the further integration of the volunteers in the organization and in the host communities.  Volunteers will have soon the possibility to improve their language skills, as Strauss will offer them the opportunity to participate to regular lessons: at the beginning twice a week for a period of two months, in order to promote and accelerate integration; later once a week, for all the duration of the project.  The Italian language courses will be carried out alternately by 2 or 3 members of the staff. All people who manage the activities in the association speak fluent English, so it will surely help to integrate volunteers and overcome any initial communication problems.  The decision to realize Italian lessons throughout the entire project is simply explained. As part of the process of reflection and learning outcomes, learning the language of the hosting community certainly accelerates this process, offers volunteers the ability to understand the differences between their country of origin and the host and allows to overcome them quickly and, ultimately, it provides the possibility of immediate and unlimited learning. Knowing the language of a community also means knowing its culture, customs and costumes, mannerisms, actions and finally the essence of the people.  Finally, with the aim of giving a concrete possibility to use the language just learnt, as well as create a cohesive group and solidarity within it the volunteers will be involved to follow and achieve together the following activities:  - Organization of intercultural evenings, opened to local young people, with the opportunity to tell their stories and tell their cultures, 1 month  - Watching movies in Italian to strengthen language skills, 1 month  - Organization of the promotional campaign of Erasmus +, intended as a monthly event  - Weekly meetings of preparation and evaluation. |
| *Will the volunteer receive any additional training from your organisation?* |
| First of all, at the beginning of service, volunteers will be informed about the structure and rules of the hosting organization, about technicalities and bureaucratic matters and finally, above all, about their activities and their role in the hosting organization. The first week, in fact, will be used exclusively to explain and clarify all those kind of issues, so to let their project start smoothly and avoid cultural shock, misunderstandings and other negativities.  After, it will be explained them the role of those key figures for what concern their EVS project: mentor, tutor and project responsible person. In particular will be explained in details their functions inside the project, their duties and task, what were their sector of action in the project, what questions or problems or other issue refer exactly to whom.  This initial training course foresees also a deep explanation of the activities to carry out during the project. In particular, the tutor, as coordinator of the activities, will accompany the volunteers to the activities sites in order to let them know the way how to reach the places, show them the different organizations and have a first contact with the staff and users of those structures. Volunteers will be described and explained in detail the various activities of the project, specifying for each of them which would be their role and tasks. Volunteers will receive by members of the staff a specific training for each task, using non-formal education methods, all in order to enable the volunteers to give their maximum contribution and support in carrying out the activities and to increase their baggage of knowledge and experience.  Finally, in the same period it will be explained about the Youthpass, will be created the account for the Youthpass certificate and will be given basic knowledge about the non-formal education and the process “learning by doing”.  All those actions will be developed to provide volunteers a framework within start to move with a certain confidence, so to acquire soon from the beginning self-confidence, knowledge of the town and the community and allow the reflection process easily and without any sort of problem.  The Italian lessons also fit in this context.  By all means, volunteers will be facilitate to participate in the EVS training cycle (pre-departure training, on arrival training, mid-term and final evaluation) carried out by the National Agency, in which volunteer will have the opportunity to compare and share their experiences with other volunteer, and this will also have a positive impact on their integration in a new nation.  At Cultural Association Strauss permanently work with regular contract 5 Youth Workers, each with extensive experience in this sector. In addition to the personnel employed, Strauss can count on the contribution of 2 trainees (Garanzia Giovani) who both speak fluent English, Spanish and French, and, a number of external collaborators (psychologist expert in youth issues, educator and expert in pedagogy), casual workers and numerous volunteers that enrich the resources and skills which we can avail at any time.  For the volunteers there are several key figures: the project responsible, the mentor, the tutor, the Italian teacher and other support staff.  