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Part I. Accreditation context

Reference number	
To be filled in by the National Agency, the Executive Agency, SALTO SEE Resource Centre or SALTO EECA Resource Centre	Postmark/Date of receipt

Name of the organisation	
Please indicate the name and acronym of the organisation.	Anykščiai Regional Park Directorate

Type of accreditation
Please tick the box(es) corresponding to the type of accreditation requested.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sending Organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Host Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating Organisation

Validity of the Expression of Interest
Please tick one box only.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This Expression of Interest should be valid for the maximum period of 3 years after approval. <input type="checkbox"/> This Expression of Interest should not be valid after (specify date up to 3 years):

Profile of the organisation	
Type and status	<input type="checkbox"/> Non profit/non governmental organisation <input type="checkbox"/> International governmental organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Body active at European level in the field of youth <input type="checkbox"/> Public body <input type="checkbox"/> Profit-making organisation ¹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify: governmental organisation
Activity level	<input type="checkbox"/> local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regional <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> European/international

¹ Only when it organises an event in the area of youth, sport or culture.

Motivation and EVS experience

Please describe the motivation of your organisation to participate in European Voluntary Service as Host Organisation, Sending organisation and/or Coordinating Organisation as well as your current or previous involvement in EVS (including the approximate starting date and the frequency of your involvement).

If the present expression of interest is an update or a renewal of a former accreditation, please indicate the EI reference number previously assigned:

The directorate of Anykščiai regional park has no experience with EVS and is eager to join the programme. The biggest motivation to host EVS volunteers is good feedback from colleagues of other parks and the fact that our staff likes novelties and challenges. Other reasons:

Communication with volunteers will undoubtedly give new and useful experience for the staff. It would also be a great opportunity for the staff members to practice their foreign language and communication skills.

We think that volunteers could bring new initiatives and ideas to our daily live. New space for sharing ideas on solving similar problems in different parts of the world would be created.

We believe that volunteering encourages the exchange of values, open mindedness, communication and cooperation among different nations.

Due to EVS not only the staff of the organization but also the local community would benefit new knowledge about other cultures, countries and languages. EVS would enable the organization to be more active.

The volunteers would have a change to explore the cultural and natural environment of the park as well local Lithuanian culture by living in a small town of Anykščiai.

By joining the "Youth in Action" programme directorate of Anykščiai regional park would contribute to encouraging the community to become more tolerant towards other cultures. Local people are used to seeing foreigners as tourists only, but by having foreigners working with them, they would be able to break the stereotype.

We are ready to host two volunteers. We think that we would be able to provide both of them with the learning environment and support.

Part II. Details of the organisation

Name	Directorate of Anykščiai regional park		
Street address	J. Biliūno 55		
Postcode	29110	City	Anykščiai
Region		Country	Lithuania
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Description of the organisation

Please present briefly your aims and regular activities. Add information about the staff of your organisation as well as the target group you generally work with.

Anykščiai Regional Park was established on September 24, 1992 to preserve, use and manage the most valuable natural and cultural territories of the North East Aukštaitija. The Directorate of Anykščiai regional park is a budgetary governmental organization. 7 people (5 specialists) work here (chief accountant, chief ecologist, chief biologist, chief inspector, chief specialist). The principal aims of the organization are:

- To preserve the unique local landscape
- To protect the cultural heritage in the area
- To preserve and protect the local fauna and flora
- To restore damaged natural and cultural monuments
- To implement monitoring, research, collect information on environmental issues
- To facilitate the development of ecotourism in the park's territory
- To organize and realize educational, cultural activities, events, to advocate for natural and cultural protection

The specialists organise scientific researches, collect data and information about natural and cultural values within the area and provide it to visitors in the visitor centres or in publications. Main task for them is to create conditions for visiting the park without making harm to nature as well as to organise environmental education.

Almost all staff besides their native language speak Russian, some speak English.

