

Project name: ECO – Slatinka

Project code: SK-INE 10.3

Country: Slovakia

Dates: 24th July – 7th August

Topic: Environmental Protection

Type of work: Environmental/Outdoors/Manual

Total Number of volunteers: 10

Volunteer Age Range: 18+

Language: English

Wheelchair accessible: No



Description: The Slatinka Association was established in 1993 as a reaction to the construction of the Slatinka water dam on the Slatina River. The association's mission is to work at the basin of the Slatina River, to protect the environment and preserve natural areas while spreading consciousness of the projects effects on nature. One of their main aims is to bring life back to the village of Slatinka, since many people had to leave due to the dam construction. Projects like this have taken place in Slatinka since 2011.

Work: The work will be done in and around the village of Slatinka and in Zvolen city park. The volunteers will help maintain the Slatinka area by cutting the grass, taking care of the trees, cleaning the educational trail. Volunteers will also work at the park of Lanice, close to Zvolen. The working hours are from Monday to Friday, with 4 hours work in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. There are no special skills required. By participating in this project you contribute to protecting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (UN SDG 15).

Study Theme: The project will have a rich environmental study part. Volunteers will learn about environmental protection efforts in Slovakia and all the issues related to the dam construction. Participants will also learn about the history of Slatinka and Zvolen. The workcamp will be visited by INEX Messenger who will organize a workshop focused on current issues in Europe. The volunteers will prepare a "Feast of cultures" - an international food evening, and will join the "volunteering footprint" workshop. This camp will follow the 'rules of sustainability' campaign.

Accommodation: Volunteers will stay at a local school called the 'Eco-centre'. It has outdoor showers that require participants to manually heat water before their shower, and toilets are dry (outhouses). There will be no access to running water, so water will be delivered or taken from a well pump for showers. Drinkable water will be provided by a local partner. On-site access to electricity and mobile signal is available. There are two bedrooms with mattresses – a sleeping bag is required. Volunteers will be divided in kitchen teams and cook together; groceries will be provided. The food will be mostly vegetarian.

Requirements: Bring a sleeping bag, working clothes, warm clothes, cap, raincoat, strong boots, swimming suit, headlamp and a smile :) You may also bring musical instruments and a USB with your favourite songs from your country to share/play with the group.

Location: Slatinka is a small village near Zvolen located in the Central part of Slovakia. The village is surrounded by beautiful nature with many touristic routes and hiking opportunities. The volunteers can visit Zvolen, where they will find a castle, a historical centre and other interesting sites. There will be some activities planned by leaders of the camp such as games, workshops, trips.

Notes: This camp is for nature lovers and is eco-friendly! Mostly vegetarian food. For more info and pictures about the project please see: www.slatinka.sk, <https://www.facebook.com/zdruzenieslatinka> or <https://www.instagram.com/slatinkaassociation/>
You can also watch video from workcamp in Slatinka:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgtH03v7310&t>