All team members are fluent in English, two also in Spanish and one has a basic level of German, are experiencers in working with the volunteers and have full knowledge about '"EVS info kit", "EVS charter", the document "what to expect from EVS," the group insurance plan provided to the EVS volunteers, the contents of an Activity Agreement, the procedures for obtaining a visa and finally about how it is important to give quality partnerships.  In addition to the team just listed, Strauss take advantage of 2 trainees fluent in languages (English, Spanish and French) and a number of external collaborations as educators, psychologists, informatics experts and other professionals who have always supported the work of Strauss. Many of them have already played the role of mentor or project officer, constantly collaborate with the organization and are always available for any case.  Volunteers can certainly count on the full support of all members of this association. However, the association has identified two precise figures:  Tutor : this is a managerial figure in the association with a high experience regarding the activities carried out by the Association, who will assist volunteers in their assigned work, trying to resolve eventual problems or doubts, advising them on operative methods and giving them a practical support in the organization and management of the activities;  Mentor: this figure will have the task to assist volunteer in their process of adaptation-integration into the local community, and to be available to listen to possible problems and try to solve these, or meet any special needs. Besides, the mentor will examine and evaluate their learning developments in order to issue them the Youth Pass certificate. This figure does not hold a managerial role in the association, so the volunteer will not see him as an authoritarian figure, but on the contrary as a friend (also considering the age of mentor, who is 25 years old). To carry out his tasks , the mentor will be trained on everything concerns with the EVS.  Will be established regular meetings between tutor, mentor and volunteers and however volunteers can contact the mentor and tutor at any time and for any need.  In addition (as mentioned above), an Italian language course will be organize for volunteers. The hours of the Italian language course will be calculate in the amount of the hours of work of the volunteer, as not to be heavy on their working schedule. |

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| TUTOR | | | | | |
| *Name of the tutor*: | Roberta Lanzalaco | | | | |
| *Phone number*: | 0039 320 831 9573 | | *E-mail*: | [robertalanzalaco84@gmail.com](mailto:robertalanzalaco84@gmail.com) | |
| *What languages does he/she speak*? | | | | Italian, English, German | |
| *How frequently will the volunteer meet the mentor*? | | | | Daily | |
| *Is the mentor a member of hosting organisation*? | | | | Yes | |
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| *Who is the person IN CHARGE of the project*? | | | | | Anthony Santangelo |
| *Phone number*: | | 0039 388 655 66 13 | *E-mail*: | | [arcistrauss@arcistrauss.it](mailto:arcistrauss@arcistrauss.it) |

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| HOSTING COMMUNITY |
| *Is the project settled in rural or urban area? Please give a short description of the hosting community:* |
| The project will be set in the city of Mussomeli. The municipality of Mussomeli, situated in the so called Alta Valle del Platani or Vallone, has a surface of 164 Km2 , a housing density of 69,80 for Km2 and areas destined to public green equal to m2 44.760 including an urban park and small villas lay in the internal and surrounding areas of the town. Seated in the heart of the Sicilian hinterland of the province of Caltanissetta, on over 750 meters on the sea level, Mussomeli, counts a population of about 12.000 inhabitants with local economy based on agriculture and the breeding. Privileged by a mild climate for the whole year and from a particularly healthy air, in the summer period Mussomeli becomes animated and numerous emigrants return for spending you the vacations; its historical centre of evident medieval origin with beautiful churches, destination for numerous Sunday tourists coming from the surrounded provinces. The feather in his cap of the town is the Castle Chiaramontano, that represents for Mussomeli not only the monument of great interest and appeal, but unequivocally the beginning of its history.  Mussomeli is located about 50 km from Agrigento and 100 km from Palermo, the two largest cities in the area, a destination for tourists from all over Europe. In general, however, the volunteer will not be difficult to move from Mussomeli to visit during the weekend or days off, an island, Sicily, famous throughout the world for its natural beauty and monuments.  There are many high schools in Mussomeli gathering young people from many smaller surrounding towns. Hospital, pharmacy, counseling offices and childcare center make Mussomeli a reference point to the entire population of the Valley.  In Mussomeli traditions are still alive and popular, and this is demonstrated by numerous typical festivals that our town hosts. Famous, for example, is the "Festival of the Castle" on September 2, a medieval festival attracts many tourists.  In addition, there are several possibilities that Mussomeli offers for leisure time: gymnasiums, swimming pools, soccer pitches, tennis courts and many pubs, clubs and restaurants that make Mussomeli a destination for many young people of the area. |