Legal representative

Family name (Mr/Ms)	Mr. Šerepka	First name	Kęstutis
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Position/function	Director
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Contact person for EVS inside the organisation

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Contact point for EVS outside the organisation (optional)

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Part III. Ideas for future EVS Projects

Main themes for the Activities

Please tick not more than 2 boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> European awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Post conflict/post-disaster rehabilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-religious dialogue | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban/Rural development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth policies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art and culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Media and communications/Youth information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education through sport and outdoor activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minorities | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender equality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-discrimination based on sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Development Cooperation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leisure | <input type="checkbox"/> Roma communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergenerational activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – If so, please specify: |

Inclusion of young volunteers with fewer opportunities:

Do you envisage involving young people with fewer opportunities (facing a situation that makes their inclusion in society more difficult, see main situations/obstacles identified herebelow) and/or special needs (mobility problems, health care, etc.)? If so, please tick the situation(s) they may face:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social obstacles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic obstacles | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational difficulties | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural differences | <input type="checkbox"/> Health problems |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geographical obstacles | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify: | |



Expected duration and type of EVS:

Please tick one or more boxes corresponding to the duration and type of the EVS Service(s) you plan to send/host/coordinate:

- ☒ 6 to 12 months
- ☐ 2 to 5 months
- ☐ 2 weeks to 2 months (involving young people with fewer opportunities)
- ☐ 2 weeks to 2 months (EVS involving at least 10 volunteers doing their Service as a group)

Special needs (if applicable):

If your placements are open to volunteers with fewer opportunities, please provide information about the competence, experience and infrastructure and (human or other) resources available in your organisation to accommodate and support them.



Part IV. Host Organisation

This part has to be filled in only if the applicant requests to be accredited as Host Organisation. The points below are intended to serve as a guide for the description of activities foreseen by the Host Organisations.

If more space is needed, please extend boxes.

Project environment:

Outline the project environment for the suggested voluntary Service, including the local community where the project will take place (e.g. geographical, social and economical environment). If the host placement is located in a live-in community, please include the rules and conditions that apply also for the volunteer.

The area of Anykščiai regional park is 15 459 ha. To protect its natural and cultural values the park has one natural, four landscape, four geomorphologic, three botanical, one telmological (swamp), four hydrographical and one urbanistic reserve. Forests take up the area of 5029 ha (33 %). The town of Anykščiai is in the centre of the park. 11620 people live here. The town has two gymnasias, a secondary school, schools of arts, music, sports, a public library. From the central bus station buses connect to biggest cities of Lithuania: Vilnius (108 km), Kaunas (109 km), Panevėžys (58 km), Utena (39 km), Ukmergė (40 km).

The town has a few bigger shopping centres, a post office, a clinic and other essential institutions. A market is open almost every day. The town is exceptional because it has the tallest two-towered church of St. Matthew and the orthodox church of St. A. Neviškis. Anykščiai is a favourite tourist destination it has activities to offer during all seasons. Visitors come to see the surrounding natural and cultural values all year round. Anykščiai area has a number of memorial museums, as well as the only museums of angels and horse in Lithuania. The famous narrow railway is operational during the summer. Those who like to hiking or cycling can take the river Šventoji cognitive path or the new Šventoji left bank path. The path has many resting, camping places, beaches to relax and have fun.

There are two horse riding centres in the area and a riding path of 11 km. Anykščiai is favoured by water tourists who can take the renewed Šventoji water trail. Sailing in the nearby lakes is also very interesting. During the summer seasons other recreational activities are available too: paintball, tree adventure valley. Traditional summer festivals take place in Anykščiai area: festival of horse riding and ethnography "Bėk bėk, žirgeli", festival of alternative music "Devil's stone", Anykščiai city festival and others. Winter attracts attention to the skiing track and the swimming pool.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to communicate with the local youth, students and local associations. Youth organization "Prie Sventosios" is established in the village of Andrioniskis (Anyksčiai area). The aims of the organization are to promote youth activities, culture, education, social security, community integration, and participation in the creation of multicultural Europe. Near the directorate of the park Anyksčiai children and youth centre is established. The centre seeks to develop children's and youth extra-curricular activities to prevent delinquency and increase their wellbeing in the social environment. Anyksčiai area Troskunai Kazys Inciura secondary school has a student organization – student club "Europietis".

