

# Call for Volunteers 2020

## The Hives Project

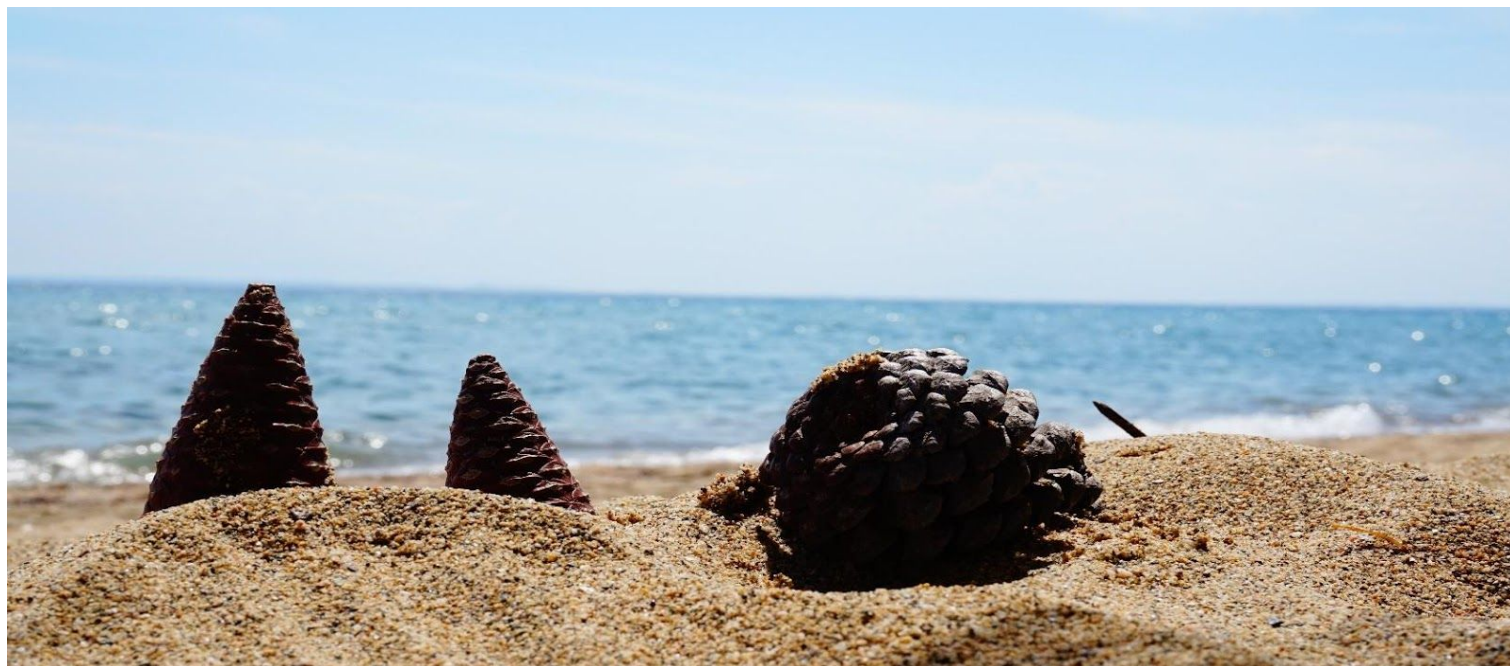
Nea Sermyli, Chalkidiki, Greece

9 Volunteers starting from 1st of May 2020

*More info mentioned in each activity below (one volunteer per period)*



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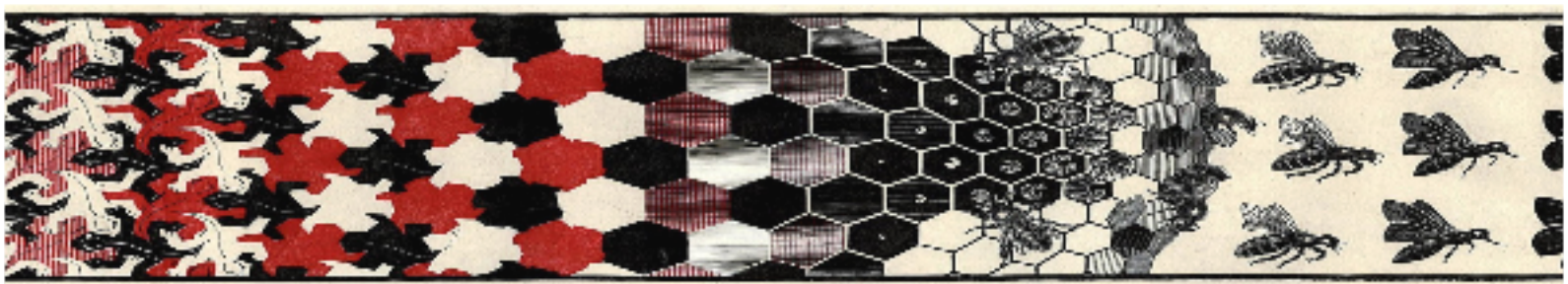
## Partner Countries:

