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Dear Ex-EVS!

We are about to start our new collaboration in **EVigoS Meeting point Project!** (Soon we will have our own logo!)

For a satisfactory collaboration, we think that Information about all stages is essential.

The applicant for this project is the Council of Vigo in collaboration with Centro XuvenilAbertal, partner in different projects with you 😊

We applied for a KA2 – Strategic partnership so apart from our seminar in September we would like to ask you to take part in the process of the entire project with the help of the ex-EVS involved in it.

For a better understanding, we will try to explain you better our proposal:

About the project:

We plan a simple project with a clear structure and therefore, we expect concrete results that we detail:

- Prepare a report with the conclusions obtained in the working groups as a basis for future interventions and projects. It will help us to plan and plan future activities with another perspective resulting from the joint work and reflection of the various parties involved.
- Adapt new lines of intervention in the field of Youth and mobility following the conclusions obtained from the project.
- Involve young people in direct activities within the Erasmus + program.
- Strengthen the network that exists partially among some of the organizations for collaboration in EVS projects and related to Youth.



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- To improve the quality of projects and activities through the learning and sharing of good practices in the development, management, implementation and evaluation of Youth projects.
- Plan some joint activities that bear fruit in the coming months, especially those related to EVS.
- That people who have already participated have the opportunity to make known their experience and how it has affected their training, acquisition of skills, employment status, etc.
- Increase the visibility of the program from the City Council and more specifically from the Department of Youth, in order to bring value to what it brings to young participants and participating organizations.
- Motivate other people to participate.

Preparation phase:

The preparation of the participants in each organization is focused on the following aspects:

- Presentation of each organization and its work in relation to EVS.
- Brief presentation of the experience of each volunteer in his or her project.
- My EVS and employability.
- What happened with my Youthpass?
- Ideas and possible actions for the promotion of EVS in the city.
- Ideas for future actions within the program.
- Good practices detected in organizations.



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The City Council, as coordinating organization, will be in charge of establishing the first document for the preparation of the survey that will be passed to former participants and will be changed based on the comments and contributions of the partners. In the phase prior to the meeting will be collected the results, conclusions and then transferred to all partners via online so they can work on it before the meeting.

These tasks of preparation for the participants will facilitate the development of the work in Vigo. We have the advantage that most of the participants have been in projects here in Vigo or young Vigueses who have been away, so there is a trust and relationship that makes development easier.

Project management and Implementation:

Since the Council City of Vigo, has been supporting the European Voluntary Service since 2005. Therefore, and on the occasion of the 30th anniversary, we consider it important to carry out this project with a triple overall goal:

- Evaluate the impact of EVS on the young volunteers we send from here and who have been in our city in recent years to know how it has impacted their lives, as well as others who have participated in partner organizations or have been sent from them. Knowing how they have helped in finding a job, improving their skills, improving their language skills, how Youthpass has been used and if it has helped them along the way.
- How these activities impact on the organizations: the work of the European volunteers, the improvements, the challenges...
- Planning and networking for future activities among the partner organizations participating in the training meeting. To take advantage of the meeting, to promote the EVS among the young people of the city and other Youth workers and organizations.



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The first phase of the project is based on an activity of gathering information, impressions, experiences, suggestions, etc. Of young people who have participated in an EVS mainly or in some mobility activity within KA1, with the aim of elaborating conclusions that will be put in common in the meeting and will serve to mark lines of work in Youth, within each organization and Within the youth policies of the Vigo City Council.

Each partner organization will collaborate with its former participants in different ways:

- They will have to fill out a comprehensive questionnaire on various issues of their experience. It will be done online so you can reach as many people as possible.
- These ex-volunteers (who were in Vigo) will meet with other exvolunteers in their city to address these issues through discussion groups and also include these conclusions to those of the surveys.

Once this phase has been completed, some general conclusions will be made with the information obtained that will be posted in a common work space where each partner can consult the conclusions of the others before the meeting and thus work on the same.

The meeting will take place from **16 to 20 September 2017 in Vigo**.

It will mainly use the facilities that have the City Council for Youth, where they will develop the different activities. English and Spanish will be used as working languages depending on the needs of the activity.

During the meeting we intend to facilitate spaces for meeting and reflection as an element of learning. Create a comfortable and trustworthy environment to be able to open up and work in depth on the proposed themes, to facilitate the space, materials, time and experience of the facilitators to achieve the objectives proposed in each activity, to support us in the resources that the city offers to get it.

Take advantage of the human capital we have to collect testimonies, experiences, good practices, ideas, suggestions ... to continue working with the highest quality possible and to weave new networks of collaboration with organizations and stakeholders.



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After the meeting we will have a phase of drawing conclusions on the one hand, this will lead to the preparation of a report of everything collected and worked during the training meeting to be disseminated in the different countries and here in our region to all organizations that work with EVS, as well as organizations from all over Spain and organizations working in the field of Youth.

On the other hand, we will continue working on strengthening the collaboration network of entities for future collaborations, involving young people who have attended the training session by exEVS's.

Internet and social networks will help us a lot for communication, previous meetings with Skype and the exchange of documents we will have Google drive and a blog of support.

Calendar:

Month	Activity	Expected outcomes
June	Starting the project, organizing the calendar of the activities. Uploading documents and info on the common drive.	Questions and doubts solved.
June-July	Creation of the common blog. Creating the survey about EVS. Creating our spaces in the social networks (facebook, twitter, instagram).	Creation of the common blog. First draft of the survey.
July - August	Reflecting groups of exEVS. Sending the survey to exEVS from our organization or others, to get more information about the impact of EVS in participants. Spreading the project through our partners, contacts, local news, young people, politicians, national agencies...	Conclusions about the questions of the survey. Answered surveys from different exvolunteers from different organizations of each country. Increasing visits in our blog, new stories and news from different volunteers.



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September	Preparation of the seminar.	Organizations and participants preparing the information and their participation for the seminar.
16-20 September	Seminar	To achieve all the goals proposed.
October	Final information	To gather all the information and conclusions of the seminar and previous stages.
October	Possible future collaborations	To keep contact and to promote new collaborations for the future.
November	Final report	Receiving invoices and papers left. Your impressions for the final report.

You can start looking for the travel tickets, please remember that the **arrival day is 16th September** and **departure day 20th September** after breakfast if it's possible.

You can have a look to different options:

VIGO – Vigo airport <http://www.aena.es/en/vigo-airport/index.html>

PORTO – 150 km away from Vigo but you have buses from the airport to our city <http://www.autna.com/en/> is around 22€.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – 85 km away from Vigo, you have buses and trains but from the city.