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**Legambiente Toscana – Europea Voluntary Service
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Who we are

Legambiente Toscana is the regional branch of Legambiente Onlus. It was founded in 1980 by Italian ecologists and members of the anti-nuclear movement that developed in Italy and throughout the Western countries in the 70s. Its purpose is to organize and coordinate the actions of the 32 Local Groups of Legambiente located in Tuscany. Legambiente Toscana and Legambiente Onlus are the most important environmental organizations in Italy for the defense of nature and the environment.

The hallmark of the Association has always been "scientific environmentalism". All environmental initiatives are based on solid scientific data and accompanied by concrete, realistic, and economically feasible suggested alternatives.

Legambiente Toscana focuses both on environmental actions and citizens' training and education. There are more than almost 5000 members and supporters, many classrooms participating in environmental education programs, several young people participating each year in volunteer camps, and natural areas managed directly or in collaboration with other local authorities.

Legambiente Toscana activities

The projects performed by Legambiente Toscana are centered around environmental preservation and social development through sustainable actions.

At the national level, thanks to the affiliation with Legambiente Onlus, Legambiente Toscana implements projects throughout the national territory and manages parks and protected areas with an original and innovative approach to nature conservation.

At the regional and local level, Legambiente Toscana works with social associations and public institutions (Municipality, Comunità Montana, Region). Having direct contact with citizens, the organization promote citizen's environmental education as well as their participation in democracy, through projects like "Energicamente", "sCool Food", "CO2 - Cambiare Orizzonti 2: risorse e energia", "Arno da Vivere e da Narrare", "Scuole in rete e Istituti sostenibili", "Io amo la Val di Pesa" e "Amico Fiume" which are developed in primary, secondary and high school.

Another important part of Legambiente's activities are the campaigns: "Puliamo il mondo" (Clean up the World), "Piccola Grande Italia", "Mal'Aria", "Nontiscordardimè", "Goletta Verde"



, "Treno Verde", "Spiagge e Fondali Puliti" and "Festa dell'Albero". These events aim to involve all citizens, Italians and foreigners, promoting a sense of responsibility towards the environment. The campaigns' goals are to protect the environment and the quality of life of the citizens and to promote social mobilization and the spread of information related to global pollution. All groups are targeted.

For each project, Legambiente Toscana is responsible for planning, implementing, and searching for partner institutions and associations. All projects developed aim to raise awareness and create great impact at the local and regional level.

EVS in Legambiente Toscana: Think Green!

The project will involve a total of four volunteers for eight months and will take place in different places of Florence and in Tuscan countryside.



All activities of the project will be related to environmental issues, rural development and active participation in the community at local, national and European level.

In particular, volunteers will take part in two different contexts: one is the office of Legambiente in Florence and the correlated activities in the city (campaigns, events, EVS promotion); another one is the rural context of Tuscany countryside (parks and protected areas managed by Legambiente).

The EVS team will contribute to preserve nature and environment through an ecological and sustainable approach and will promote a dialogue

and a cultural exchange within our community. The idea of this project is to educate volunteers to be able to transmit eco-friendly lifestyle, discovered during the EVS project.

For these reasons, our perfect volunteer profile requirements the following features: strong motivation for the project and its topics, interest for the activities, flexibility to adapt to every situations, interest in children's education, spirit of collaboration/cooperation.

Volunteers will be involved from Monday to Friday in the activities, but, if necessary, they will work also during the weekends, always respecting the two free days.

During first month volunteers will attend an Italian course in order to improve the language and to permit them to familiarize with local culture.

Then, they will start the activities, the main of which are:

- organization and implementation of the main campaigns of Legambiente Toscana (Spiagge e Fondali Puliti, Piccola Grande Italia, Goletta Verde, Puliamo il Mondo, Festa dell'Albero).

- environmental education at school: volunteers will help in the planning of educational paths for every schools and they will take part in meetings with classes.

- work camps at Bioparco "I Frignoli": volunteers will work and live for some weeks in a park in Lunigiana, maintaining green and protected areas and organizing activities for visitors and tourist.

- work camps at Regional Park of Maremma: volunteers will work and live for some weeks inside the park, cleaning and monitoring the beach and giving information to the tourists.

- exploration and monitoring of natural reserves

- organization of events, language tandem and info days to promote the European Voluntary Service and the Erasmus + program.



- training and seminars about environmental issues

Some activities request a light physical effort (i.e. conservation of green spaces, maintenance activities); on the other hand some activities request organization and communication.

The project will form volunteers to use their knowledge and personal skills to reinforce their ability in team working. Volunteers will also have the possibility to develop their own project and their new ideas in order to improve their skills and competencies.

The methods for developing these skills are informal and non-formal learning adjusted to the needs of the volunteers: supported by tutor and mentor, Legambiente Toscana will use group sessions, peer education and discussions and useful methods to grow up their personal, educational and professional profile.

Their ability in management and leadership will be strengthened through the participation in decision-making processes.



Accommodation and practical arrangement

Volunteers will live all together in an apartment in Florence, fully expensed. Besides this, each of them will receive monthly food money, pocket money and transport. Also travel costs will be refunded. Furthermore, for each activity, the Organization will provide the suitable equipment, if necessary.

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