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Welcome to *Primavera '85 Cooperativa Sociale*.

First of all, thank you for the time you devote to one of our services and our users.

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1. ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

1.1 History of the organization

Primavera '85 is a social cooperative whose aims are:

- To help mentally and physically disabled people through educational and rehabilitative assistance;
- To respond to the growing demand of families by offering counselling.

Primavera '85 has 50 workers including educators, social workers and psychologists and a large group of volunteers that support it.

We work in partnership with National Public Health System.

1.2 Mission of the organization

Primavera '85 as an organization committed to active involvement of all stakeholders, aims to continuously improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, starting from the identification of their needs, their capabilities and expectations it:

- provides, through the activation of educational and rehabilitation services, a qualified answer to the needs of people with disabilities and persons in a state of mental distress;
- promotes social inclusion initiatives and work in the territory, aimed at improving the quality of life of the disadvantaged;
- foster initiatives with a view to prevention, aimed at giving adequate responses to the needs and other future problems of disabled people and their families;
- provides educational services to support families;
- promotes a culture of difference, it understood as acceptance of different.

1.3 Services and projects

Primavera '85 services are:

- **Job training centre for disabled persons** = it helps people with light psychophysical disabilities to be reemployed into the working world.
- **Daily Centre for disabled persons "Littorina"** = It's addressed to people with psychophysical disability from medium to severe to help them relate with their families and the local community.
- **Daily Centre for disabled persons "Roncolato"** = It answers the emerging needs of elderly users by getting them involved in occupational therapy.
- **Daily Centre for disabled persons "A. Baba"** = is a daily educational and occupational centre with two different approaches: the first focused on rehabilitation of disabled people in order for them to develop social and occupational capabilities; the second focused on maintaining and improving them.
- **Daily Centre for autistic persons "Con-Tatto"** = is a daily educational centre for adult autistic people.
- **Communities "Cà Trentin"** = for accommodation of persons with autism.
- **After School Educational Centre** = for autistic school age children.
- **Counselling project** = This project regards support to families or minors, by offering psychological counselling.

Primavera '85 projects are:



- **Shop "La bottega de Maruso"** = sale of handicrafts made by hand by our users. The shop is also available on-line.
- **Shop "PrimaBio"** = sale of food products packed by users and biological food.
- **Alternative Jewellery** = the project involving people with mental and physical disabilities, not having the skills necessary for attending a career path within the school, while the residual abilities are not as compromised for forcing them to attend a daily center.
- **Rwanda Project** = it is proposed to start from human resources, materials, and technical specifications of the basis of the territory to innovate and diversify the craft with the goal of raising a poor material at a high symbolic and commercial value by creating diverse jewels among them and the powerful personality.
- **Solidarete** = is a social inclusion project involving a group of disabled people in the recovery and transformation of surplus food or unsold, from fruit and vegetable producers or traders delivering the product recovered and worked to charitable groups who adhere initiative for distribution to families in need of the municipality.
- **Bericando** = is an affordable cycling project, focused on the cycle lane of the Riviera Berica, offering different services and opportunities like: itineraries and tour packages, bike rental, bike point, vehicle equipped, tour guide on request for trips of individuals or groups.
- **Accessible Tourism** = develop accessible tourism projects in order to: enable families, groups or individuals who have an autistic person, or with other types of disability, to be able to enjoy in a pleasant travel experience safe and assisted and promote the historical and artistic heritage, natural and cultural territory of Vicenza.

2. ABOUT THE EVS PROJECT

2.1 EVS Activity start date: 01/10/2016
EVS Activity ending date: 30/06/2017

2.2 Number of volunteer: 4

- Mitre from Serbia with the partnership of Local Democracy Agency Subotica
- Antonio from FYROM (Macedonia) with the partnership of Coalition of youth organizations SEGA
- Marie from Germany with the partnership of Sozialer Friedensdienst Bremen e.V
- T.B.C.

2.3 Profile of volunteer

- Motivation to spend time abroad (Italy) and interest in the project proposed and discussed together inside the Cooperative;
- Interest in the work carried out by our Cooperative and social work in general;
- Capacity and interest to enter into relationships with people in need (disadvantaged children, youth and elderly);
- Predisposition to relate to others and to act in a team (also considering they will be encouraged to learn and speak Italian).

