



# Youth Green Deal

## Training on Youth Leadership and Eco-Volunteering

Chenini, Tunisia 22-29 March 2022

### Background of the training course

Youth Green Deal is a project aiming to build the capacity of youth organisations promoting volunteering in the Mediterranean area. In this project we focus on our work with local communities who are doing environmental work. So looking at how our volunteer projects can support environmental work: reducing the effects of climate change; inspire volunteers and local communities to mitigate climate change and lead sustainable lifestyles. By working together with various organisations we also want to focus on the Mediterranean/global dimension of climate issues.

This project is created by organisations who are part of the MIDI working group of SCI (Service Civil International [www.sci.ngo](http://www.sci.ngo)). VSFr Tunisia is the lead organisation responsible for the overall coordination of the project but all partners are collaborating in the implementation of the project: CCIVS (global network of IVS organisations [www.ccivs.org](http://www.ccivs.org)), SCI Catalonia ([www.scicat.org](http://www.scicat.org)), SCI France ([www.sci-france.org](http://www.sci-france.org)), SCI Belgium ([www.scibelgium.be](http://www.scibelgium.be)), SCI Italy ([www.sci-italia.it](http://www.sci-italia.it)), SSD Jordan, EVO Morocco and Al-Shmoh Cultural Centre Palestine.

More specifically, the project consists of 3 trainings (in Tunisia, Jordan and Belgium), 4 youth exchanges (in Catalonia, Tunisia, Palestine and Morocco), a research project and a final conference taking place in Tunisia.

This Call for Participants regards the first training, which focuses on youth leadership and eco-volunteering which will take place in Chenini, Tunisia from 22-29 of March 2022. The training will bring together 22 participants from 8 different countries who will deepen their knowledge about eco-volunteering (or setting up international voluntary service projects combining study sessions on environmental issues and practical hands-on work) and practice their skills to be a group leader in an eco-volunteering project. Some of the participants will accompany a group of young volunteers who will take part in the planned youth exchanges over summer and others will conduct some workshops in their own organisation on the topics dealt with in the training: group dynamics, intercultural communication, setting up educational activities around environmental issues, conflict resolution and being a group leader. Skills needed to make the youth exchanges a successful, learning and inclusive experience for all.

### Methodological approach

Workcamps and youth exchanges focusing on eco-volunteering are central in this project. Therefore the training will focus on the knowledge, skills and attitudes that youth leaders in this kind of activities need. The training will use non formal education methods and experiential learning which is based on reflection linked to practical experiences and/or learning by doing. An active participation of all participants is expected in the preparation phase, the face-to-face training in Tunisia and the follow-up

activities. The working language will be English. The facilitators will guide the process and accompany the participants in the learning process but it is up to all participants to bring in their expertise, to leave their comfort zone and to make the most out of this journey!

## Facilitators

### Gouider Msallam

**Mahmoud Soliman (Zwahre):** Mahmoud Soliman is a Palestinian nonviolent activist and academic. He completed his PhD in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies from Coventry University in April 2019. He is one of the founders of a Palestinian popular nonviolent resistance network called the Popular Struggle Coordination Committee (PSCC) and the co-founder of the popular nonviolent resistance committee in south of Bethlehem area in occupied Palestine. In the last two years Soliman coordinated a project called "On Our Land" in marginalised communities of the South Hebron Hills and the Jordan Valley in the occupied Palestine to protect their cultural heritage from the Israeli occupation. His present research project includes an article about Building capabilities of youth through a participatory oral history project: The South Hebron Hills case study. He has organised and coordinated several voluntary workcamps in the South Hebron Hills and mentored international long term volunteers in Palestine always using non-formal education as a tool for self-development and empowerment.

**Ingrid Danckaerts:** with a degree in teaching and social work (community development and youth work), a master in human sustainable development and her extended experience in international voluntary service she now works as a freelance trainer and facilitator. She will bring an expertise in non-formal education, volunteering and working in an intercultural team.

## Participation

The training will take place in Chenini, Gabes, Tunisia from 22-29 of March 2022 and will bring together a group of 22 (future) youth leaders of all genders coming from SCI branches and partner organisations active in the SCI MIDI working group who:

- Have an interest in being a camp leader or a group leader for the planned youth exchanges in 2022
- Have an interest in Mediterranean identity and cooperation
- Have experience with international voluntary work (ideally having participated in, or coordinated a workcamp and/or actively involved in setting up international voluntary projects in their organisation)
- Have experience in working with intercultural groups and being open-minded
- Have an interest in environmental issues (water, food sovereignty, soil regeneration, etc.)
- Have a good command of English (at least level B1) as this is essential to participate actively in the training which will be run in English (speaking French and/or Arabic is an advantage)

- Commit to participate in the full duration of the training
- Are motivated to develop workshops in their own organisation in 2022 on the topics tackled in the project as a follow-up of the training course
- Are ready to do some preparatory tasks (online questionnaire, bring good examples or materials from your own organisation on the topics of the training) and participate actively in the training
- Be fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days since the second one) and be willing to take a mandatory PCR-test within 48 hours before arrival in Tunisia in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions in Tunisia.

There is no strict age limit but we encourage young people (under 30) to apply as the training wants to give space to young people to develop leadership skills.

### Conditions

The training will take place in a “workcamp setting” , providing basic accomodation and food. Participants will have to participate in the daily maintenance tasks.

The project is supported by the Erasmus+ programme which sets the financial framework for this training:

- Food and accommodation during the training course will be provided by the host, VSFr
- Travel costs will be reimbursed **up to the travel limit** set by the EU and if all necessary travel tickets (boarding passes, invoices) are handed in within the agreed time frame.

Catalonia/ Italy/France/Belgium/Morocco	275 Euro
Jordan/Palestine	360 Euro

- Other necessary expenses such as visa fees or COVID-tests can be reimbursed if the budget allows and after approval by VSFr and sending organisation.

### How to apply?

Please fill in the application form:

<https://forms.gle/YLFBJEPcMYT7JjQu7>

Deadline for submission: 15/02/2022

In case you need a visa, we urge you to apply as soon as possible! The latest by January 31st since the process might take some time.

Do you have more questions, contact the organisation in your country!

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### Draft provisional programme

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	
VM	A R R I V A L	Getting to know each other	Me as a group leader	Sustainable living and climate issues in the region	Visit of the oasis	Impact research	The youth exchange: practicalities and methodology	D E P A R T U R E
NM		Youth Green Deal	Group dynamics	Workshops on climate justice	Intercultural understanding	Impact research : practicing	Time for questions and answers	