

DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR TRANSYLVANIA 12

starting in October, 2026 until May 2027



**Cristuru Secuiesc,
Romania**

**NGO
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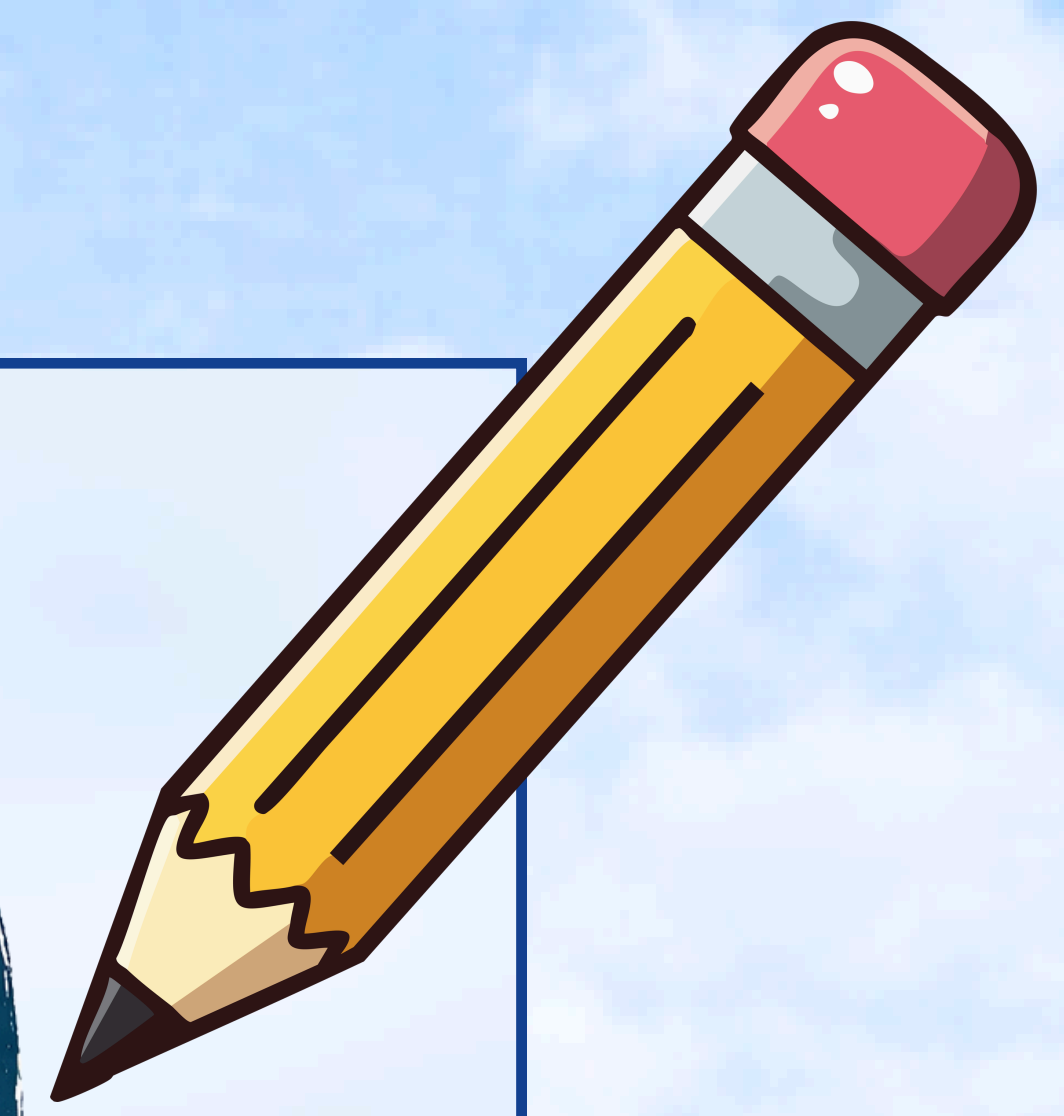


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Dear Applicant,

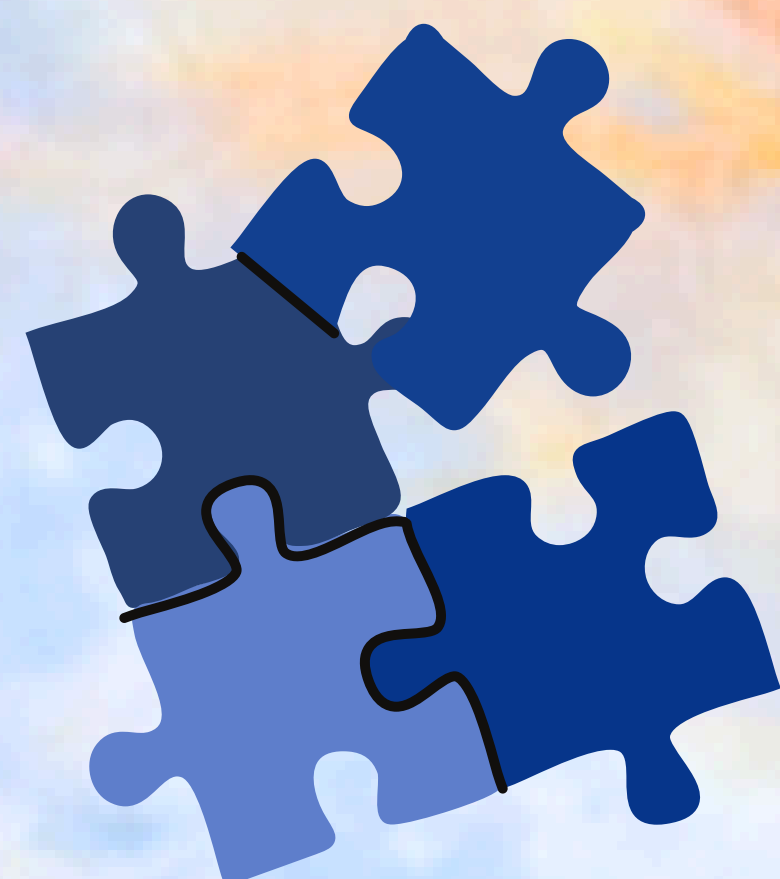
✨ **Welcome!**



 Please take a moment to carefully read the following pages to gain a clear and complete understanding of the experience that awaits you as a volunteer with the Youth Association from Transylvania (ATA).

 This experience may become one of the defining moments of your life something that shapes your way of thinking, builds lasting friendships, and stays with you for many years to come.

♥ We are excited to share this journey with you.





Who are we?

We are the **Youth Association from Transylvania**, but you can call us

ATA!

📍 Our headquarters are located in the heart of Romania, in the small Transylvanian town of Székelykeresztúr (Cristuru Secuiesc).

✨ For more than **15 years**, we have been working with one clear goal: to show **Europe to Transylvania and Transylvania to Europe**.

🌍 Over the years, we have:

- engaged hundreds of young people
- implemented numerous international projects ✈️
- hosted both short- and long-term volunteers 🤝
- organized youth exchanges, training courses, and seminars 🎓

🤝 Our mission is to build a strong and supportive community where young people can grow, gain valuable experience, and become active both locally and internationally.



About our town

📍 Location – Cristuru Secuiesc

Right in the heart of Romania, Cristuru Secuiesc is a small Transylvanian town located between Odorheiu Secuiesc and Sighișoara.