Volunteers who like art are welcome to join various art studios (dancing, singing) and other clubs (yoga, other hobbies) open in Anyksčiai Cultural centre. Other institutions such as Anyksčiai music, Anyksčiai area arts schools, Anyksčiai sports centre can offer different activities too.

Volunteers will live in a rented flat. They will have private rooms and shared facilities. Usually flats have internet available, if not it can be ordered from the local providers. The directorate of Anykščiai regional park is in the centre of the city and is easy to reach from other parts of the city on foot.



Proposed activities for EVS volunteers:

Please explain:

- *what you can offer to volunteers in terms of Service and learning opportunities,*
- *what will be the role of EVS volunteers in the Host Organisation,*
- *the activities in which the volunteers could be involved and the activities the volunteers could create in your organisation. Please give examples of typical activities/tasks for the volunteers.*

Depending on the volunteers' language skills and sense of initiative they will be able to take on various physical and mental tasks in the following areas of the organization's work:

Tasks in the warm season:

Help with the maintenance of the park's territory. Anykščiai receives many visitors during the year; therefore touristy places are often littered. Volunteers will join the park's staff in cleaning the area. Part of this effort is cutting the grass, so volunteers' help here will be welcome too.

Help during the monitoring of the biosphere: every year the directorate conducts the day butterfly monitoring in the Šventoji river oxbow (6 km from Anykščiai). Monitoring here needs to be done around 15 times per season. Depending on the year the monitoring of birds is conducted (Lesser spotted eagles, Black storks, Nighthawks, Black Woodpeckers, Grey-headed Woodpeckers, Middle spotted woodpeckers, Woodlarks). Every species needs a specialised monitoring technique. Monitoring of dragon flies, moths, amphibians and bats are done too.

There are plans to have an exposition of samples of various plants and animals. Volunteers will contribute to collecting material and preparing it for display.

Tasks in the cold season:

During the 20 years of operation the directorate has assembled a lot and different kind of information about other protected areas. This material needs selection and archiving.

Help during the monitoring of the biosphere. In winter counting of the lynx and the wolf is done based on the footprints.

Tasks year-round:

Help in collecting the park's natural and cultural heritage picture archive. Volunteers will not only take pictures, but also take videos of natural and cultural sites, various events. Volunteers will have to select, edit and archive the collected material.

Help in creating informational materials about the park (leaflets, posters etc.) and administrating the webpage. Volunteers will be able to prepare information in foreign languages.

The visitors' centre hosts a modern exposition. Specialists who work there need help too. Volunteers will be able to greet visitors, assist in excursions. Video terminals at the exposition are being constantly updated, so volunteers will be able to collect textual, photo and video materials and adapt it to be displayed in the terminals. Capable and willing volunteers will be able to create their own video reports about the park and showcase them in the visitors' centre.

Most of the information in the exposition is in Lithuanian, parts are translated into English, and therefore, depending on the volunteers' skills, they will be able to make further translation to English or other languages.

Anykščiai regional park hosts yearly event and festivals for children and adults, field excursions, lectures on nature are conducted. Volunteers will contribute to this too. They will have a chance to communicate to the local community, present their own culture and traditions. Willing volunteers will be able organize competitions, debate evenings and other events.

Volunteers will be able to explore the fauna and flora of the park on their own.

Volunteers will assist the park's specialists during the landscape monitoring: take pictures, mark the changes, count tourists, do statistical analysis, prepare presentations for the visitors' centre.

Volunteers with a higher sense of initiative would be supported by the directorate and could work completely on their own. It would be especially appreciated if volunteers would be able to raise and solve problems in the following areas:

Cognitive, educational, promotional and other activities with the aim to introduce the park's visitors and the local community with the natural and cultural heritage values and bio diversity.