| *What kind of leisure activities does the community provide? (Cinema, theatre, disco, swimming pool,…)* |
| In Mussomeli there are many leisure opportunities. First of all there are many organization that promotes different sportive activities, football and basketball clubs, recreational circles. Besides there are some gyms, an aqua-park and a swimming pool (very popular in summer time), and many other sport centres. The most part of these activities and structures are developing in the last years. A cinema is going to be open this year. We believe that for the inclusion of the volunteer is necessary an integration in all field, and therefore the various structures which are on the territory, could work as assistance and as a towing tool.  Privileged by a mild climate for the whole year, in the summer period Mussomeli becomes animated and numerous emigrants return for spending you the vacations; its historical centre of evident medieval origin with beautiful churches, destination for numerous Sunday tourists coming from the surrounded provinces. The Castle *Chiaramontano* represents for Mussomeli not only the monument of great interest and appeal, but also unequivocally the beginning of its history.  The use of some of the services above listed could also require an economic contribution that the association will provide, partially or completely.  In Mussomeli there are also many opportunities of night life. There are 4 main pubs and many other bars where locals and young people usually pass their leisure time, especially on Friday and evenings. Occasionally there are also 2 discos, which open time by time for thematic evenings or important festivities (Halloween, San Valentine or Christmas, New Year Eve ect.) |
| *Are there other foreigner young people/volunteers in your area?* |
| Mussomeli is a good hosting community despite its size. First of all, there is a quite big Romanian community. In fact in the recent past, after 2002, with the liberalization of tourist visas in Romania, and especially after 2007, with the entry of Romania into the European Union and the following enjoyment for Romanian citizens of the benefit of free movement of people in the so-called "Schengen Area", the number of Romanian people in Mussomeli increased.  Besides, after the latest immigration phenomena from the North African coasts, in Mussomeli there are many young people coming from Africa. In particular, 2 of the organization with which Strauss cooperates host a total of 20 young people: they are “Casa Famiglia Vanessa” and “Casa Rosetta Onlus”, from Mussomeli and “I Girasoli”. In many occasions Strauss has cooperated with them, hosting their guests and managing some activities together.  Besides, the recent decades have seen the moving of Chinese people in Italy and in Mussomeli opened some Chinese shops.  Finally, some former EVS volunteers, decided to live and stay in Mussomeli, evidence that our city is a nice place where to live. |

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| TRANSPORT |
| *How will the volunteer get from his lodging to his working place? Will he/she be given a transport card?* |
| Mussomeli is a small town and actually volunteers do not need to take any mean of transport to reach the activity places or the office of the organization. Accommodation in fact is just in the upper floor of the association place. The working places, such as Villa Aldisio (ARCI Park), Casa Rosetta onlus and Casa Famiglia Vanessa are distant only 5 min by walking from the accommodation.  Anyway, in case of urgency or if needed, we will be ready to pick up volunteers by car.  Finally if, in order to implement the activities, it becomes necessary to use public transport, the Strauss will cover all the expenses to 100%. |
| *What kind of transport service is provided?* |
| Since the city is small, there are no transport service inside the city but only a school bus that pick up the students. Mussomeli is also well connected with the main cities of the area and the island: Palermo, Catania, Caltanissetta and Agrigento.  The bus company ATM Mussomeli connects Mussomeli to Palermo and Agrigento. There are a daily route until Saturday and the bus depart early in the morning. To get back there is a bus in the first afternoon.  The bus company SAIS Trasporti connects Mussomeli to Caltanissetta. Also for this route there is a daily bus until Saturday and the bus depart early in the morning. To get back there is a bus in the first afternoon. From Caltanissetta it is possible to reach Catania with the same bus company. The same route pass to the airport of Catania Fontanarossa. Please have a look at <http://saistrasporti.it/>  When arriving in Palermo it is easy to arrive to the airport.  Mussomeli , through the train station of Acquaviva – Casteltermini (10 km far from our city) is connected to all those cities. Please have a look at <http://www.trenitalia.com/> |

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| FOOD | |
| *Will the volunteer :* | |
|  eat in the canteen | Is there any possibility to adapt meals to a potential special diet (vegetarian, Muslim diet...)? |
| X get allowance to buy food by himself/herself | How much?  ***The pocket food is set on 115 Euro.***  Are there any special rules regarding shopping or invoices?  ***We give food allowance and pocket money (5€ per day) by cheque. We only ask to sign a declaration of receiving the amount.*** |