- Italy
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Latvia
- Denmark
- Malta
- Finland
- Open call for more countries



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Accommodation:

[White Rabbit Guesthouse](#)

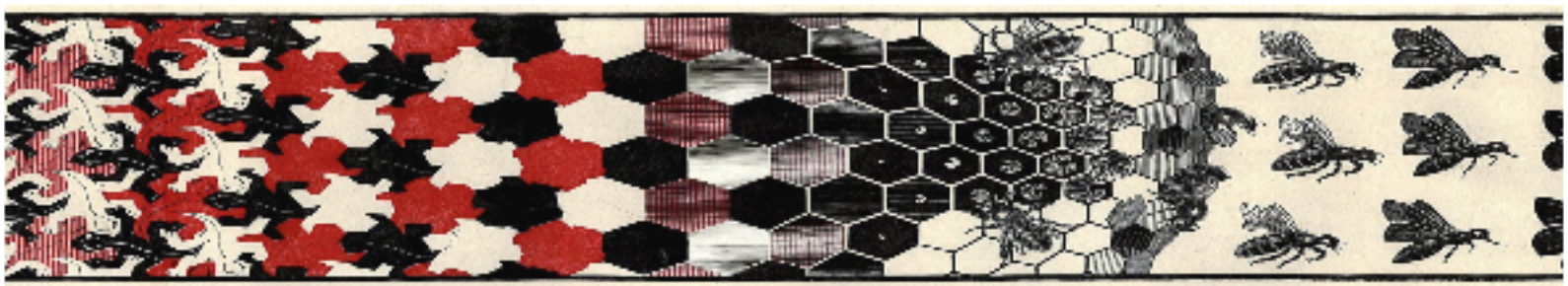


**The Hives Project** is a Greek non-profit civil partnership that is inspired by the principals of mutual respect and careness of the life society, environmental integrity, social and financial justice, democracy, non-violence and peace. Our aims:

- 🐰 creation of social structures where ideas of solidarity and equality will be spread
- 🌿 fostering inspiration for natural farming and permacultural design with respect on natural environment, biodiversity, sustainability within Greece and abroad
- 🌱 consumer awareness through creative alternatives and volunteering activities that aim in solidarity, sustainability both in individual and social aspect, moral consumption, non-violence and environmental respect
- 🍃 promotion and support of experiential learning following the principles of sustainability, bio-natural agriculture, permaculture
- 👨🎓 promotion, training, support, management of non-typical learning training programs
- 🎸 the promotion of intangible cultural heritage and cultural event organization
- 🧸 promotion of ideas for alternative pedagogies for children

**Our target groups:** young people, people with fewer opportunities, travelers, women, farmers, immigrants and more.

To realise our aims we are maintaining an eco-friendly guesthouse where young people from all over Europe are meeting, we work our farmland with permaculture & natural farming techniques while we're increasing biodiversity. We organize seminars, workshops, exhibitions, festivals, bazaars and exploration tours. And we are operating as an information & awareness center in our village to inform locals about environmental issues, good practices, European dimensions and opportunities, as well as interculturalism.



## Activity 1:

### Permaculture Design in the Field

Period 1: 1.05.2020 - 1.11.2020 (7 months)

Period 2: 1.04.2021 - 1.12.2021 (8 months)