2.4 Description of project

Primavera 85 was founded thanks to the efforts of volunteers, caring and eager to help, many of whom are working now as a staff. It has undergone through the long way of transformations: from a small center of assistance to the cooperative with different areas of work well integrated into the community and its context; from standard to increased and varied range of services; from a small



number of volunteers and staff – to a structured coordination of each area with highly qualified specialists. The significant experience of the cooperative developed in a self-sustainable structure with results of its work well recognized within the community and beyond motivated us to develop the project.

We would like to share with volunteers our knowledge and experience accumulated through 30 years of assisting people with disabilities in their daily activities, as well as to learn from them. The cooperative is opened and welcome new ideas allowing to improve the ways of addressing target groups needs, allowing, at the same time, to enrich them through intercultural exchange. Therefore, the project will address a few main objectives. This will create not only opportunities of learning, but will contribute to provision of improved assistance to those in need providing the latter with possibility to interact with people from other European countries.

First, it aims at providing volunteers with knowledge, competences and skills necessary to carry out social work through first-hand experience under the support of professional supervisors. Volunteers will, moreover, be able to contribute to co-designing activities, expressing their initiative, creativity and getting acquainted with innovative approaches of the Cooperative becoming a part of this experiment, allowing their personal and professional growth.

Second, the project will provide volunteers with possibility of getting to know local culture and context, while engaging in multicultural dialogue and contributing with their international experience, creating an added value for the services offered and allowing centers' users to learn about other cultures. On the experience of past projects, the presence of people from different cultural backgrounds contributed to greater interest, enthusiasm and participation in the activities, particularly by centers' users, as well as produced long lasting benefits by these practices. At this level the project activities aim at bringing together and encouraging dialogue between volunteers, volunteers and people with disabilities and volunteers and territorial actors. Cooperative represent an important and relevant actor in daily life and development of local territory and community, implementing together with its users a wide range of activities aimed at sustainable use of resources, engaging with the various actors of the territory, raising their awareness on the important for the territorial sustainability issues. On this concrete example, volunteers will be able to learn how to integrate work and promote inclusion of people with disabilities into the local communities, reflecting and identifying new ways and approaches for their future working experience.

Additionally, volunteers, taking into consideration their skills and enthusiasm in using ICT (already proved during previous EVS experiences in the Cooperative), will be able to contribute to greater outreach on Primavera85 activities, raising awareness on important social issues at local and international level, and sensibilising society, putting at the disposal their communication skills. In this regard, volunteers will create a platform for sharing, exchange and dialogue at international level, promoting social and cultural dialogue between Europe and the territory.

From the perspective of Cooperative work, we believe that hosting volunteers from different countries allows us to extend our intercultural perspective, learning from the international experiences and getting inspired through exchanging ideas, knowledge and experiences. This contributes to personal and professional growth of the staff of cooperative constantly looking for a new ways of improving our work, further sharing new successful methods and practices with others, including volunteers creating a continuous learning cycle.

All the above-mentioned objectives are in compliance with those of the EVS, intended to promote solidarity and tolerance among young people, strengthening active citizenship and social cohesion. Furthermore, they directly contribute to opening up Primavera85 work, local territory and society to European dimension, enriching the content of our services and programmes for the beneficiaries of Primavera85, sharing effective methods with European partners, promoting intercultural dialogue, cooperation based on shared values and recognition of the importance of such a cooperation.



2.5 The main objectives of the project

All together, the activities implemented within the project will contribute to developing active citizenship based on the values of understanding, tolerance and solidarity, being the core values of the European Union. EVS in this context present the tool for growth and cultural enrichment of young people, who acquire the possibility to grow professionally through experience in the area of their interest and to grow personally, confronting different realities, facing challenges, thinking critically and acting strategically for promoting the European values in their environment.

2.6 Volunteer's activities

The activities of the project will be implemented in 3 areas of the Cooperative's work.

- **Area Autism** responds to the needs of adolescents and adults with autism and severe behavioural disorders. Pecularity of this syndrome relates to difficulties of integration in common daily centers and require specific approach at relational, communication and sensory level. It provides residential, day care, home care and ambulatory services to different age groups.
- **Area Disability** aimed at developing and sustaining skills of young people and adults with disabilities with particular focus on rehabilitation aspects in multi disability. It composed by three day care centers targeting groups with different characteristics. All three of them implement transversal activities, among which are sport activities as well as specific ones: creative-occupational, cognitive, domestic, social integration, varying from one center to another depending on the abilities of the users.
- **Job training center** aimed at assisting people with psychophysical disabilities to be reemployed into the working world providing them with job appropriate for their capabilities contributing to their social integration.