| other | Please specify : in some cases, according to the activities and situation, a combination of canteen and food allowance might be provided |

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| ACCOMMODATION |
| *What kind of accommodation is it?* |
| Volunteer will be housed in the apartment upper the association’s office, of which Strauss is owner, thanks to an agreement with the Municipality of Mussomeli. The structure is part of the Palazzo Spinnato. Last year our organization restructured the site and in May 2015 was inaugurated the “Centro Europeo per la Cultura Francesca Sorce”, dedicated to a social worker of Mussomeli died in the fulfilment of her duty.  The accommodation is very big, new and comfortable and it is provided of all facilities.  It is a building of about 560 square meters located in the center of the city, in the Old Town, which was built in 1889 and partially renovated about 10 years ago. It is surrounded by many of the historical and artistic monuments of Mussomeli: the museum "Palazzo Sgadari", right next; the Church of Santo Antonio, “Chiaramonte” square, in front; behind the clock tower “Torre dell’Orologio”, “Trabia Palace”, Church “Del Carmelo”, the Church of “Madonna dei Miracoli” and the municipal library, within 150 meters.  On the ground floor there are the offices of Strauss and spaces for recreational and educational workshops, while, on the first floor, on an area of about 390 square meters, there is the accommodation of the volunteers.  “Casa del Volontario” is the name that we wanted give to the space dedicated to welcome them in their daily lives during their EVS. The structure, first used as a day center for elderly people, was given in management to Strauss in 2014 and for 10 years. The Strauss, has pledged to invest a lot of funds to bring it to its new use and put it safely, renewing also the entire electrical system, the hydraulic part and the heating system.  The floor plan planned to host volunteers has 2 entrances, one internal and connected with the offices below, one independent. The “House of the Volunteer” is provided with 5 bedrooms, all with window, with a total area of 113 square meters, a kitchen of about 32 square meters, 2 areas for toilets and divided by gender for a total of about 38 square meters, a laundry room, a solarium and other common spaces for more than 150 square meters. There is also a storage closet where to set many (personal or of common use) things.  It 'also useful to point out that the structure has the following utilities: 7 mega internet h24, TV, oven, microwave, 3 fridges, hobs, kitchen sinks, kitchen utensils, 2 washing machines, 1 washtub, irons and drying racks, 8 washbasins, 5 showers, 5 toilets and all the furniture needed to accommodate the volunteers. The local has water reserves for 19,000 litres and the water is delivered on average every 2 - 3 days maximum. The heaters are supplied by a biomass boiler, just bought, connected to the radiators. A solar thermal plant located on an interior atrium supports water heating. The structure complies with all applicable regulations on urban planning and security.  The heatings are supplied by a biomass boiler, just bought, connected to the radiators. A solar thermal plant located on an interior atrium supports water heating.  Finally, considering the fact that in the same building are the offices of Strauss, volunteers can always rely on our presence and our support.  The detailed address of the accommodation is Via della Vittoria, 8 - 93014 Mussomeli (CL), Italy  Phone number: + 39 0934 951144  Volunteers will be the only ones who live in the apartment. Sometimes it could happen that Strauss could host some guest, for institutional or working reasons. Sometimes, the structure can be hosted by other participants from other projects or activities. In this case, volunteers will be promptly informed with adequate advance notice.  Finally, considering the fact that in the same building are the offices of Strauss, volunteers can always rely on our presence and our support.  Volunteer will be roomed in consideration of the availability of the rooms and of their needs. |
| *What is the detailed address of the accommodation?* |
| Via della Vittoria, 8 - 93014 Mussomeli (CL), Italy |
| *Will the volunteer share the lodging with someone else?* |
| Volunteers will be the only ones who live in the apartment. Rarely could happen that Strauss could host some guest, for institutional or working reasons. |
| *What kind of facilities is provided? (Washing machine, TV, phone, kitchen…)* |
| Please have a look at the box above for a description of all the facilities. |
| *Are there any rules concerning accommodation? (Possibility to host guests, cleaning, organising parties…)* |
