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YOUTH GREEN DEAL

# Bio-construction Training

Ajloun, Jordan 08-17 September 2022



## About Youth Green Deal

**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; inspiring 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 that 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. Still, all partners are collaborating in the implementation of the project: CCIVS (a 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)), Space for sustainable Development Jordan, EVO Morocco and Al-Shmoh Cultural Centre Palestine.

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

## About Bioconstruction training

Bio construction means respect for nature, health, and well-being, sustainability, local materials (raw, no energy wasted in production and transport), self-sufficiency, harmony with the environment, low environmental impact, and appropriate and targeted techniques.

In all of its phases, the construction of buildings has an impact on the environment: extraction of raw materials, transportation, handling, commissioning, operation, end of life, and waste disposal. Building materials are produced by taking into account many factors, such as the extraction of raw materials, the use of non-renewable resources, and the use of energy to convert them into products.

Bioconstruction is not about building green roofs or using clay as plaster. It is about sustainability and reducing the mass production of industrial construction materials, and using earth materials instead. We believe that bio-construction is a way to advocate and promote a sustainable lifestyle and limit the harm to the Earth.

This Call for Participants regards the third training, the bio-construction that will take place in Ajloun, Jordan from 08-17 September 2022. The training will bring together 15 participants from 8 different countries who will be introduced to basic concepts of bio-construction and natural building to get inspired to continue learning in this field. The participants will practice some building techniques with soil and straw bales during the training. The training is an opportunity for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and identify channels to advocate sustainable construction.

## METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

Workcamps and youth exchanges focusing on eco-volunteering are central to this project. Therefore the training will focus on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that people need to keep a visual trace of those activities, be able to share the experiences lived, and tell inspiring stories. 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. Active participation of all participants is expected in the preparation phase, the face-to-face training in Jordan, 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, leave their comfort zone, and make the most out of this journey!

## FACILITATORS

**Alexandre Cornet:** Alexander is a natural builder from France who became passionate about it in Kosovo. Through non-formal education and practice, he works to spread the idea and love of natural materials.

### **Hamza Al-Shayeb:**

Hamza holds a degree in architectural engineering, and works as a trainer and facilitator. Interested in permaculture and sustainable building.

**Antonella Di Matteo:** Antonella (*she/her*) is a facilitator, human rights activist, and project manager. Antonella started her adventure as a volunteer in 2013 being part of a cultural organisation and starting writing Erasmus+ projects. She's interested in Peace education, anti-racism, migration flows, and non-formal education.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The project aims to gather 15 participants. The participants will be youth workers, trainers as well as staff, activists, camp coordinators, and active volunteers from volunteering organizations. All participants selected for this project should meet the following criteria of all genders coming from SCI branches and partner organisations active in the SCI MIDI working group:

- Have a decent command of English
- Have an interest in environmental issues and natural building practice and concept.
- Have an interest in Mediterranean identity and cooperation
- Have an interest in international voluntary work, working with intercultural groups, and being open-minded
- Commit to participate in the full duration of the training including all its sessions
- Be motivated to share and document their acquired knowledge and experience in the topics and methodologies tackled during this training within their own organisations.
- Be 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 follow the mandatory precautions related to the COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the training.

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 youth hostel in Ajloun. With simple living conditions. The participants will be hosted in a shared flat, and they might have to cook for themselves on certain evenings and they will be autonomous for their breakfasts. Participants are expected to take initiative regarding cleaning their accommodation and participation in certain tasks during the training days for the smooth running of the training.

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, SSD Jordan.
- 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.

Jordan	20
Palestine	200
Tunisia, Italy	360
Catalonia, Morocco, France, Belgium	530

- Other necessary expenses such as visa fees or COVID tests can be reimbursed if the budget allows.
- Since the Erasmus+ funding doesn't cover all the expenses of the training such as necessary materials, and transport during the training, the extra fee for this camp is **150 Euros** which you will have to pay upon arrival at the training. "in case you have difficulties paying this fee, please contact your sending organisation to agree on a voluntary contribution that suits your situation"

## HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill in the application form:

<https://forms.gle/hzpCKuA3cGChJQhd6>

The deadline for submission is **1st August 2022**

**For any questions please contact us at: [spacesd.info@gmail.com](mailto:spacesd.info@gmail.com)**

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

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## DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Date	8 Sep	9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	17 Sep	17 Sep
Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Morning session	ARRIVAL	Project introduction, Impact research Getting to know each other	What's Natural Building	Field Visit	Hand s-on Mud	Hands-on Mud	Hand s-on Mud	Develop the toolkit	Future plans	DEPARTURE
Afternoon session		Eco-Volunteering Introduction to the bio-Construction	Introduction to the different techniques for earth		Hand s-on Mud	working drawings for Natural Building	Free Time	Develop the toolkit	Evaluation, Youthpass, Impact research + Celebration	

