

ESC PROJECT IN SPAIN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Partner
organizations

ONCE (Hosting organization)

Ser Joven (Coordinating
organization)



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February-November 2026

(10 months)

- Location: Santander, Spain
- Working with visually impaired persons
- Promoting active citizenship

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROJECT



(HOSTING ORGANIZATION)

The "Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles" (ONCE) National Organization of Spanish blind people) is a Spanish foundation to raise funds that provide services for the blind and people with serious visual impairment.

The main mission of ONCE is to improve the quality of life of people who are blind or have severe visual disabilities through the provision of a wide range of social services that allow their full social inclusion.

Volunteering programme is one of the key pillars of ONCE, that aims at reinforcing the achievement of personal autonomy and social inclusion of people with blindness or severe visual impairment affiliated with the Organization.



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ASOCIACIÓN SER JOVEN (COORDINATING ORGANIZATION)

Ser Joven is a **non-profit organisation** formed by a **multidisciplinary team of educators, monitors, leisure time animators** who, by using their different professional experiences, intend to achieve a common goal: the value of the **non-formal education**.

We have been working with **Erasmus + Youth** (youth exchanges, training courses for youth workers) and **European volunteering projects** for more than 20 years now.

Ser Joven **roles** are:

- Promote of the project and link between local and the international networks and partners;
- Selection and preparation of European volunteers before arrival;
- Administration project tasks: budget allowances; support in volunteer's enrollment at the municipality; support in visa process when required and enrollment in insurance (if not done by sending organization); preparation of activity agreement;
- Pedagogical support for the volunteer and the hosting organization during the mobility: ensures the participation to the NA seminars; organization of auto-evaluation meetings for the volunteer and the hosting organization to reflect on learning outcomes;
- Practical arrangements: information about health insurance system in Cantabria; information about Spanish lesson possibilities; online language tools...
- Support in integrating in local community through our network of local volunteers.
- Create networking between all ESC volunteers of the hosting organizations we support.
- Providing information on learning, professional and educational opportunities for youth after the end of the mobility.





Volunteers' activities

- Accompaniment to people with visual impairments to help them run daily tasks (bank, doctor, shopping);
- Helping them to participate in activities organized by ONCE (accompany them from their homes to ONCE and back home) and support in different workshops: ceramics, reading, theatre);
- Accompaniment in excursions or trekking, in big events and celebrations
- Going for a walk with them (to the beach, to the park...) offering their company.

Schedule and Working Hours:

- The volunteering services are scheduled Monday-Friday in mornings and afternoons, with occasional services on Saturdays.
- Days off will compensate for the extra shift hours if necessary to keep an average of 30-35 hours a week.
- Volunteers are entitled to two days off per month of project to be taken in agreement with the hosting organisation.

PHOTOS FROM THE ACTIVITY

excursions



leisure time activities



daily activities





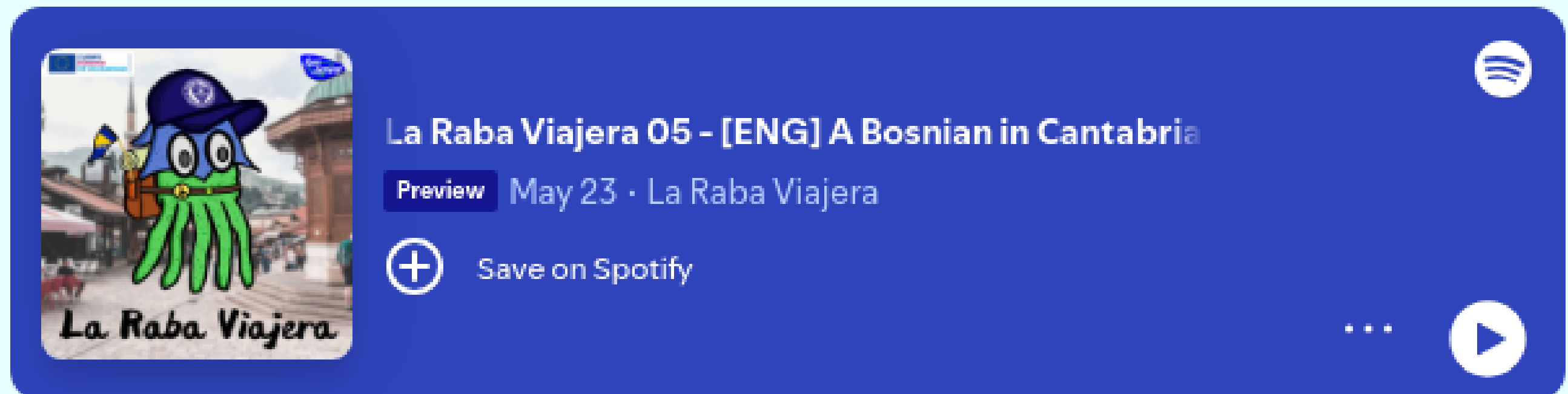
OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES AT ASOCIACIÓN SER JOVEN

