

## Associazioni Greche

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### Citizens in action

Who we are:

“**Citizens in Action**” is a non-profit, non-governmental, youth organisation based in Athens.

The aims of **C.i.A** are:

- To support and promote the idea of active citizenship to the young people, through new forms of social commitment and participation, for a democratic and open society.
- To encourage the circulation of people and ideas through international exchanges, with the aim of the enhancement of knowledge, mutual understanding and peace.
- To contribute to community and local development through the participation of local and foreign volunteers in projects of benefit to all, with an emphasis on rural areas.
- To promote people's participation to defend and define their quality of life, aiming at the protection of the human dignity and the environment.
- To achieve its aims, **C.i.A** invites its members to practical action, with emphasis on youth voluntary work, youth mobility and communication, international exchanges and non-formal education.

What we do:

Workcamps are a very efficient training tool. C.i.A is organising workcamps in different parts of Greece, with the participation of young people from Greece and abroad. The aim of this activity is to promote the idea of voluntary work for supporting local development and cover needs related to the protection of the environment and cultural heritage. For the realisation of these projects C.i.A is closely co-operating with local authorities and local youth groups.

### ELIX

Who we are:

ELIX -Conservation Volunteers Greece is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization promoting, since 1987, voluntary service and education. The main goal of ELIX is the personal development of individuals as citizens of the world, through active participation. Environmental protection, cultural heritage conservation, culture promotion and social service are the main thematic fields of ELIX's voluntary projects.

What we do:

ELIX organizes two weeks workcamps mainly in the summer; participants offer voluntary work to the hosting community, learn traditional restoration craft and techniques organise and participate in cultural and fun activities, share ideas and speak about their cultures. ELIX workcamps give to communities and small villages of Greece the opportunity to meet and host young people from all over the world and, with their contribution, to implement important projects for the local community. ELIX organises training seminars for youth workers and camp leaders and a lot of activities addressed to volunteers, throughout the year, such as weekend and one-day excursions, environmental, cultural and fun activities, regular volunteers' meetings.