

# ESC INFO PACK 2026



**VOLUNTEERING IN BRUSSELS**

**AT**

# **QUEST**

**QUALITY EDUCATION IN EUROPE  
FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**



**EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY  
CORPS**



**WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!**

Are you interested in **education, democracy and volunteering**?

Do you enjoy working in a **multicultural** environment?

Do you want to learn how a **non-profit organisation** works?

Are you ready to experience **Brussels** life ?

## QUICK INFO

Hosting organisation: QUEST

Where: Brussels, Belgium

When: 6 months – starting on 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026

Who: 2 volunteers

What: Learn how to work in a non-profit organisation as:  
**COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT**  
or  
**PROJECTS ASSISTANT**

How much: 1.030 euros per month + travel covered

Application deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> February

A world where **children and young people have equal access to an education** – both formal and non-formal – that not only upholds their **rights and agency**, but also values their **needs, aspirations, and contributions** to a just and regenerative society.



## THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

QUEST stands for Quality Education in Europe for Sustainable Social Transformation. We are an independent, democratic and network of European organisations from more than 20 European countries. We connect education changemakers: pioneer organisations (NGO, institutions, schools and universities) advocating for transformation in education.

Since 2017 we promote research and practices that empower respectful, innovative and transformative education. We conduct several research projects, conferences, training, workshops, and we work to have an impact on EU policies.

QUEST has a multilingual and multicultural environment that allows for the development of an open, united, responsible and sustainable spirit.

For more info:  
[www.quest-eu.org](http://www.quest-eu.org)



## VOLUNTEERING AT QUEST

We are a small but dynamic organisation in the heart of Europe!

Volunteering with us will allow you to learn everything about how to run a non-profit organisation, to understand the complexity and the beauty of the social sector and how NGOs interact with the national and European level.

Ready for  
the challenge??





## WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO VOLUNTEERS!



Read about former ESC experiences at QUEST on the [ESC blog](#) on our website.

*"Eight months at QUEST offered so much, but for me, it felt too short.*

*THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
EVERYTHING!"*

**Dario Cabornero Boch**  
Administrative Assistant

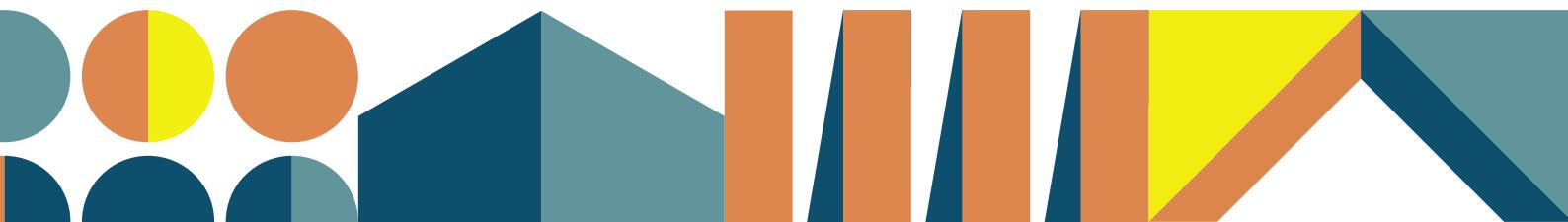
*"I am very grateful to have been able to witness and participate in the fast evolving processes of the NGO, in a caring working atmosphere."*

**Mathilda Diaz**  
Policy Assistant

*"My adventure as a ESC with QUEST was a beautiful journey where I had the opportunity to learn how to bring a project to life, reflecting on education and its transformative potential. This experience has been of great inspiration for me!"*

**Sara Bentass**  
Project Assistant

The length of your stay will be for 6 months, **from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026 to the 30th of September**





## WHAT TO EXPECT??

FULL IMMERSION INTO A  
NGO EXPERIENCE:  
TRAVELS, CULTURAL  
EXCHANGES AND A LOT  
OF FORMAL AND  
INFORMAL KNOWLEDGE  
ACQUISITION!

EXPERIENCE IN  
PROMOTING  
DEMOCRATIC, INCLUSIVE  
AND SUSTAINABLE  
EDUCATION!



## ACTIVITY 1

# COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT

You will learn how to organise events, training and gatherings of our members an NGO.

In particular you will have a chance to:

- Getting familiar with how to support the creation of a communication plan for an NGO
- Exploring how to create and schedule social media and website content
- Learning how to turn technical and academic texts into engaging and dynamic content for social media
- Getting to know different communication tools, such as CapCut, Canva, Mailchimp, and others
- Helping manage and update a website
- Learning about video editing
- Participation in EU travels

This will be an opportunity to also:

- learn how an NGO works
- improve your communication skills
- improve your english
- learn how to work in a shared-governance organisation
- practices sociocracy and Non-violent communication at work
- have a chance to promote youth volunteering in Europe
- learn why a change in education is needed and how to work towards children participation and agency!