What makes it special? It's a place where the Hungarian community is the largest, giving the town a unique cultural vibe. Surrounded by hills, forests, and lakes and close to the Harghita Mountains it's a great spot if you enjoy nature and outdoor activities.

👥 Community & Youth

The town has around 9,500 inhabitants, mostly from the Hungarian community.

Local life is a mix of small industries and agriculture, with many families having their own gardens.

There is an active youth scene, with 2 high schools and 1 vocational school, and many young people involved in community life.



What does the “Development Support for Transylvania” project mean?

Development Support for Transylvania is a long-term **ESC** volunteering project that aims to involve international volunteers in the work of the **Youth Association from Transylvania (ATA)**.

During the project, we collaborate with schools, NGOs, and local institutions, organizing workshops and activities that support the growth of the local community.

Main areas of activity:

- English language development
- Romanian language development
- sustainability and environmental awareness
- supporting international mobility (Erasmus+ projects)
- extracurricular activities in schools
- promoting cultural diversity
- supporting the development and social inclusion of young people with disabilities
- supporting and organizing local events
- environmental activities and workshops

The project offers volunteers the opportunity to make a real impact on the community, while also developing personally and gaining valuable experience.



English language development



Sustainability and environmental awareness



Supporting international mobility



Extracurricular activities in schools



Promoting cultural diversity



Supporting and organizing local events



supporting the development and social inclusion of young people with disabilities

👉 What volunteering opportunities are available?