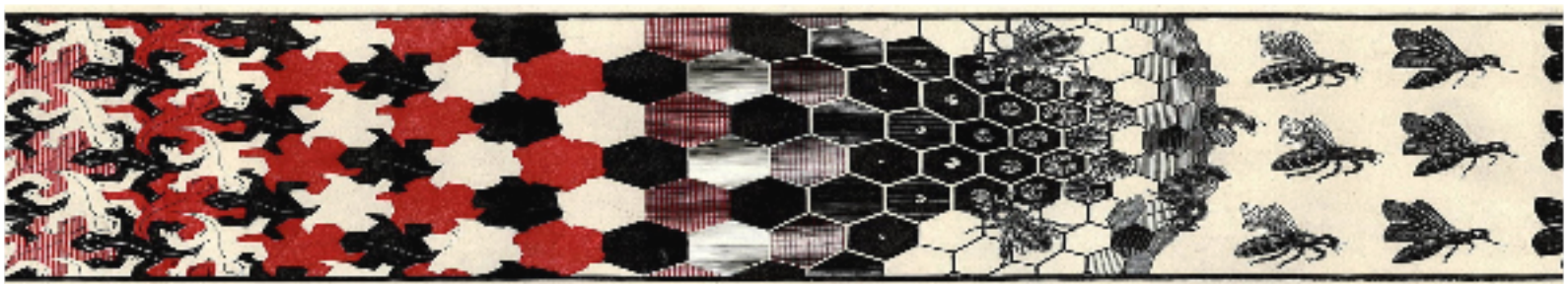
Partner Countries: Italy, Bulgaria, Germany, Netherlands

We are aiming to transform our monoculture field into polyculture by enriching the biodiversity with herbs, fruit trees, bee friendly plants in order to make it productive during the whole year while bees will be able to feed and go on with the fertility procedure. Some animals are also meant to complete the variety, such as chickens and goats.

*The project is pilot and aims to be a good example for our area, by promoting environmental good practices and permaculture design.*

The volunteers will have the chance to participate in a completed procedure of agricultural activity and permaculture design, while they will learn by experience and by observation the circle of life in various species, both plants and animals. The production of the food and the maintenance of a farm are skills that the volunteers will have the chance to improve, teach to other volunteers, and share the goods as well. Solidarity is in sharing the knowledge and the products of their effort, while they will implement by natural farming and permaculture, environmental good practices that will affect the local society, especially the young people and those that are ready to change.





## Activity 2:

Support the local school and sports center

Period 1: 1.04.2020 - 1.09.2020 (5 months)

Period 2: 1.09.2020 - 1.02.2021 (5 months)

Period 3: 1.01.2021 - 1.06.2021 (5 months)

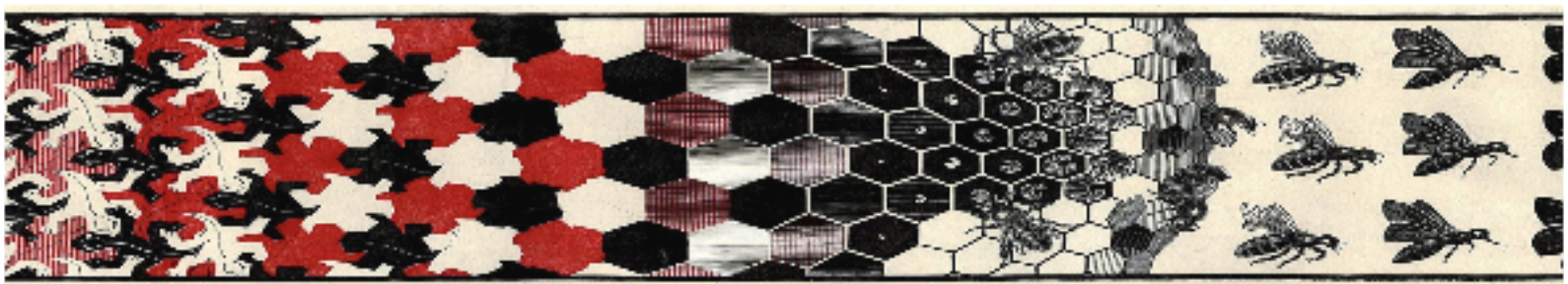
Partner Countries : Finland, Danmark, Latvia

We are planning to support the community school by co-organizing environmental information campaigns as well as seminars and workshops in cooperation with the teachers. The school has already an environmental award, and it has been a request from the teachers to have support from our organization. We have already co-organized with the school a campaign by screening a documentary about the plastic in the ocean. We intend to develop more the information campaigns as well as the environmental activities, in order to have larger participation from pupils and young people.

The volunteer will engage the community and the local school district to build and promote environmental practices. Currently, only the local primary school has a budding environmental project, however it is in need of extra assistance. The other community schools are also interested in becoming part of these sustainable environmental practices. The volunteer will assist with developing sustainable programs to implement in the school, as well as teaching the pupils and teachers biological processes. They will also be in charge of creating and maintaining various social media platforms and an online information page that announces upcoming activities. Lastly, they will have the responsibility of networking with other schools within the European Union to build relationships and share good environmental practices and tips.



Moreover, for the sports center we intend to cooperate with the municipality and with the local associations to organize sports events and to develop more sport activities for the children and for young people. Responsibilities would include renovations of the existing sports complex and the organization of sports events.