## ACTIVITY 2

### PROJECT ASSISTANT

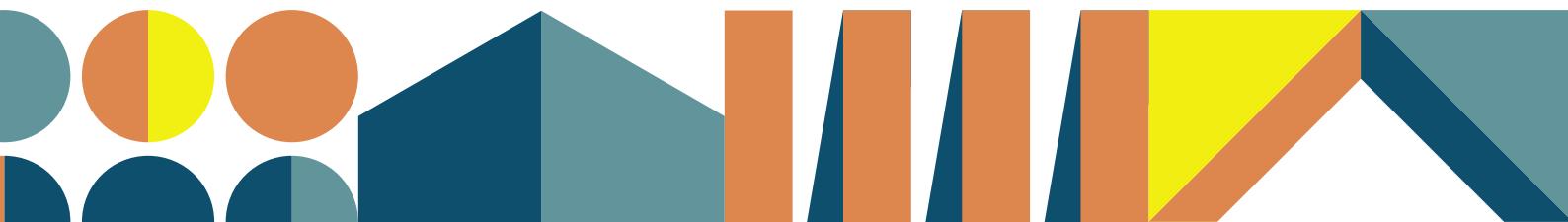
You will learn how to write and manage all the cycle of projects in the education sector (ideation, writing phase, implementation, evaluation, reporting) and to manage the communication and dissemination side of projects.

In particular you will have a chance to:

- Learning how to develop new project ideas
- Learning how to write project proposals
- Learning how to organise events related to projects
- Learning how to do project reporting
- Connecting with partners and organisations
- Learning how to implement project activities
- Participating in project travels

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## VOLUNTEERING TIME

The volunteer will be requested to do volunteering hours **5 days** per week, for maximum **35 volunteering hours** per week.

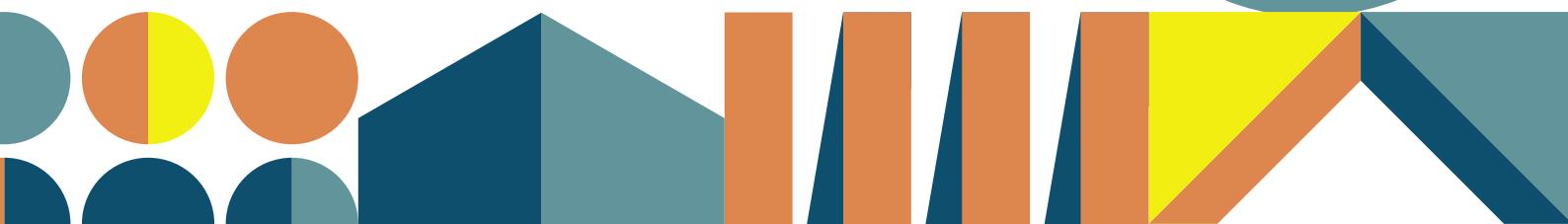
Included in the working week there is time dedicated to improve the language through the **Online Linguistic Support**, as well as some social time and professional support.

The volunteer will have **Saturday and Sunday off**.

The volunteer accumulates **2 days of holiday per month**, that they can use to take holidays in agreement with their coordinator.

Please consider that the amount of tasks might vary from time to time, and we expect our volunteers to be seriously committed to learn the skills required in the position they have.

**NB:** being a European Network with different projects on education, we often travel around Europe! Please consider that you might be asked to join one of these travels!





## MENTORING

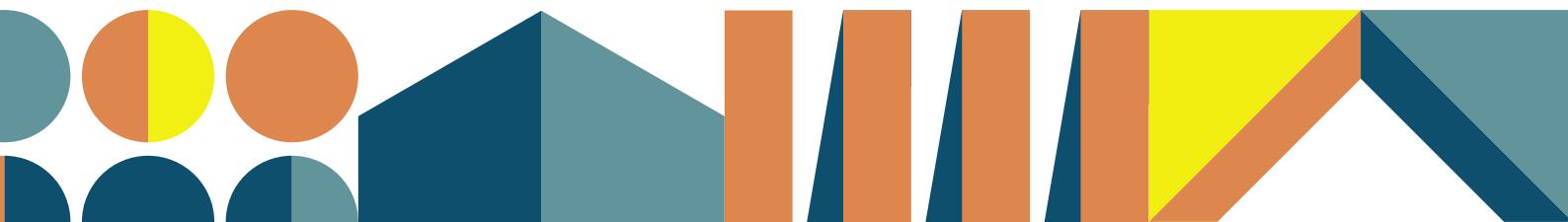
There are different ways in which we will help you growing professionally and personally.

**Professional support meetings:** one-to-one coaching session with your coordinator at QUEST, taking place every month, dedicated to listening to you and your learning journey.

**Mentoring:** you will have a mentor external to the organization that will help you for anything non-related to work.

**ESC trainings:** you will have the opportunity to attend trainings proposed by the ESC program (on arrival and midterm trainings), where you can meet other volunteers!