Volunteers will be able to contribute (if interested) to the work of Accessible tourism operator providing a set of services and facilities that allows clients with special needs to enjoy a holiday and leisure time in conditions of autonomy, safety and comfort travelling in secured and assisted way, promoting, at the same time, historical and artistic heritage of the territory as well as favouring their inclusion in touristic and working environment. It includes organization and management of vacations for families with children with mental and physical disabilities or autism and BERICANDO - a cycling tourism project located along the Riviera Berica's cycle track. Its services are composed by tour operator team; complementary routes; bike rental; Bike Point; equipped van.

All the activities of the project will be organized in a way of contributing to improvement of volunteers' personal and professional competences and skills assisting staff in implementation of daily tasks and supporting activities of the Center. The volunteers will not passively support staff of Primavera85 but will be by all means encouraged to express their initiative, discussing with tutors possibilities of implementation considering the context and the specifics of target group. The project through open initiatives will further encourage interaction between volunteers and local communities for getting acquainted better with culture and hosting society.

3. ABOUT ITALY

3.1 Borders



Located in Southern Europe, in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, Italy shares open land borders with France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia.

The sovereign states of San Marino and the Vatican City are enclaves.

Italy covers an area of 301,338 km² (116,347 sq mi).

3.2 Morphology

Due to its shape, it is often referred to in Italy as lo Stivale (the Boot).

The Apennine Mountains form the peninsula's backbone and the Alps form most of its northern boundary, where Italy's highest point is located on Monte Bianco (4,810 mt)

The Po, Italy's longest river (652 km/405 mi), flows from the Alps on the western border with France and crosses the Padan plain on its way to the Adriatic Sea.

The largest lake is Garda.

The country is situated at the meeting point of the Eurasian Plate and the African Plate, leading to considerable seismic and volcanic activity. There are 14 volcanoes in Italy, four of which are active.

3.3 Population

Italy officially the Italian Republic is a unitary parliamentary republic in Europe.

With 61 million inhabitants, it is the third most populous EU member state.

3.4 Religion

Roman Catholicism is, by far, the largest religion in the country, although Catholicism is no longer officially the state religion. In Italy there is freedom of religion.

3.5 Discovering Italy

www.italia.it

www.discoveritalia.com

www.italiantourism.com

www.enit.it

4. ABOUT VICENZA

4.1 Position

Vicenza is a city in northeastern Italy. It is in the Veneto region at the northern base of the Monte Berico, where it straddles the Bacchiglione River.

Vicenza is approximately:

60 kilometres west of Venice

60 kilometres south of Asiago

200 kilometres east of Milan

550 kilometres north of Rome

The altitude above sea level varies from about:

- 45 meters of the city
- 2.336 meters of Mount Cima 12 located in the north of the province

4.2 Population



Vicenza had an estimated population of 115.927 and a metropolitan area of 270.000. Vicenza is home to the United States Army post Caserma Ederle (Camp Ederle).

4.3 History

Vicentia (or Vincentia, meaning "victorious"), was settled by the Italic Euganei tribe and then by the Paleo-Veneti tribe in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC.

The citizens of Vicetia received Roman citizenship in 49 BC. The city was known for its agriculture, brickworks, marble quarry and wool industry.

In the middle age many tribes invaded the territory: Heruls, Vandals, Alaric, Visigoths, Huns, Ostrogoth, Byzantine, Lombard, Frankish, Magyar including the nearby cities like Bassano, Padova, Verona. In 1404, Vicenza came under rule of Venice, in 1797 under Napoleonic rule and in 1814 passed to the Austrian Empire.

Vicenza's area was a location of major combat in both World War I (on the Asiago plateau) and World War II (a focal centre of the Italian resistance), and it was the most damaged city in Veneto by Allied bombings, including many of its monuments;

In the 1960s the whole central part of Veneto, witnessed a strong economic development. Vicenza is the third-largest Italian industrial centre as measured by the value of its exports, and is one of the country's wealthiest cities, in large part due to its textile and steel industries, which employ tens of thousands. Additionally, about one fifth of the country's gold and jewelry is made in Vicenza, greatly contributing to the city's economy.

