

## EVS Placement description

### Herzfeld Sennrüti, Genossenschaft Ökodorf Sennrüti, Switzerland



#### Information about the hosting organization

The eco-village community area is located in a small village in the canton St. Gallen in a rural setting with beautiful nature surroundings. The eco-village consists of several buildings with apartments, communal rooms, a library, guest rooms, dining room, art workshops, dance and yoga rooms, a garden with fire pit, sauna, children play grounds, yurt, and many fruit trees, berries and a vegetable garden. The community is organized in several working groups with members from different 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, Dutch.

## Information about the EVS Placement

Duration:	12 months
Start Date	April 1st, 2026
End Date	March 31th, 2027

## Activity description

The eco-village in Degersheim, a holistic community project that promotes sustainable living, offers two volunteers the opportunity to get involved in several activities such as organic gardening, cooking and baking for groups, home care, ecological construction or renovation and childcare.

During the summer months, the focus of activities is on gardening (vegetable growing and garden maintenance) while in the winter months the focus is more on the other activities. In addition, volunteers are encouraged to develop their own ideas and initiatives and to work independently. They can learn how and where they can contribute to all aspects of community life.

## Volunteer's profile

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

You are willing to work outdoors in the garden a lot. Experience in gardening is an advantage.

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

Citizen of Schengen area.

Language: Knowledge of German is welcome.

## 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
- Travel reimbursement (max. CHF 400.-)
- Pocket money (CHF 250.- per month)
- EVS Trainings (2 times)

## How to apply

Send your application to [evs.2026@oekodorf.ch](mailto:evs.2026@oekodorf.ch) 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.