



**EUROPEAN
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Volunteering in Social Storytelling & Media Production in Athens, Greece

Hosting Organization:
Cinergies Co-Op

When:
~~July-December 2020,~~
4 months duration per volunteer

Who:
2+2 EU residents

Where:
CoLab House - Athens, Greece

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Who we are

Cinergies is a Greek Social Cooperative founded in 2016.

It's purpose is to create and support alternative narratives and to foster equitable and sustainable pathways.

The cooperative specialises in transmedia documentary production, explores new mediums to cover events, share the important stories of our times and integrating audio/video/photography, research and storytelling.

As a team, it gathers a diverse set of people, whose skills complement one another in order to document and recognize how people actively resist and shape transformational pathways. This approach can be demonstrated better in the production of Heterotopies Transmedia Documentary, which blends interactive elements with the storyline of sustainability initiatives.

We aim to enable know-how and capacity-building services to support and further disseminate the achievements of social economy and sustainability initiatives that often suffer from a lack of visibility.

By giving voice to people that are disempowered by mainstream media, the cooperative provides an opportunity for people to become actors – agents– of change rather than merely spectators.



Our main activities

Activities

Cinergies was officially formed in 2016 to produce the transmedia documentary, 'Heterotopies' (2019), an ongoing project that explores different sustainability initiatives in Southern Europe. It has also produced the medium length documentary "A Social Ecosystem" (2017) that was broadcasted at Greek Public Television (ERT) and is having 2 documentaries in production for 2020. It has also produced content for sustainability initiatives as well as covering cultural, social and educational oriented activities.

Services

- **Research & Planning**

Researching and storytelling skills combined with planning experience will allow to tell each story with sensitivity and flexibility to every budget.

- **Production**

Shooting with a seasoned crew equipped with enhanced cinematographic tools, committed to the process of visual storytelling.

- **Post Production**

Editing with a passionate editing team in a highly equipped studio, involved in all aspects of post-production, supporting remote reviewing of material.

- **Transmedia Distribution**

Distributing content in innovative ways, remixing audio-video- photography, interactive elements and vivid storytelling.



Project context

SoliDare Storytelling Initiative

Our first volunteering project is targeted in empowering those who are interested into audio-visual sector and into storytelling to gain experiences, build competences and later help them to earn their first meaningful jobs.

It is also providing opportunities towards social actors such as members of cooperatives, associations, as well as individual youth workers, to improve their team working skills, communication capacities, emotional intelligence, while promoting solidarity in European level and empower young people towards societal challenges.

During the volunteering period at CoLab House where Cinergies is developing its studios:

- Volunteers will fundamentally improve the level of media key competences.
- Volunteers will create videos, BTS and learn how to edit and organise the content.
- Volunteers will participate in current video productions and learn the content creation craft, such as storytelling, researching workflows, photography, video, audio recording production, editing and dissemination strategies.

With ESC SoliDare, Cinergies aims to increase its capacity for creating and disseminating stories on social issues and the actors that are mitigating them. The cooperative will allocate more resources and longer-term involvement for better coverage of social themes relative to the issues southern Europe is now facing, including Economy, Unemployment, especially in creative sectors, Environmental and social Inclusion.



CoLab House – Chalandri Athens

Volunteers will be hosted in CoLab House, a collaborative space that Cinergies is developing with same named initiative since 2019. The space is located in the northern suburbs of Athens of Chalandri at a 3-floor building of 300m2.



Chalandri Municipality boasts a huge variety of recreational and cultural spaces, its center located 20 minutes walking away from CoLab House space, which is also next to one of the few open streams of Athens, in a quiet, safe and green area. The location is accessible by Metro 15 minutes from the center of Athens, suburban railway 30 minutes from the Athens international Airport, various urban buses as well as a small network of bicycle lanes.



CoLab House is equipped with all necessities, common spaces including our developing A/V studios, co-working spaces, meeting rooms, kitchen and a beautiful garden.



Volunteers will have their private own room(s) depending on the practical arrangements with bunk or single beds, mattresses, pillows, sheets covers etc but the common spaces are shared between Colab House members other creative persons that have it as a working place, occasional visitors and potential seminars that will be organized in 2020.



COVID-19 related information

Greece has been so far on the safe side of the pandemic, but since the situation is developing some measures are taken and updated according to developments. The space has been equipped with sanitizers and cleaned regularly as well as applying social distancing restrictions on events hosted. Reusable masks can be provided and cleaned on spot. For travel restrictions and health protocols imposed we will provide updates soon as we know them.

Volunteer's tasks

- **Participation in the Co-Op meetings to settle each month activities**

- **Storytelling and Production Design**

Volunteers will participate in the brainstorming for the design of production activities undertaken by Cinergies in the duration of their stay.

- **Community hosting**

Facilitating co-working community including the reception in the space, as well as simple activities to keep it functional.

- **BTS Content Creation**

Volunteers will be involved in creating an episode of Heterotopies and a Vlog documenting their experience.

- **Hands on practice: Film Making**

Volunteers will join Cinergies film crew of in productions that will happen during their stay. Productions will include documentaries, promotional videos, coverage of events and workshops.

- **Fix it in POST**

Volunteers will also be included in the editing process at the studio of Cinergies by helping in its various aspects such as:

- Organizing the captured materials after the production process with the help of Cinergies editor.
- Helping with translations and subtitling of the content between their native languages and English.

The ideal volunteer

Patient, kind, polite, tolerant, able to listen actively and willing to work in team. Respectful of simple rules on co-working, co-living environment, alcohol/drugs restrictions.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Volunteers will be hosted in CoLab House space. We will also provide ingredients or pocket money to go shopping and cook. Additional pocket money of 5€ per day each month and access to Greek language online courses will be provided.

The travel expenses will be refunded on the basis defined by the European Commission.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact our partner sending organisation Via Brachy using the following information. Thank you for your interest and time!

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Looking Forward to meeting you!