



Info Pack

Eco-camp Tunisia

Chenini- Gabes

2nd- 11th August 2022



Association Volontariat Sans
Frontière Chenini-Gabès



Youth Green Deal

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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). 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), SCI Catalonia (www.scicat.org), SCI France (www.sci-france.org), SCI Belgium (www.scibelgium.be), SCI Italy (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 last youth exchange eco camp, which focuses on involving volunteers in eco-volunteering projects to support sustainable development and collect material for our impact research which will take place in Chenini, Tunisia from 2nd-11th August 2022.

The eco-camp will bring together 20 participants from SCI France, EVO Morocco, SCI Italy and VSFr Tunisia who will implement their knowledge about eco-volunteering (or setting up international voluntary service projects combining study sessions on environmental issues and practical hands-on work) and practise their skills to one of the skills dealt with in the training: group dynamics, intercultural communication, setting up educational activities around environmental issues, conflict resolution and being a group leader.



Methodological Approach

Workcamps and youth exchanges focusing on eco-volunteering are central in this project. Therefore the trainings of Youth Leaders and Visual Storytelling focusing on the knowledge, skills and attitudes that people need in these kinds of activities.

The eco-camp 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, 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!

Who can participate?

The training will take place in Chenini, Gabes, Tunisia from 22-29 of March 2022 and will bring together a group of 20 youth leaders of all genders coming from SCI France, SCI Italy, and organisations active in the SCI MIDI working group EVO Morocco and VSFr Tunisia who:

- 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, climate change, desertification, etc.)
- Have a good command of English (at least level B1) as this is essential to participate actively in the eco-camp which will be run in English (speaking French and/or Arabic is an advantage)
- Commit to participate in the full duration of the eco-camp
- Are ready to do some preparatory tasks and participate actively in the eco-camp
- 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 according to current COVID-19 restrictions in Tunisia.
- Have a good understanding of eco-volunteering, environmental issues, leadership, conflict resolution, bio-construction, editing, photography, filming...
- Are motivated to implement the skills, acquired knowledge and experiences about “Youth Leader Training” & “Visual Storytelling” in the eco-camp.



COVID 19 measures:

Please check the travel restrictions from your country to Tunisia and back!

You can find in this [link](#) all the necessary travel information to Tunisia

- Make sure you bring your **Covid certificate and fill in [the necessary Covid documents](#)**
See more Covid related information [below](#).

How to prepare

- If you take medicines, don't forget to bring them
- Some pocket money for the road and/or other necessities (bus, telephone card, drinks,..)
- It might be useful to change some money upon arrival to have some pocket money for the week. If you decide to change money, please keep the receipt with you in case you want to change the money again before leaving the country at the end of the project.
- In the airport you can also buy a sim card if you want to have access to the internet while being in Tunisia.
- Don't forget to bring a towel and personal items such as a toothbrush, etc.
- Comfortable clothes for warm weather and to feel at ease in the field work.
- Bring a hat and sunglasses.
- Bring sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF) to protect your skin from sunburn.
- It would be nice if you can bring a small snack, typical for your country, to share with the other participants.

The weather in Chenini

In august in Gabès, the climate is dry ; it never rains

The climate is very hot in this location in the month of August. Temperatures are up to 34°C. The minimum is 28°C. Thus, the mean temperature average in august in Gabès is 31°C. Note that seasonal normals in contrast with those observed in Gabès in the month of August with a maximum record of 43°C in 2019 and a minimum record of 22°C in 2010. You can hope to have 30°C or more throughout the month.

On average, in Gabès, the days of August last 13:24. Sunrise is at 05:42 and sets at 19:06.

The food:

All meals are included in the eco-camp. Participants will have breakfast, lunch and dinner together. The meal will be vegetarian, to enhance the values of sustainability and climate justice, in order to contribute to a more peaceful planet. In case you feel the need to eat something else, you can buy it yourself, there are plenty of shops around.

Pocket money:



If you need to buy something for yourself, that would be at your expense. VSFr covers the expenses of your accommodation and food during the training.

Conditions:

The participants will be hosted in a shared Hostel. They might be having to cook for themselves at certain evenings and they will be autonomous for their breakfasts. Participants are expected to take initiatives regarding cleaning in their accommodation and participation in the eco-camp

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.

P.S: The allocated budget for the whole transportation and flight ticket is fixed to 275€ per participant.

For all financial and administrative procedures the participant is required to contact his sending organisation to clarify all of these.

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| France | 275€/participant |
| Italy | 275€/participant |
| Morocco | 275€/participant |

How to apply ?

Please fill in the application form:

<https://forms.gle/sT6kJrL3Nf6Pg67k9>

How to get to Chenini:



There are two ways to get to Chenini, but in all of these options the passenger needs to take a taxi from Tunis-Carthage airport Whether :

- 1. Moncef Bey station for grand taxi,**
- 2. Bus Station of Beb Ali'oua**

or

- 3. railway station of Barcelona.**

The total distance between Gabes and Tunis is approximately 5 hours by highway. The capital Tunis is 407 KM from Chenini Gabes.

Once you arrive at Gabes you take a taxi directly to Chenini , of course you request your destination to the taxi driver.

The VSFr will communicate the selected participants to participate in the eco-cap in Tunisia to update them with latest information concerning the contact person, how to arrive at chenini, and all the needed information.



Provisional Programme:

| Dates | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 02/08/2022 | Arriving Get to know each others | |
| Wednesday 03/08/2022 | Impact Research Training | Oasis Traditional Tour |
| Thursday 04/08/2022 | Activity in VSFr Garden | Free evening |
| Friday 05/08/2022 | Training | Beach |
| Saturday 06/08/2022 | Free day | |
| Sunday 07/08/2022 | Activity in the VSFr garden | Activity in The Stadium of Chenini |
| Monday 08/08/2022 | Training on bio-construction + permaculture | Free evening |
| Tuesday 09/08/2022 | Setting up the Museum + Raising Awareness activity | Traditional Games |
| Wednesday 10/08/2022 | Impact Research +Evaluation | |
| Thursday 11/08/2022 | Departure | |



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