

The logo for Rota Jovem, featuring the words "ROTA JOVEM" in a stylized, blocky, black font.

LONG-TERM EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Project: "Communicating Birds"

Project themes: Communication and Environment

Hosting organisation: SPEA - Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds) www.spea.pt

Coordinating organisation: Rota Jovem Youth Association www.rotajovem.com

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Description of the hosting organisation:

SPEA - Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds) is an Environmental Non-Governmental Organisation that works for the conservation of birds and their habitats in Portugal, promoting a development that safeguards our natural heritage for future generations. SPEA is the Portuguese partner of BirdLife International and one of the most important environmental NGO in Portugal. Besides scientific research and active conservation work, SPEA is also committed to make the general public aware about the importance of conservation of birds, developing several activities for that objective: communication and education campaigns, bird watching field-trips, bird watching days, etc. This project takes place in the headquarters in Lisbon. [EVS accreditation reference **2008-PT-12** - mind that the on-line description refers to the project taking place in another delegation]

Task of the volunteer:

The volunteer will be involved in the following tasks:

- 1) SPEA's General Activities Programme (communication and development):
 - preparation of design materials for the promotion of the activities (e.g. flyers, e-invitations);
 - management of contacts for the promotion of the activities;
 - cooperation on the semester planning of General Activities Programme

2) Bird of the Year Campaign (communication and development)

- taking part on the preparation of the Bird of the Year presentation event
- help with the contacts for Bird of the Year sponsorship and for marketing items budgeting

3) Ornithology Congresses and Environment / NGO's Fairs (communication and development)

- collaboration on the development of the communication strategy of the event: making contacts for the promotion of the congress, translation of contents for the website, etc.
- taking part in the preparation and logistic organisation of the event

4) SPEA's editions (newsletter SPEA On-Line and paper magazine Pardela)

- preparation of regular articles to the newsletter
- preparation of one article for the magazine Pardela about his/her EVS experience

5) SPEA's Documentation Centre (organization, activities development and communication)

- collaboration in organizing and giving dynamics to SPEA's Documentation Centre

6) Possibility of collaboration in new coming projects, as well as in existing Research and Conservation Projects, according to personal interests and profile

Volunteers will also be encouraged to develop a personal project. According to the spirit of volunteering, learning and sharing that sets the philosophy of hosting an EVS project, the volunteer will have the freedom and will be challenged to promote a personal project, an original idea or whatever he/she desires that comes in accordance with the regular philosophy of SPEA, especially in the areas of environmental education and communication, environmental protection, bird watching, etc, for which he/she can count with support and monitoring of the association's team and volunteers.

Profile of the volunteer:

- love for nature (specially birds)
- communication abilities
- team-work skills

- language and IT skills (Spanish is a plus)
- ability to use design software (preferential)

Practical arrangements:

Volunteers' main working hours are from 10h30 to 18h00 from Monday to Friday. The volunteer will have one hour for lunch break, preferably according to staff lunch period: 13h-14h. According to EVS rules, volunteers will be entitled to 2 holiday-days for each month of volunteering and they can choose when to take their holidays.

Volunteers will stay in an apartment in central Lisbon. The house is fully equipped. The apartment will be shared with other EVS volunteers or other youngsters. Volunteers will get food money every month. Volunteers will travel daily to the office of SPEA in the centre of Lisbon on foot or by metro.

Volunteers will have a local mentor at SPEA and also a coordinating mentor at Rota Jovem, both committed to make this project a valuable learning opportunity and enriching personal experience.

During the first month volunteers will have an integration training and a 80h-Portuguese course. The Portuguese National Agency will also provide for an on-arrival training and mid-term evaluation. The coordinating organisation will provide regular mentoring meetings and a final evaluation moment.

Description of the coordinating organisation:

Rota Jovem is an independent youth association based in Cascais. The association is accredited as an EVS sending, hosting and coordinating organization. It has been hosting and coordinating volunteers for more than 5 years now. Rota Jovem is responsible for the administrative and logistic part of this project and for the integration, training and evaluation moments. Volunteers will be in contact with other EVS volunteers at other projects coordinated by Rota Jovem. [EVS accreditation reference **2007-PT-20**]

To find more about European Voluntary Service (Action 2 of the EU Programme "Youth in Action") go to http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc247_en.htm