👉 NGO Support

This volunteer opportunity is about getting involved in the daily life of the organization. You'll help organize local activities and **workshops** (English learning, sustainability), while also bringing your own ideas and creativity.

You'll support **communication** too creating content for the website and social media, and engaging the audience in new ways. You'll also get insight into international projects and help **organize mobility** opportunities for young people. It's a hands-on, varied experience where you can really be part of what we do.



👉 Inclusion Support

This volunteer activity takes place in partner institutions, where you work with different communities.

Volunteers are involved in two main settings: a kindergarten and an institution that supports the everyday development and social inclusion of young people with disabilities.

In the **kindergarten**, you assist teachers through playful and developmental activities, while also contributing to helping children get familiar with the English language in a natural way.

At the **3 Doves Association**, you work together with young people with disabilities and take part in activities that support the development of everyday life skills — such as gardening or handicrafts.

Volunteers always work together with teachers and professionals, in a supportive role.

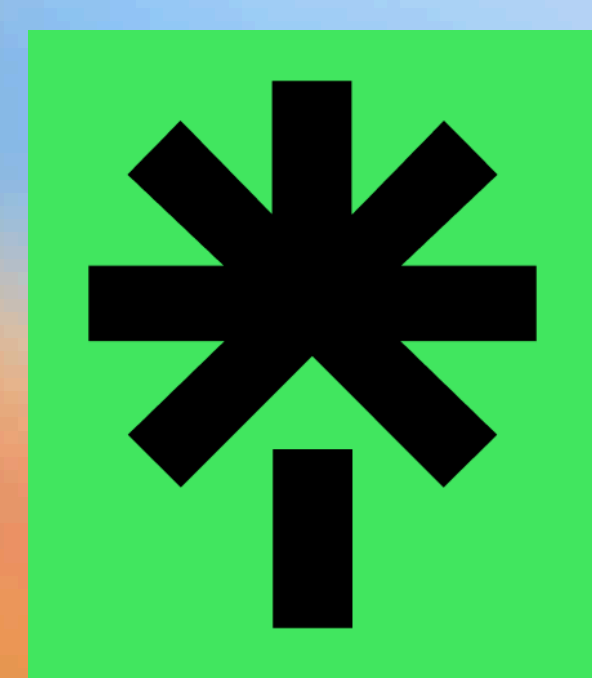
Check out the videos, Instagram posts, and the volunteer blog if you really want to get a true feel for what this is all about.

“Development Support for Transylvania” - 2024-2025:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uopP72FYlgk>

“Development Support for Transylvania” - 2025-2026:

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What the program offers for you?

Financial & Practical Conditions

- Each volunteer receives 160 € / month for food and 120 € / month as pocket money.
- All other costs are covered by the hosting organization, including:
 - accommodation (rent)
 - utilities (gas, electricity, water, internet)
 - household appliances
 - activity-related expenses
- International travel costs are reimbursed.



language
lessons



travel
reimburment



local
mentor



health
insurance



pocket/food
money

Working Schedule & Free Time

- Volunteers are active for approximately 6–7 hours per day, 5 days a week, in a flexible schedule.
 - You will have:
 - free weekends
 - 2 additional holiday days per month
- plus all official regional and national public holidays.



Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in a rented, fully furnished house with a shared yard.

The house includes:



Kitchen

- **Spacious and fully equipped**
- **2 fridges, stove, microwave**
- **dishes, glasses, and all basic equipment**



Bathrooms

- **3 shared bathrooms**
- **toilets and showers**
- **washing machine and cleaning equipment**



Bedrooms

- **5 large bedrooms**
- **rooms have 1, 2, or 3 beds**
- **all necessary furniture provided**

