

EVS Placement description

Herzfeld Sennrüti, Genossenschaft Ökodorf Sennrüti, SWITZERLAND



Information about the hosting organization

The Eco-Village community area is located near a small village in the canton St. Gallen in a rural setting with beautiful nature surroundings. The area consist of several buildings with apartments, communal rooms, a library, guest rooms, dining room, art workshops, dance and yoga rooms, a cinema, a fitness room, a garden with fire pit, sauna, children play grounds, yurts, lots of fruit trees, berries and a vegetable garden. The community is organized in several working groups with members from different cultures, ages and backgrounds. Volunteers can participate in open community events and meetings and get to know social aspects, conflict solution tools, group dynamics and organizational skills

Website

For further details, visit <https://sennrueti.ch/>

Language of the hosting organization:

German and Swiss German.

Many people speak also English.

Other languages spoken: French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Ukrainian and Russian.

Information about the EVS Placement

Duration: 12 months
Start Date September 1st, 2025
End Date August 31st, 2026

Activity description

The Eco-village in Degersheim, a holistic community project that promotes sustainable living, will offer 2 volunteers the possibility to take care of our organic garden, kitchen work, homecare, ecological building construction or refurbishing and childcare. Beside all this, the volunteers will be encouraged and supported in developing their own ideas, initiatives and independent working. They can learn how and where they can contribute to all aspects of community life.

Volunteer's profile

Requirements: Participants are motivated to live and work in an ecological and open community with children, young people, adults and elders.

We expect them to agree and live in accordance with our common grounds (<https://sennrueti.ch/common-grounds>)

Citizen of Schengen area

Language: basic German is a plus

Practical arrangements

Accommodation: Single bedrooms with own bathroom and a shared lounge and kitchen within the eco-village.

Vegetarian and/or vegan food

Herzfeld Sennrüti offers a Half Fare Travel Card for travelling within Switzerland.

Funding

Movetia's funding for the EVS programme covers:

- Board and lodging
- International travel costs (CHF 400.-)
- Pocket money (CHF250.- per month)
- EVS Trainings

How to apply

Send your application to rene.duveen@oekodorf.ch (ref: EVS2025) as soon as possible with:

- a cover letter with your motivation
- CV, Curriculum Vitae

Please note that you can only apply if you are between 18-30 years old.