### Activity 3:

Information Office for Youth, Environment and Culture

Period 1: 1.04.2020 - 1.09.2020 (5 months)

Period 2: 1.09.2020 - 1.04.2021 (7 months)

Period 3: 1.06.2021 - 1.12.2021 (6 months)

Partner Countries : Denmark, Malta and open call for one participant country

Our office intends to spread the information of European Youth Opportunities to the young people of our area, who are with fewer opportunities due to our remote location. Both with our natural presence and via social medias we intend to embrace the European identity and values, as well as to encourage young people with their participation and active citizenship.

Good environmental practices is a topic that we intend to highlight parallelly in our office, by communicating with the young farmers and exchanging knowledge. The reduction of the chemicals that are used in monoculture is an aim that we are undertaking via correct information, and real examples.

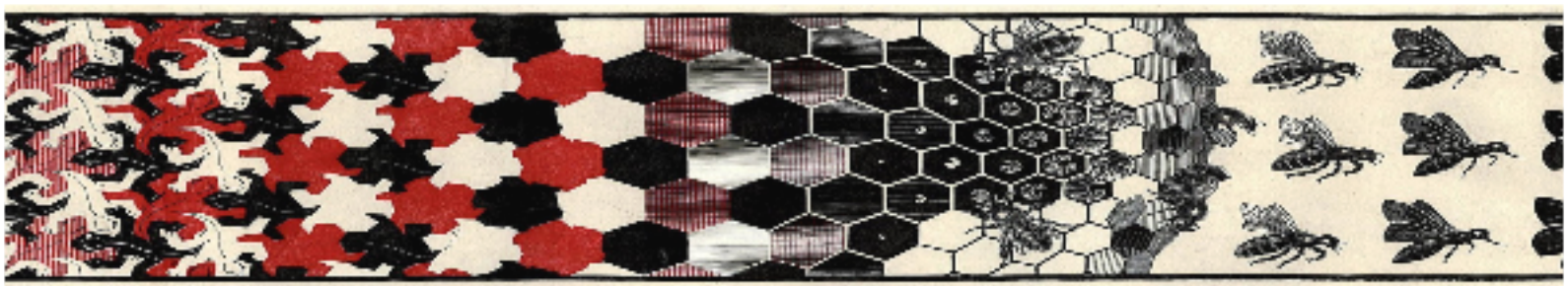
The activity aims to introduce European policies on environmental protection:

- Clean energy
- Sustainable industry
- Building and renovating
- Sustainable mobility
- Biodiversity
- From Farm to Fork
- Eliminating pollution



For the sensitization of youth about the environmental problem of our planet we are going to organize activities such as cleaning of polluted areas, recycling, as well as zero waste techniques, and environmental protection.

The organization of environmental activities in our area, environmental events and info days will be undertaken by our volunteers and the members of our office.



#### Activity 4:

##### Cultural Events and Multiculturalism

1.12.2020 - 1.09.2021 (9 months)

For this activity we are looking for a volunteer to help us arrange an intercultural event during the summer of 2021 in our area!

Meanwhile, during the year we are planning to organise seminars and workshops about music and fine arts, that local children and youth will be able to attend occasionally. Which means that if the volunteer has a passion for arts & music, he will be perfect for the voluntary position.

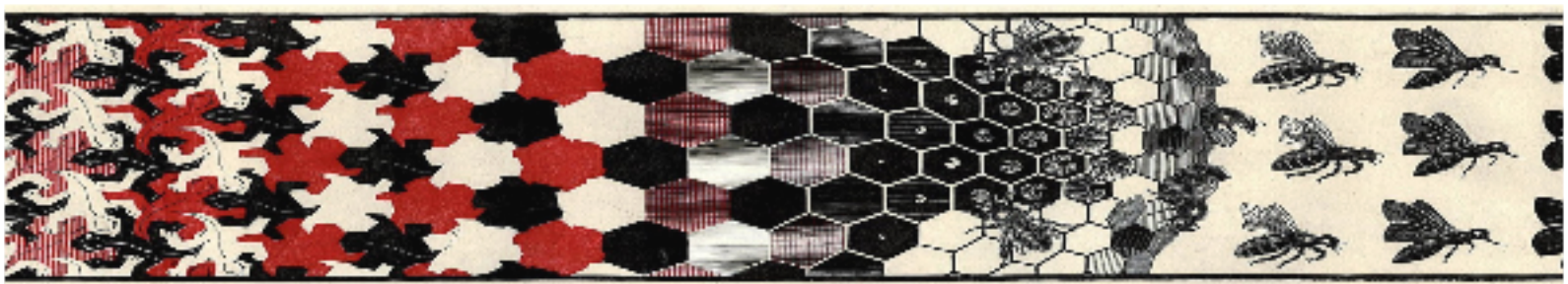
Local cultural events that empower cultural identity such as a music festival during the summertime on the beach is an intention that we will strongly try for as well. We will invite world music bands and we will organise a music event to welcome the summer of 2021!