Different activities in the field of organizing **free time educational activities** for youth and **information and promotion of ESC Programme**:

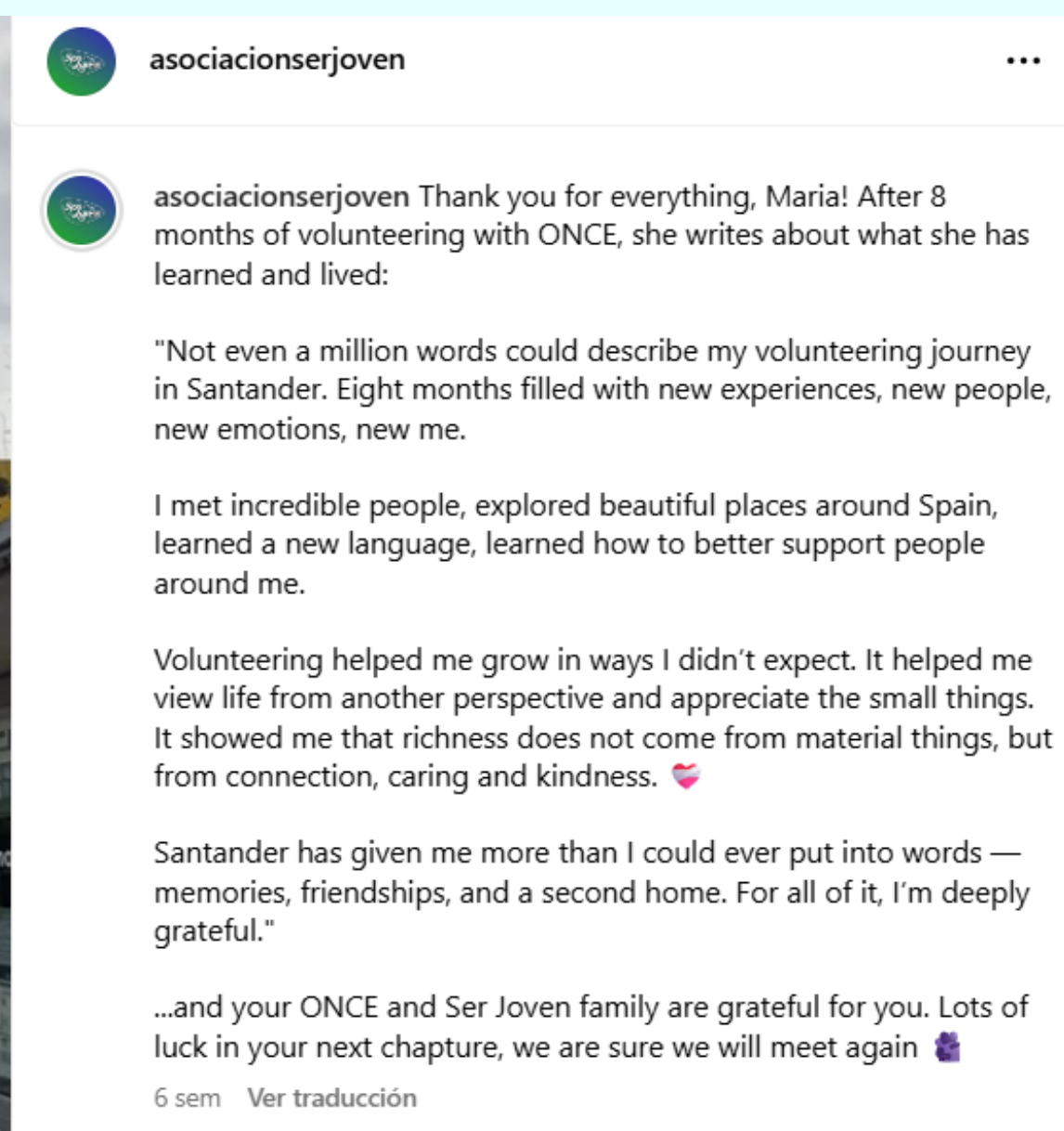
- Workshops,
- Alternative educational activities,
- Awareness-raising campaigns
- Summer camps,
- Talks and seminars disseminating European Solidarity Corps and European activities
- Personal project