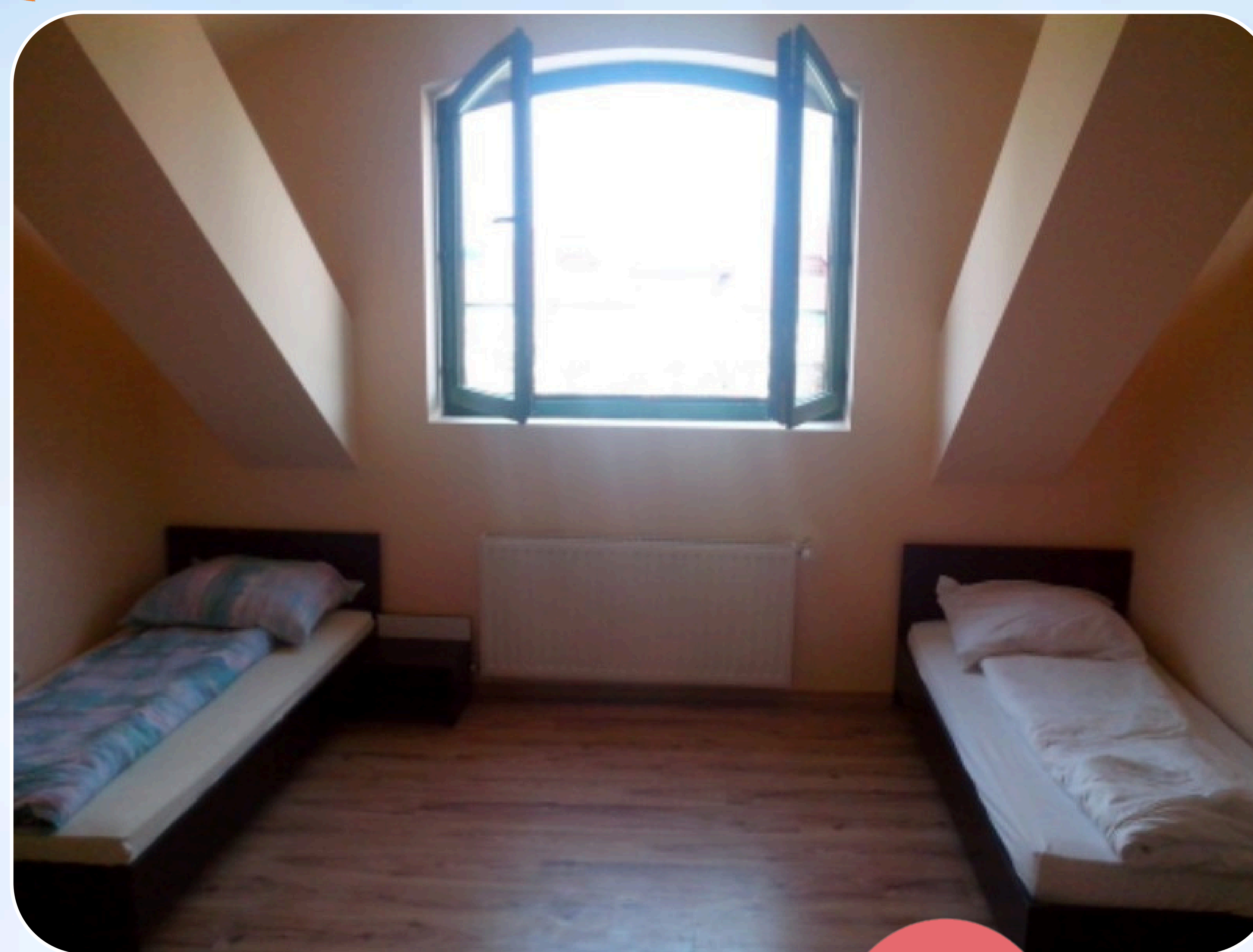
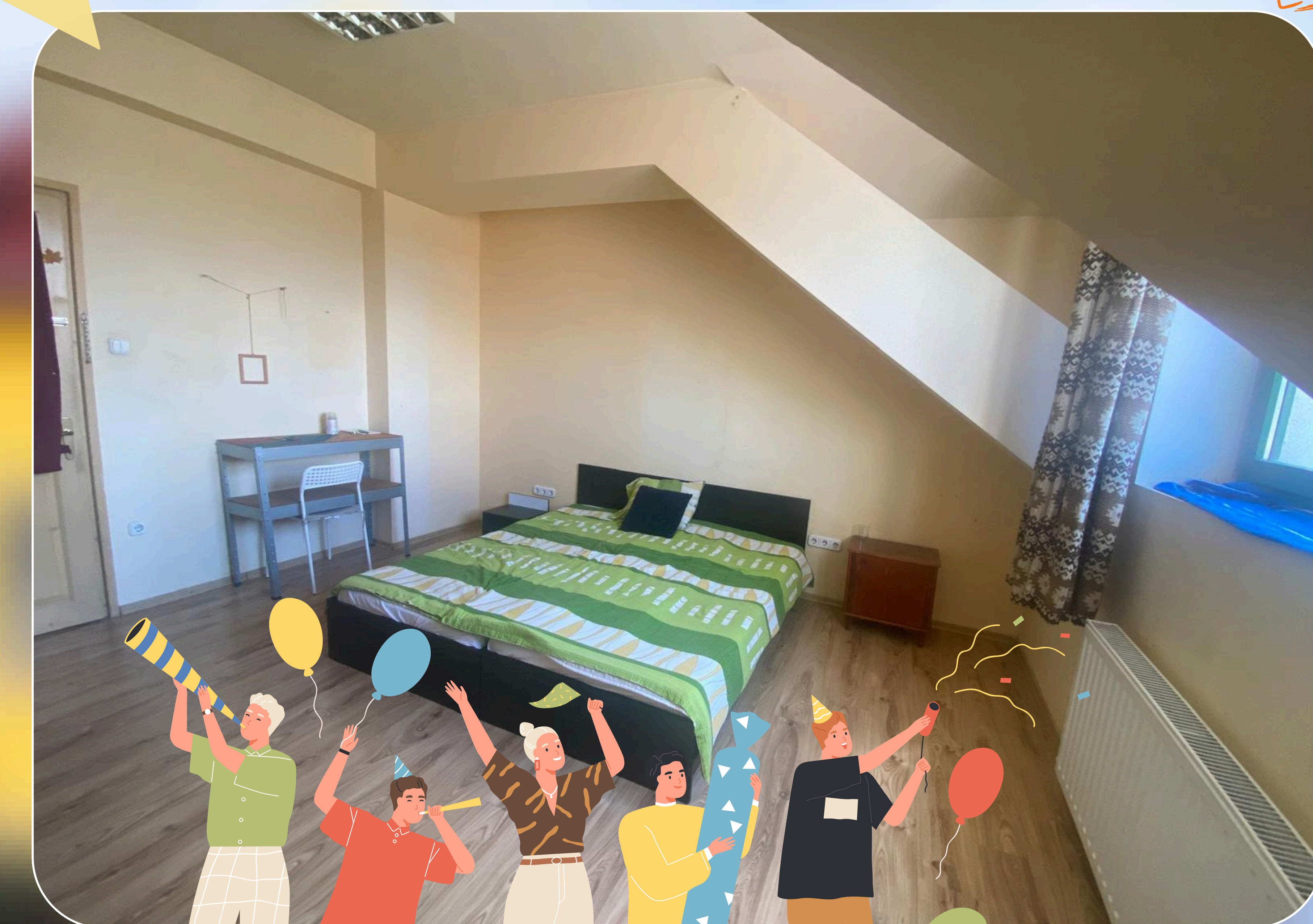