**QUEST trainings:** you will take part in trainings organised by QUEST over the course of the year. As an example, you will have the chance of following trainings in democratic education, sociocracy, shared decision making, outdoor learning, participatory- action research....





## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You will get a financial support of a total of **1030 euros per month, which will be transferred to your bank account at the beginning of every month.** This money is a support to pay for your accomodations and your monthly expenditures.

**Please be aware that Brussels is an expensive city, so the volunteering support might not be enough to cover all your living costs!**

Besides, you will get reimbursed your travel costs from and to the sending country (reimbursed to the maximum amount according to the official Erasmus distance calculator).

## ACCOMMODATION



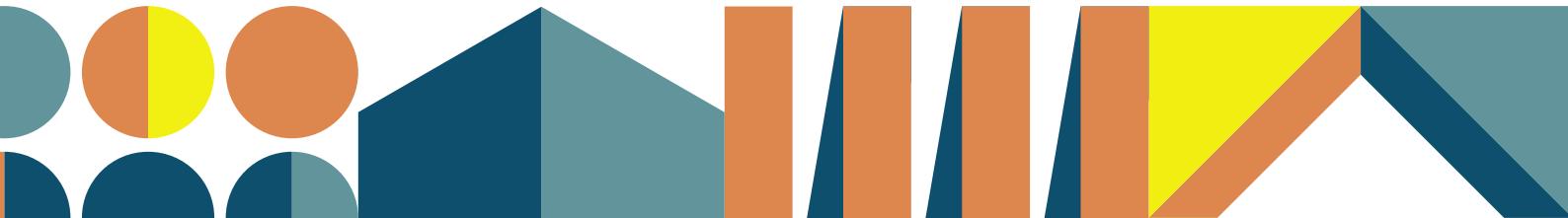
The volunteer will have to find his/her own accommodation in Brussels, but our QUEST team will help the volunteer in this search. We can offer the list of websites to look for rooms and apartment, and we can also do some visits on your behalf before of your arrival.

Despite our willingness to work and support, it is first and foremost the volunteer responsibility to find an accommodation. We encourage the volunteer to start the search as soon as possible as it might take some times to find the right accommodation.



## SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU RECEIVE

- Professional support: Supervision in the hosting organisation to integrate information and share learning outcomes + support by the sending organisation.
- Financial support: A total of 1030 euros + travel costs from and to the sending country
- Trainings/Education: On-arrival and mid-term training provided by the Belgian National Agency (JINT).
- Mentoring - A mentor outside of the organisation will be available to assist you in your daily life if needed.
- OLS - Mandatory online linguistic support to learn Dutch (or any other language you will need for your work or your career)
- Help to find an accomodation in Brussels plus temporary accomodation in shared room on your arrival (if needed)





## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

- from **18 to 30** years old
- **high motivation** to learn new skills
- interest and **enthusiasm** to work in non-profit sector
- interest in **education**
- good knowledge of **English**
- **flexible and organised** in order to manage volunteering hours and challenging activities
- **proactive and creative**
- **ready to live in Brussels**, find your accommodation (with our help) and to sometimes travel to other European countries for project visits and activities
- willing to be open to **improve, change and share experiences!**
- willing to improve/develop communication skills



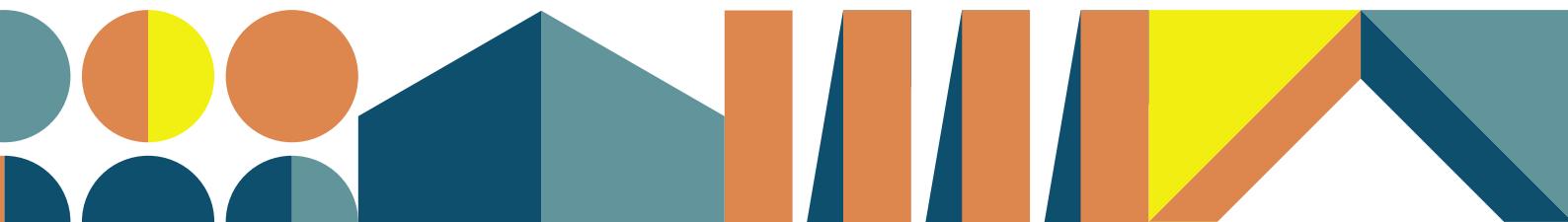


## HOW TO APPLY

- Send your **CV and motivation letter** indicating your preferred position (**ESC Communication Assistant** or **ESC Project Assistant**) to [info@quest-eu.org](mailto:info@quest-eu.org) by the **1<sup>st</sup> of February 2026**.
- Register on the [Portal of the European Solidarity Corps](#)
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted to arrange an online interview
- We review application as they arrive, so we encourage you to send your application **as soon as possible** to increase your chances! We might select the right volunteer before the final deadline.



# GOOD LUCK!



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