Experiences from previous ESC volunteers

Eldin (Bosnia and Herzegovina): click here to listen to the podcast



Maria from Greece



And many others..Check our Instagram @asociacionserjoven



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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAININGS

* At the beginning of the activity, all volunteers are offered a special training course by specialists in the rehabilitation of ONCE members with recent visual impairment, in which they learn:

- the **history** aims and functioning of ONCE as an institution and **different services it offers**;
 - the **meaning and importance of voluntary work**;
 - **relation** with people with **blindness and visual impairment**;
 - **techniques of accompaniment** to people with visual impairment;
 - types of visual impairments.
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- Training about Asociación Ser Joven, aims and programmes
 - OLS Spanish Language Course
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- On-arrival training course organized by the Spanish National Agency
 - Mid-term evaluation training course organized by the Spanish National Agency



VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

- **motivated and responsible**, whose physical and mental condition is compatible with project duties; i.e.
- a person with **no mobility problems** and motivated enough (sometimes, the Project activities can seem routine),
- **flexible** (the activities have no fixed timetable, as they mostly depend on the needs of ONCE members),
- **able to motivate a person** with visual impairment to go out and enrich their social life.
- **ready to live in a shared room** with another European volunteer.
- **basic level of Spanish** is an asset
- **previous experience** with people at risk of social exclusion or experience as an animator or youth leader, as well as having worked with the elderly, is welcome (however not necessary).
- **Interest in leisure time activities and sports**
- Will want to introduce us to their **own culture while respecting the other's**
- will be ready to meet and welcome new people, from different backgrounds and with different life experiences.
- The volunteer has to provide the hosting organization with a **copy certificate of good conduct** related to the work with vulnerable groups before starting the activity.



Cantabria, an autonomous community and historic region of Spain, it is situated in the north Spain, popularly know as the "Green Spain".

The capital of Santander is the city of Santander. It has got an oceanic climate. Ideal for persons who like nature, sports and outdoor activities.

The volunteer will live in the **shared flat and shared room** with other volunteers just 10 minutes walk from the city center and 15 minutes walk from Ser Joven office and ONCE headquarters. The flat and rooms are fully equiped, have Wifi, two bathrooms, an equipped kitchen, a living room and a terrace.

Food

The volunteer will receive a budget of 150e per month and will take care of the meals by themselves.

Travel budget

The program covers travel costs in accordance with the ESC regulations distance calculator. If a volunteer's travel expenses exceed the allocated amount, the program will reimburse up to the maximum budget assigned. Any additional costs beyond this budget will be the responsibility of the volunteer.