4.4 What to see in Vicenza and province

Vicenza is a thriving and cosmopolitan city, with a rich history and culture, and many museums, art galleries, piazzas, villas, churches and elegant Renaissance palazzi.

With the Palladian Villas of the Veneto in the surrounding area, and his renowned Teatro Olimpico (Olympic Theatre), the "city of Palladio" has been enlisted as UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994.

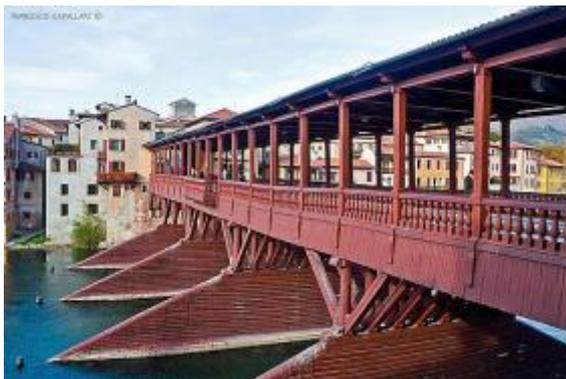
"Teatro Olimpico"
Olympic Theatre
in Vicenza
Project by: Andrea Palladio



Villa Almerico Capra
called "La Rotonda"
in Vicenza
Project by: Andrea Palladio



"Ponte degli Alpini"
The Alpini Bridge
in Bassano del Grappa



"Piazza degli Scacchi"
Chess Square
in Marostica



"Asiago"
Beautiful place for trekking, biking
and winter sports



5. ABOUT SOVIZZO

5.1 Population

Sovizzo had an estimated population of 7.157.

Tom Perry
the climber who runs barefoot



5.2 How to move

Sovizzo is an Italian municipality located in the province of Vicenza, in Veneto.

It is located about 10 km from Vicenza.

To reach the city are available daily buses. The buses runs until 20.00.

After this time you can reach the city only by bicycle.

About 2,5 km there is a small train station where they stop only regional routes. During the night the station is closed.

5.3 What to see in Sovizzo

A Sovizzo, on an ancient alluvial off was discovered a complex of megalithic structures with sacral-funeral function of late Neolithic and Copper Age. It is made up of some burials buildup ordered by stones which are accessed along a double corridor of 25 meters marked by large river pebbles and lined up at the entrance by three vertical stone stelae. In one of the funerary circles it was found a body curled up and partially burned, accompanied by arrowheads of valuable flint.

Megalithic site Copper Age
in Sovizzo



6. INFORMATION

6.1 Local time

Standard Time Zone: GMT/UTC + 01:00 hour

Daylight Saving Time: DST in use +1 hour (summer time)

6.2 Currency, ATM's, Credit cards

The official currency of Italy is the EURO.

You can find ATMs outside the major banks.

Also, all major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

6.3 Some example of local price

- A coffee = €1,00
- A 0,2 beer = €2,00
- A slice of cake in a patisserie = €2,50
- A piece of bread in a bakery = €3,00/Kg

6.4 Electricity supply

The electricity supply in Italy is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are generally CEE 7/17 and CEE 7/4. Hotels generally provide with adaptors upon request.

6.5 Smoking law

Smoking is not allowed in all indoor public places.

6.6 Opening hours

Shops normally open around 08.00 and close around 19.00

6.7 Ticket and bills

During the outward and return journey it is important to keep tickets and receipts relating to the trip.

6.8 Weather in North Italy

Winters in Italy are cool and humid in the north and the mountainous zone. Sometimes cold air from northern Europe can spread south into Italy, bring snow to most mountains, while the coasts are kept warm by the high sea temperatures.

The summer can be quite hot in Italy, mainly in the south of the peninsula, with high nocturnal temperatures of usually 28-33°C, but sometimes even 40°C. Thunderstorms are quite common especially in the northern areas.

More information about weather on:

www.ilmeteo.it

6.9 Required clothing

Light T-shirts and cotton clothes are recommended for the summer, while warmer clothes are necessary for the winter.

