



Erasmus+

European Voluntary Service

Accreditation

CERTIFICATE

SOS Social Centre “Herman Gmeiner” (Bosnia and Herzegovina) has been accredited as **Receiving, Sending and Coordinating Organisation** on the basis of Accreditation code number **2014-1-SI02-KA110-012560** within the European Commission's Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme. This accreditation is valid until 31.12.2020.

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Erasmus + is the European Union Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014 – 2020. Erasmus+: Youth in Action covers the programme's activities in the field of youth non-formal and informal learning. It promotes mobility for young people and youth workers (under Key Action 1) promoting Youth Exchanges, European Voluntary Service and mobility of youth workers in cooperation with Partner countries neighbouring the EU, Capacity Building projects in the field of youth (under Key Action 2) and involvement of young people and youth organisations in Structured Dialogue with policy and decision-makers (under Key Action 3). More information: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm

Neighbouring partner countries in the Western Balkan region include Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo (*), Montenegro and Serbia. (*) *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

European Voluntary Service (EVS) enables young people aged 17 and 30 years to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary service for up to 12 months in another country within or outside the European Union. Youth volunteers are given the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations dealing with youth information and policies, young people's personal and social-educational development, civic engagement, social care, inclusion of disadvantaged, environment, non-formal education programmes, ICTs and media literacy, cultural and creativity etc. It fosters solidarity among young people and is a true "learning service". Besides benefiting local communities, volunteers learn new skills, competences and languages, and discover other cultures.

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Accreditation serves to gain access to EVS and to ensure that the minimum quality standards of EVS are met by the organisation. Every organisation wishing to send or receive EVS volunteers or to coordinate an EVS project must be accredited. Organisations apply for accreditation by submitting an application form, in which they describe the activities, experience, capacities and resources, and their plans for the planned EVS project(s). Accreditation does not represent financial support, but it is a prerequisite for a later application for a concrete project.

Accreditation of EVS promoters located in the Programme's neighbouring Partner countries in the Western Balkan region is carried out by the SALTO-YOUTH South East Europe Resource Centre. More information can be found at <https://www.salto-youth.net/rc/see/eisee/>.

All accredited EVS organisations are listed in the European Youth Portal at http://europa.eu/youth/evs_database.