*Organising and planning will be in team spirit and the result will be a mixture of initiatives and implementation of all of us.*

Accommodation and meals will be organized from us as well. The fiesta will be open and we will empower local participation as well. By organising a music concert we satisfy our aim for intercultural interaction, for our participants and the local community, we increase tolerance to different cultures and we increase the sense of global unity via music.

This activity is also the organization's take on combating discrimination and celebrating diversity.





## **Timeframe:**

You will be in charge of your own free time and your volunteering hours will vary week-to-week based on what activities are prioritised or if there's an event being organized. Team communication will happen through weekly meetings and team building will happen through a various type of activities including the activities themselves.

## **Food:**

You can expect that you will be met with a lot of Mediterranean cuisine and there's plenty of options you can find in the local's market or the supermarket. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free diets are accommodatable in Greece.

## **What to bring:**

- clothing for 6-8 months (there's a washing machine in the venue)
- working shoes & flip flops
- durable, refillable water bottle
- a warm jacket in case of bad weather
- a beach towel
- whatever you find appropriate (laptop, e-reader, camera, etc.)

Bed linens, pillows, towels, etc. are given to you by the hosting organization. Toothbrushes, paste, shampoo can be bought from the local store.

## **Money:**

The program is fully funded and supported by the European Commission which means that **all expenses are covered** by the hosting organization (transport, food, pocket money). Volunteers will get pocket money every month: 150 euro and food allowance: 150 euro each month. Participants will take care of their own food having access to kitchen appliances and a local supermarket offering plenty of variety apart of the local produce that the project and its neighbours generate.

## **Insurance:**

All participants in cross-border activities have to be covered, throughout the activity period, by the obligatory European Solidarity Corps insurance plan set up by the European Commission. This coverage is only complementary to the mandatory coverage of the [European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#), which must be obtained prior to departure.

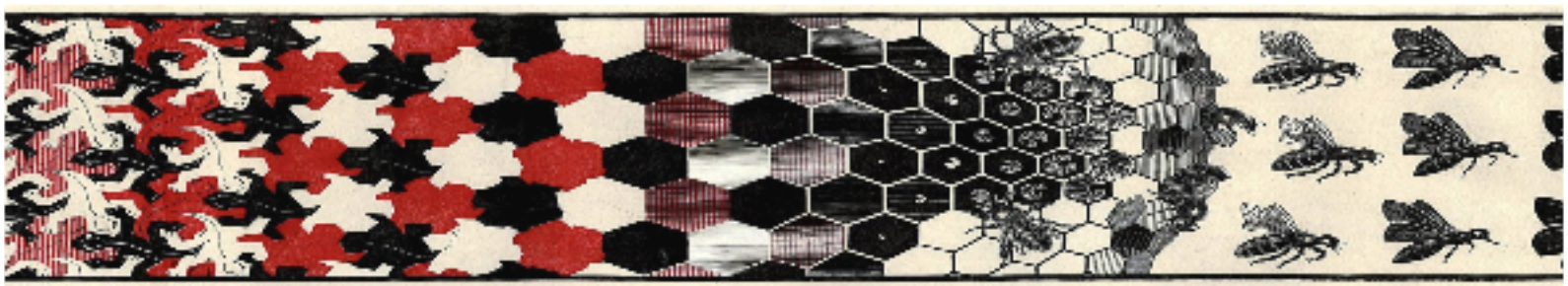
## **Weather and Environment:**

Located in the beginning of Sithonia, [Nea Sermyli](#) is just 2 kms away from [Psakoudia beach](#) and 86 kms away from the nearest big city of [Thessaloniki](#) to which volunteers can get to with buses that run every day.

Mind that the weather in Greece could be very hot and humid during the summer season.

## **Volunteer profile:**

- 18 - 30 years old
- Interest in permaculture, farming, solidarity activities, working on information channels, event organization, etc



**How to apply:**

Tell us something about yourself and write your motivation 4-5 sentences, then send it to:

[info@hivesproject.eu](mailto:info@hivesproject.eu)

Don't forget to ask us anything!