



# YOUTH GREEN DEAL

## Eco-camp "Eco-Meet"

**Chenini, Gabès, Tunisia**

**02-12 August 2022**

### BASIC INFORMATION

**Address of the camp:** Chenini, Gabès

**Dates:** 02-12 August 2022

**Meeting place:** Tunis-Carthage airport

**Meeting time:** 2nd August 2022 and will be arranged upon the participants' arrivals

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### BACKGROUND OF THE ECO-CAMP

Youth Green Deal is a partly European funded project aiming at building the capacity of youth organisations promoting eco-volunteering in the Mediterranean area. The international volunteers bring together a group of 20 young people (18-30 years old) who will work with the local community to support them in the environmental work they are doing and to learn from each other and the community. By documenting the experiences of the volunteers and the local community during the workcamp the project wants to gather testimonies in order to promote eco-volunteering and find more support for such kinds of initiatives. The eco-camp will create a space where young people and the local community can reflect on the effects of climate change and together 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 “Youth Green Deal” 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 ([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( [www.alshmoh.org](http://www.alshmoh.org) ) .

Apart from the 4 youth exchanges will take place in Catalonia, Tunisia, Palestine and Morocco in the summer of 2022, there will be a training on eco-construction in Jordan in September and a final conference in Tunisia in the beginning of 2023 to present all the outcomes and the stories gathered from the eco-camps.

## THE ECO-CAMP “ECO-MEET”

We are glad to have you onboard participating in the “eco-Meet” camp in Chenini. We are bridging “ecology” with “cultural /intercultural meeting” in the heart of the Oasis in Chenini.

In this infosheet you will find all the necessary information you may need before joining us in Chenini.

Within the framework of the Youth Green Deal project, Association Volontariat Sans Frontière is intending to implement an eco-camp in the heart of the Oasis of Chenini. It brings together global solidarity and sustainable development to achieve its goals.

The eco-camp will be reach the following objectives:

- ❖ Adoption an ecological lifestyle
- ❖ Raising awareness among local community and authorities
- ❖ Introducing the local heritage (Oasian Museum)
- ❖ Valorizing / reviving bioconstruction ( palm leaves and clay)
- ❖ Building an eco-space

Climate Change is considered to be among the greatest risks to the environment. The Oasis of Chenini is endowed with a physical diversity, a moderated climate, endemic flora and fauna and a diverse natural resources. Recently the Oasis with its



unique landscape has witnessed a drastic decline in space and biodiversity...

Group Leaders are introduced to build a sustainable bridge of preserving the rest of the Oasis of Chenini on the one hand. On the other hand, eco-volunteers will voice up the environmental issues and be eager to take decisive decisions concerning the protection of the Oasis (to be proactive).

## THE GROUP

Among the basic concepts of the Youth Green Deal project is to strengthen the North South Mediterranean region youth mobility, exchanging good practices about climate change, building peace through mutual respect and maintaining a safe intercultural space as well as empowering youth to act positively within his/her community.

The group is made up of 20 local and international participants, each involved country is required to send 4 volunteers and a group leader:

**SCI France:** 4 participants + 1 leader

**SCI Italy:** 4 participants + 1 leader

**EVO Morocco:** 4 participants + 1 leader

**VSFr Tunisia:** 4 participants + 1 leader

## VOLUNTEERS TASKS

Upon their arrival volunteers will create an eco- charter to be followed in the house. They will share in cleansing the house as well as they will take part in preparing meals through task division. Tasks will be divided respectively and agreed on. A clear schedule will be made by volunteers which must be respected mutually by all the agreed parties.

During the eco-camp participants are invited to recall all the concepts and principles that were shared during the "Youth Leader Training " and "Visual Storytelling" as a continuity and interconnectivity of activities.

- **Setting up (Layout) of a course ( path) [panels]** in order to make the access to the oasis and the garden of VSFr accessible, volunteers will draw a path in the heart of the oasis using eco-friendly materials.
- To be an **effective leader**.
- To maintain **peaceful thinking and acting**
- To **resolve problems** during the camp and to agree on a methodology to treat and sort conflict if it exists. The aim is to make conflict functions as a healthy component in humanitarian relationships.
- To maintain a **non-violent communication**
- To be engaged in the environmental activity and to be willing to adopt an **eco-friendly lifestyle**
- To **share knowledge and good practices** among participants and beneficiaries (local and international) within the eco-camp.
- To participate in **raising awareness** among the community in chenini and mainly

targeting children, using innovative method Boal's theatre to tackle the theme of climate change.

- To participate in **bio-construction** using palm leaves and clay.
- **Agricultural activities: tree planting:** it's about initiatives and implementing the concept of tree planting as a culture among youth and local community to tackle the impact of climate change. As well as to maintain the biodiversity in the oasis.

Task division of these different activities will be defined on the opening day of the eco-camp. Participants will learn by doing and to enrich their knowledge on oasis and the national and international responsibilities carried to act in order to reduce the impact of climate change.

## THE STUDY PART

"Eco-Meet" eco-camp is offering the opportunity to see the specificity of the oasis of Chnini and see the threats on it. Participants will meet local community farmers, environmental activities, scouts and almost engaged people in preserving the oasis and biodiversity.

Participants will be introduced to:

**Palm leaves, clay, and cane bioconstruction demonstration:** Participants will be introduced to learn about local heritage on construction. The garden of VSFr is collecting and adopting traditional ecological ancient methods that were used in Chenini.