Utilities

- **electricity, gas**
- **hot and cold water**
- **internet connection (Wi-Fi)**

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Who we are looking for

We are looking for young people aged 18–30 who are motivated to join us in a small town and contribute to a community with great potential.

You don't need any specific skills or previous experience, what matters most is your attitude and willingness to learn.



What we value in a candidate?

- motivated and proactive
- creative and open-minded
- curious and eager to learn
- independent but able to work in a team
- culturally and socially sensitive



Language

You don't need advanced English a basic level is enough, as long as you are open to improving it and willing to learn the local language to connect with the community.





How to get to Cristuru Secuiesc (Székelykeresztúr)

Cristuru Secuiesc is located in the heart of Transylvania, and there are several easy ways to reach us. Whether you prefer a more sustainable journey or a faster option, here are the main travel possibilities.

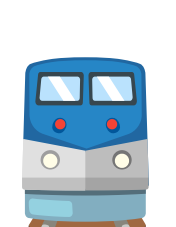
Green Travel Option (train + bus)

If you would like to travel in a more environmentally friendly way, Green Travel is a great option.

Recommended route:

Your country → Big cities like Braşov or Cluj Napoca or Sibiu → Sighișoara → Cristuru Secuiesc

Useful websites:

-  **CFR Călători (Romanian Railways):** <https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/>
-  **Romanian bus connections:** <https://www.autogari.ro>

The Sighișoara – Cristuru Secuiesc section can usually be completed by regional train or if needed we can send a car.

Flight Option

If you prefer a faster route, you can fly to:

1. Via Bucharest:

Flight → Bucharest → train/bus to Sighișoara → Cristuru Secuiesc

2. Via Cluj-Napoca (often easier):

Flight → Cluj-Napoca → train/bus to Sighișoara → Cristuru Secuiesc

CFR Călători also provides national route planning and online tickets for train travel across Romania.

Good to know

Travel costs are reimbursed according to ESC rules and limits

Both Green Travel and Flight options are available

We will support you with travel planning from selection until arrival

Wherever you are coming from, we will help make your journey to

Cristuru Secuiesc as smooth as possible. 

