Going abroad: Join us protecting Sicily's nature

Practical semesters, Bachelor / Master Thesis or Voluntary service at Mount Etna

Dear Students,

We offer you the possibility to join our team of environmentalists at the western slope of Mt. Etna. You can help in many diverse activities and get the chance to contribute with own ideas. Regarding your study topic and interest, you may even work on special subjects. See you soon, Giacche Verdi Bronte and Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung



A brief insight: In the small rural river valleys between Etna and the Nebrodi Mountains, the migration corridor of the wildcat and other species, we are promoting the establishment of a biosphere reserve and carry out various environmental education projects with children as well as practical, planning and experimental nature conservation activities and surveys on biodiversity. Own plots of land allow us to experience in sustainable and biodiversity friendly agricultural practices.

Erasmus+ your support for going abroad: The Erasmus+ programme for education and training enables students to finance a stay abroad within the European Union. Many students have already taken advantage of this support to participate in our projects in Sicily.



Current projects 2022:

"Humus per la Biosfera" – Experiences in sustainable agriculture with biodiversity monitoring and expert's exchange, accompanied by environmental education for children (i.e. school gardens). We promote humus growth in farms and gardens, in order to bind carbon and enrich the soil's biodiversity and fertility.

"Etna's monumental oaks" – Continuation of protection measures under scientific supervision. Aspects are the development of oaks, forest soil humus, biodiversity. www.etna-monumental-oaks.org. For these projects, we are searching for students with knowledge in botany, zoology, biological agriculture, forestry or related sectors. If you also like didactic activities with children, you are very welcome!

Requirements: The participation of your university in an Erasmus+ internship programme is necessary. Also we expect an environmentally and climate conscious attitude, self-initiative and the ability to work independently as well as in a team, flexibility, fairness, respect for the different mentality of the host country and modesty.

It would be helpful to already know some Italian; English skills are necessary. The willingness to follow instructions from Giacche Verdi and applicable rules, currently e.g. for the containment of the Corona pandemic, is indispensable.

If you want to apply: Simply send us your CV, photo and motivation letter, stating your intentions and the targeted period of the internship.

For further information and volunteer reports, please visit www.giaccheverdibronte.it or www.m-h-s.org or contact us via e-Mail: Giacche Verdi Bronte gvbronte@gmail.com or Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung info@m-h-s.org.

Application deadline: Ongoing call depending on vacant placements.