**Round-table discussion:** These sessions will be dedicated to climate change, permaculture and ecological issues and approaches within the oasis.

**Gender equality:** Local community and civil society is encouraging and empowering the oasian women to revive the traditional and the local heritage based on an eco-friendly lifestyle.

## FREE TIME

The eco-camp will last 10 days. The VSFr will organise:

An oasian tour to get to know in depth the oasis of Chenini, a sport activity in the stadium of Chenini.

A sport activity in the

And a beach outing since it is a summer time and Chenini is the only oasis that exists near the sea.

Infact, participants will be introduced on the first day of the eco-camp (on the 3rd of August) to the official programme of the workcamp. They are welcomed to initiate ideas and activities during their free-time.

Within these activities the participant will live in a communal life sharing responsibilities and roles. They will decide and plan their own initiative agreed by the organiser and the other participants.

## ACCOMMODATION & FOOD



The volunteers will be accommodated in Chenini. In the old city of Chenini, a building built with a traditional style, called "Dar Medina" ( The House of the Town). The accessibility from to the parcel and the other parts of the city is quite easy. The building is still conserving the traditional style of construction and design. It is made up of a courtyard, a living room and 5

bedrooms, a sanitary block and Kitchen. The volunteers will share the rooms. They need to respect the internal law of the House. Among them, volunteers will create an eco- charter to be followed in the house.

As mentioned before, participants will share in cleansing the house as well as they will take part in preparing meals through task division.



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. Organisers will provide certain lunches and dinners when participants are engaged in working in the parcel of VSFr. Participants will cook themselves according to the menu agreed on and the organiser will provide them with the needed vegetables.

## WHAT TO BRING?

- Bed sheets
- 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.
- Bring a hat and sunglasses.
- Bring sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF) to protect your skin from sunburn.
- Comfortable work clothes and shoes
- Covid certificate
- Work gloves (if you want)

- It would be nice if you bring some typical sweets from your country to share with the group, your favourite energizer and games for groups (and musical instruments if you want)

Remember the weather in August is warm between 23° and 35°

## **TRAVEL INFO AND MEETING POINT**

### **What to do upon arrival**

Once you arrive in the airport you will go through the control posts and get to the arrival hall. In the arrival hall you will find exchange offices (for example La Poste) and stalls where you can buy a SIM card. You can also use the bathroom before leaving the airport building.

### **The Way to Chenini**

There are three 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 to 6 hours by highway. The capital Tunis is 407 KM from Chenini Gabes. From Djerba the trip will last between 1-2 hours.

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-camp in Tunisia to update them with latest information concerning the contact person, how to arrive at chenini, and all the needed information.

Arrivals are at 2nd and departures are at 12th of August, if you have an earlier arrival and/or a later departure please inform the organiser.

## **ECO-GUIDELINES**

This eco-camp is part of the Youth Green Deal project and one of the aims is to develop eco-guidelines

for volunteer camps. These guidelines should also support volunteers to be more conscious about climate issues and take action once back home. Try to think of some measures you can take as an individual to reduce your ecological footprint and bring some ideas with you to reduce the ecological footprint of the eco-camp.

## HOW TO PREPARE

For “ECO-MEET” we ask you to prepare a presentation about your country with a special emphasis on the ecological issues in your region,

Your sending organisation will also conduct a preparation session with your group to make sure you are well prepared and all your questions are answered.

VSFr will also organise a ZOOM meeting with all the participants so they can get to know each other and ask questions to clarify doubts.

## INSURANCE

All volunteers taking part in the eco-camps will be insured by the SCI insurance. This insurance is an additional medical insurance, covering costs which are not covered by your own public health insurance. It is not a travel insurance and doesn't cover lost luggage or other travel related costs. Your sending organisation will provide you with more info about the insurance and advise you on this.

## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The project is supported by the Erasmus+ programme but this funding doesn't cover all the costs of the eco-camp. Furthermore, the travel costs for some countries are much more than the money allocated by the EU and for some countries the own contribution is disproportional so we decided to install a solidarity fund through which we re-distribute part of the travel costs.

- Food and accommodation during the eco-camp will be provided by the Erasmus+ grant
- 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.

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

- Other necessary expenses such as visa fees, COVID-tests and special medical insurance will have to be paid by the participants unless otherwise agreed with the sending organisation and after approval by VSFr as the coordinating organisation.
- **Your sending organisation will inform you about the extra fee that is set for the participants of your country to participate in this eco-camp.**

## COVID 19 MEASURES

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

- Make sure you bring your **Covid certificate**
- A **negative PCR test carried out 48 hours before boarding** or of a **24-hour rapid test prior to arriving on Tunisian territory.**

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

## YOUR SENDING ORGANISATION

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

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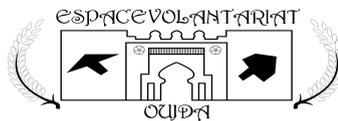
## HOW TO APPLY ?

Please fill in the application form:

<https://forms.gle/sT6kJrL3Nf6Pg67k9>

The VSFr team is looking forward to meeting you soon!

If you have any question that is not covered in the infosheet, please don't hesitate to contact: [vsfr2021@gmail.com](mailto:vsfr2021@gmail.com)



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