WHAT IS ESC?

The **European Solidarity Corps** is a program that aims to provide opportunities to all people, between the age of 18 and 30.

ESC helps local communities and allows young people to work and volunteer on European projects.

It enables organizations to meet and work with motivated individuals with great ideas and ambitious goals. For both organizations and young people, ESC provides several opportunities, for example, individual and group volunteering, and local solidarity projects.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL

If you'd like to learn more, check out the European Youth Portal.

youth.europa.eu



Congratulations!



If you've made it this far, you're clearly interested and only a few steps stand between you and what could be one of the biggest adventures of your life.

If you liked our project based on this infopack, please send us:

 **Your CV in English (with a photo)**

 **A motivation letter**

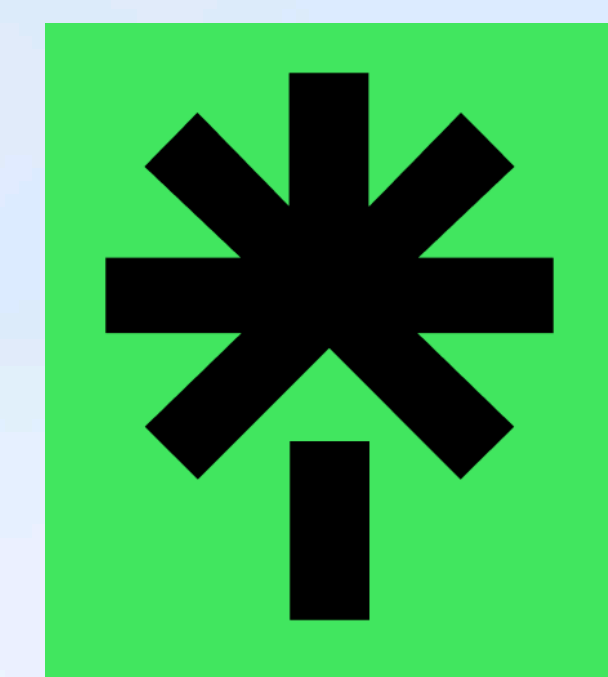
 **Send them to: office.ata@gmail.com**

 **Also, please fill in the following Google Form so we can easily get in touch with you:**



<https://forms.gle/oYUj8xfFpfRHyGA59>

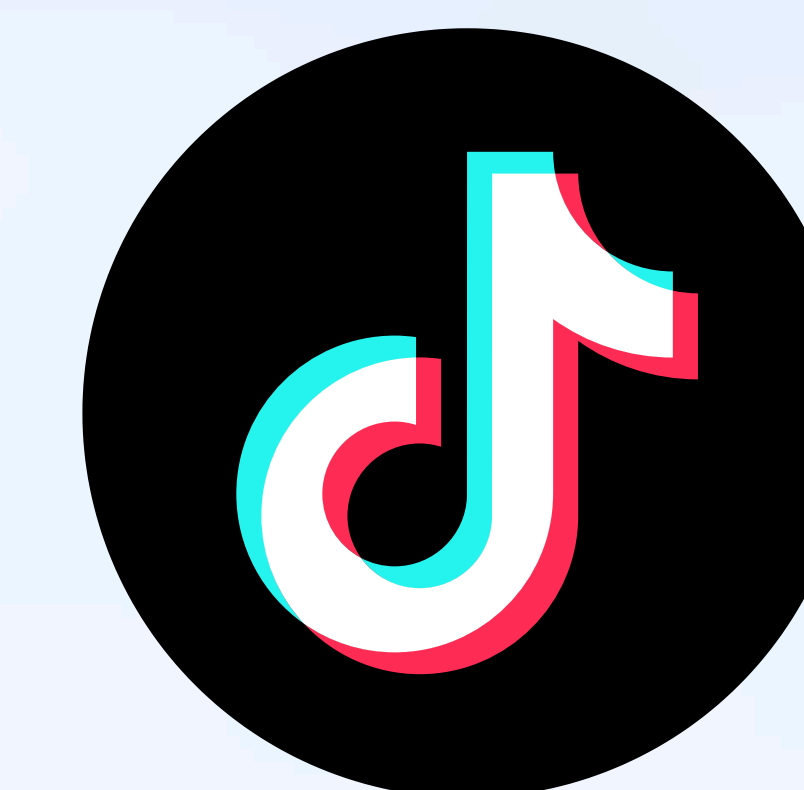
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