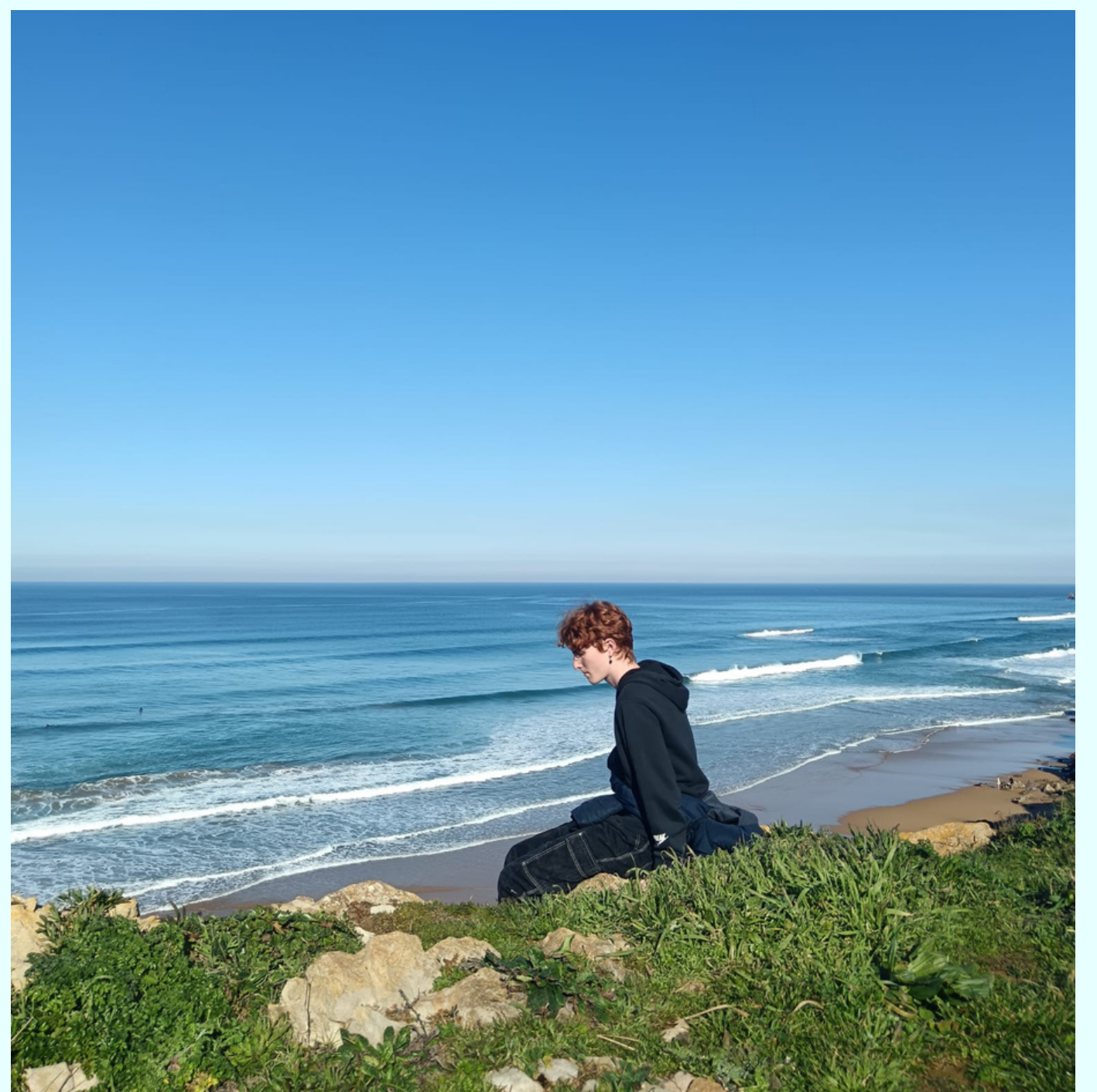
Pocket Money

The volunteer will receive a small allowance (pocket money) of 180e per month for personal expenses throughout the duration of the activity, including holidays.

Read [here](#) more about how the ESC programme functions

HOW TO APPLY:

Fill out the application form ([click here](#)) and send us your CV to movilidad@ser-joven.org



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