| In order to set a good relationship between volunteers in the house and have normal cohabitation conditions, Strauss set some rules all volunteers have to respect. No exception will be considered.  We expect sense of responsibility and duties.  Volunteers will be in charge of the maintaining of their floor, in specific:  • clean the common areas (kitchen, hallways, bathrooms) at least 2 times per week;  • clean dishes, pots and all that will be used in the kitchen, as soon as the breakfast/lunch/dinner is finished;  • keep the room tidy and clean;  • As the whole building is not owned by organization, do not do any change or modification in all rooms and especially in bed room; do not stick anything or hammer nails or tacks on the walls or do kind of similar things, do not take tools, objects or furniture out of the building and neither take into the accommodation something from outside; do not change room on own decision;  • Do not accommodate friends and relatives in the structure.  For logistical reasons, volunteer will be roomed in consideration of the availability of the rooms, always in double bedrooms at least (if needed even more), divided by gender.  For organizational and logistical reasons, volunteers could be also asked to change room: the structure, in fact, that can be hosted by other participants from other projects or activities.  Volunteer should consider himself not the owner of the room but the usufructuary. However, we will always respect privacy in their own rooms.  There is a weekly turn of cleanings, mandatory for all volunteers, of all the common rooms of the house among the volunteers. With common rooms we mean living room, corridor, kitchen, laundry, closet room, toilets and solarium. The cleaning schedule will be introduced and explained as soon as you arrive. It could happen once or twice a week according to necessity and will be made all together. Housekeeping day is scheduled in the weekly working hours of the volunteer, as part of his/her activities.  All things broken for negligence, on purpose or because of dangerous behaviours, must be refunded.  We are open to understand all kind of explanation and justifications, if for any reason the “guilty” would not be found all the group refund the objet broken. Strauss will detract the amount from the next cheque.  It is not allowed to smoke inside the accommodation, in any room of the building. Volunteers, if smokers, are invited to do it of the building. The terrace and the balconies can be used, but only if volunteers take care not to let the smoke inside the accommodation.  There is no possibility to host guests overnight. Although we are very friendly and hospitable people here in Sicily and we understand what it means stay some period of time far from family and friends, we cannot allow the hosting overnight of other people apart the volunteers.  Parties, high music, high TV volume and in general all those behaviours that disturb or limit the freedom of the others are not allowed.  Please note that, for security reasons, the entrances of the building and the office floor are under video surveillance and recording 24 hours per day. |

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| POCKET MONEY |
| *When will the volunteer receive the pocket money?*   At the beginning of every month   At the end of every month   Once a week   Directly transferred to the volunteer’s bank account by the Coordinating Organisation (*for projects in Partner Countries)* |
| *Are you going to open a bank account for the volunteer?*   Yes  No |
| *Will the volunteer get the money in:*   cash  bank transfer  cheque |

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| ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEER: |
| Our organization wants to host young people who are willing and interested in learning about other cultures and young people of other nations, in order to live a life experience that will give them the opportunity to increase their personal baggage of experience and knowledge, helping them to discover their attitudes and their potential.  The process of recruitment and selection will be transparent and will guarantee accessibility to the project to all those young people, which in line with the age limits, would like to apply.  Every young person aged between the limits specified by Erasmus + and recognizes our project adhering to his/her own interests, will apply. Each candidate will receive the same attention and the same respect, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or political views.  The profile of the volunteer must have the following characteristics:  - Keen interest in the contents of the project;  - Real motivation for the experience;  - Willingness to live and work in a multicultural environment;  - Will to strengthen his/her abilities to move towards future opportunities;  - Sense of responsibility towards people and things and respect for the work of others.  Will not be necessary qualifications, particular titles or experiences.  In selecting candidates, it will also be observed gender balance.  Our association, in the process of recruiting volunteers, commits to not to use any discriminatory criterion based on religion, sexual orientation, ethnic groups, political opinions, etc. Also, it does not require specialized skills.  All applicants must apply by presenting their CV and a motivational letter, justifying the choice they want to participate in our project. In case the candidate presented directly to us your application, we will put the candidate in contact with the sending organization. Strauss and the sending organizations will engage in providing access candidates with all the necessary information and support them in the presentation of the required documentation, providing advice and support, if required, for the compilation of the curriculum vitae and cover letter. In this regard, the Strauss has already prepared a little guide full of tips to fill in the cover letter. |