



Call for Participant:

Save the Mediterranean Wetlands!

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Have you ever wondered how it is to be a scientist? Do you wish to discover life in a unique international institute? Are you motivated by the protection of nature and a wish to experience a new culture in an exciting and friendly environment?

We are currently looking to host a European volunteer for one year, being part of [European solidarity corps](#). The European Solidarity Corps is the European Union initiative, which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer in projects abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe.

We wish to host volunteers for 1 year in order to integrate them in our 5 thematic teams. The volunteer will work for one of our projects, depending of the needs of the different teams and on the feeling of the volunteer. He/she will take part of data collecting, field observations (with ornithologists, botanists or ichtyologists...). He/she will take part of data analysis (on computer) under the responsibility of a project leader. If interest, he/she could work with communication team.

For example, your focus could be but not only on the Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) research, a beautiful bird with a distinct spoon shape like bill. You can find some information here: <https://tourduvalat.org/en/actions/participatory-project-a-study-on-the-migratory-behaviour-of-urasian-spoonbills/>

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Tour du Valat is a research institute located in the core of Camargue, 30 km from the closest city (Arles). Tour du Valat employs about 80 people, including about 15 researchers and as many project managers. It also hosts numerous doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows, interns and/or volunteers. More details on <https://tourduvalat.org/en/>

You will be placed in a “two beds” room on the site of Tour du Valat, where you will enjoy a communal life with other volunteers and students of Tour du Valat. The facilities have all the accommodations you need included (e.g. oven, fridge, heating, internet...).

During the week you can have lunch in the onsite canteen, where you will try the most delicious French dishes in a familiar environment with the staff from the Tour du Valat. As for dinner and breakfast, you have a fully equipped kitchen that you will share with the other residents. You will be allowed to use a car on weekends and for purchase of food in Arles.

Tour du Valat takes in charge your green transport from your country to France, with the lowest carbon impact.

You will also monthly receive pocket money and an extra food allowance.

TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

- French classes provided by a local teacher if you need language support;
- Field work best practices like initiation to bird ringing;
- Database management and data process;

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- Strong interest for nature conservation;
- Curious and adventurous;
- Dynamic and resilient;
- Bird watching;

TO KNOW MORE:

Organization: <https://tourduvalat.org/en>

For more information, you can contact:

- **ESC Program Manager of Tour du Valat:** Florence Daubigny (daubigny@tourduvalat.org.)
- **Project Supervisor:** Jocelyn Champagnon is currently the coordinator of the Species Conservation team, which leads and promotes the long-term monitoring programs carried out by Tour du Valat. (champagnon@tourduvalat.org)
- **Former Participants:** After a volunteer at Tour du Valat in 2018-2019, Hugo Ferreira from Portugal began in 2020 a PhD on population dynamics of Spoonbills in collaboration with Tour du Valat (you can contact him at hr.ferreira@ua.pt);

HOW TO APPLY:

- Please upload your profile on the platform [European solidarity corps](#) and send us an email to daubigny@tourduvalat.org and champagnon@tourduvalat.org (ref: TdV-2023-EVS) the soonest possible