7. ACCOMMODATION

- The accommodation of the volunteers will be censure by Primavera 85 Cooperativa Sociale. The volunteers will share room with other EVS volunteer, the room are with all basic needs covered according the standard of living in Italy.
- The volunteer will found: blankets, pillows, sheets, pillowcases, towels, dishes and pots.
- The use of the house and furnishings following a regulation.



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8. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Pocket money: 115 €/month
- Food and home expenses: 140€/month
- The volunteers will receive full insurance coverage through EVS Insurance provided by the European Commission. All the insurance documents will be sent to the volunteers by the sending organization.

9. SUPPORT AND MENTOR

- These persons were chosen to be mentors because of their long experience as volunteers, knowledge of the previous "Youth in action programme", the new programme Erasmus+, and their experience in intercultural encounters.
- In case of dealing with conflicts, the mentors will act as mediators and seriously will find the solution for the problem and conflicts.
- The mentors will orientate the volunteers to the new environment and the life in Macedonia in general and will speak with the volunteers about his/her learning objectives.
- Mentors and volunteers will have weekly meetings to help the volunteers integrate in local community and to establish contacts with local people and different local organizations.

10. LANGUAGE

- At the beginning of project the volunteer will follow an Italian course of about 6 hours per week. Then there will be a retention of about 3 hours a week. Until you get to a support of two hours every two weeks.
- We will also encourage the volunteers to start to learn Italian before their departure.
- Part of the project's activities will be led in Italian.
- However, the main working language at the office will be English,

11. LEISURE

11.1 Holiday

Volunteer will save 2 days of holiday on month	18 days
Look at the schedule: some days off are decided by the organization	9 days
Volunteer will be able to program when they want the rest of the days available	9 days
Look at the schedule: also there are some festivities planned by the Italian government	Feast 6 days

ATTENTION: The volunteer must communicate the day off 5 days before

The daily centre will be close:



Date	Event	Holiday
8-9/12/2016	For the feast of the city patron (Santa Maria Immacolata)	2 days
26/12/2016	Catholic Feast: Santo Stefano	Feast
27-28-29-30/	For Christmas Holidays	4 days
06/01/2017	Catholic Feast: Epifania	Feast
14/04/2017 18/04/2017	For Easter Holidays	2 days
17/04/2017	Catholic Feast: Lunedì dell'Angelo	Feast
25/04/2017	Day of remembrance for the end of World War II	Feast
01/05/2017	Workers Day	Feast
02/06/2017	Italian Republic Holiday	Feast
TOTAL =		8 days

11.2 Info about Sovizzo

- Outdoor pool
- Library
- Market monday morning
- Jazzbo Pub

11.3 Info about Creazzo (2km from Sovizzo)

- Indoor pool
- Library
- BMX circuit
- Puddy's Irish Pub

More info on:

- www.vicenzatoday.it
- www.vicenza.com
- www.vicenzalive.it
- www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi
- www.eventisagre.it
- www.nonsocosafare.it/vicenza
- www.bobobo.it/vicenza

Concerts and events	When	Info on
Vicenza Jazz	May	www.vicenzajazz.it
Riviera Folk Festival	June-july	facebook.com/rivierafolkfestivalvicenza
Spiorock	June-july	www.spiorock.it
Villazza Rock	June-july	facebook.com/villazza.sollazza
Ferrock	June-july	www.ferrock.it
Festambiente	June-july	www.festambientevicenza.org



Festival Radio Sherwood PADOVA	June-july	www.sherwood.it
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	CDB Daily Centre "A. Baba"	Via Risorgimento, 10 – 36050 Sovizzo (VI) Tel: 0444-376372 e-mail: get@primavera85.it
	CDR Daily Centre "Roncolato"	Via IV novembre, 23 – 36050 Sovizzo (VI) Tel: 0444-376163 e-mail: cad@primavera85.it
	CDC Daily Centre "Con-Tatto"	Via Europa, 1 – 36077 Valmarana di Altavilla (VI) Tel: 0444-574266 e-mail: valmarana@primavera85.it

More information about the host organization on:

www.primavera85.it

www.facebook.com/primavera85.cooperativasociale

www.svaga.it

We hope the time you spend with us is enjoyable.
Good job.

The President
Luciano Bedin

The Teamwork of
Primavera '85 Cooperativa Sociale