Preparation of the information for tourists, creation of new cognitive paths to go on foot, by bicycle, car, canoe, creation of tracks for the orientation sports, creation of various outdoor lectures for children and adults. Recently the park has opened new places of interest: peer tower, exposition at the visitors' centre, many natural exposures and other sites are open for tourists. Tourist infrastructure has also been renovated (Šventoji river, Rubikiai water tourism routes, Šventoji river left bank hiking/cycling route and others) and many new plans generated, so volunteer's ideas and help in this area would be much appreciated.

Apart from the exposition, the visitors' centre has a convenient conference hall for various events. Each of the park's specialists organizes various festivals, competitions, exhibitions, excursions, nature lessons, and press releases. We would expect similar initiatives from volunteers too. Events can take place every week, especially during the warm season. Volunteers would be free to assemble their own task force.

New ideas in any of the park's departments are very welcome and the staff is ready to help.



Tasks for the volunteers will be assigned based on their skills and learning priorities. Volunteers will work 5 days per week, 7-8 hours per day. Two consecutive days off will be given. During the period from May 1st till October 2nd the directorate works also during weekends. Volunteers will get two days of holiday for each service month.

Examples of weekly work schedule in warm season:

Volunteer 1

Monday:

8.00-12.00 Collecting material for the exposition

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-17.00 Work with the exposition visitors

Tuesday:

9.00-17.00 Monitoring of the Lesser Spotted eagle

Wednesday:

8.00-12.00 Cutting grass in the park's territory

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-15.00 Translation of the information for the exposition

15.00-17.00 Conducting and excursion at the exposition

Thursday:

8.00-10.00 Editing/archiving photo and video material of the regional park

10.00-12.00 Displaying information materials online or at the exhibition

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-15.00 Monitoring of the day moth

15.00-17.00 processing the monitoring data

Friday:

8.00-10.00 Taking pictures of the natural and cultural sites

10.00-12.00 preparation for an event (e.g. installing nesting boxes inspring)

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-17.00 Assistance during an event.

Volunteer 2

Monday:

8.00-12.00 Editing the web site of the directorate

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-15.00 Work at the exposition with the visitors

15.00-17.00 Taking care of the immediate surroundings of the directorate

Tuesday

8.00-12.00 Work with GIS creating/updating maps of the park

12.00-12.45 Lunch break

12.45-15.00 Work with GIS creating/updating maps of the park

15.00-17.00 Translation of information online or at the exposition

Wednesday

9.00-17.00 Visit to the botanical reserve (taking pictures of flora and fauna, getting acquainted with the species, finding new ones)

Thursday

8.00-12.00 Selecting plant samples for the exposition

12.00-12.45 Lunch

12.45-15.00 Preparing plant samples for drying

15.00-17.00 Work with the exposition visitors



Friday:

8.00-10.00 Work in the visitors' centre

10.00-12.00 Preparation for an event (organizing debates, concerts, showing movies about park's nature and culture heritages etc.)

12.00-12.45 Lunch

12.45-17.00 Assistance during an event.

Volunteer profiles and recruitment process:

Please describe the profiles of volunteers you would like to receive in your organisation. Include information on how you ensure an open and transparent recruitment process as well as the overall accessibility of EVS to all young people. Consider further information about the type of Sending Organisation you want to cooperate with. This information can help the match-making between volunteer candidates, Sending Organisations and your organisation.

Anykščiai regional park welcomes volunteers who:

- Are interested in natural and cultural heritage and its protection, seek to know Lithuanian nature and culture;
- Have basics in English or Russian;
- Are determined to take both physicals and mental tasks;
- Are able to work independently and plan their activities;
- Have will and patience to work with local youth and adults;
- Are communicable, motivated, having sense of initiative, creative and curious, able to adapt to new environments;
- Like travelling on foot or bicycle, outdoor activities in general;
- Are ambitious and peaceful.

All applicants will be considered and evaluated based on how well they suit the general profile of an EVS volunteer and the requirements of the host placement in particular. Primary selection process will be conducted by the sending organization, later by the host organization together with the coordinating organization.

Number of volunteers hosted:

Please state the maximum number of volunteers your organisation is able to host at the same time (ensuring all quality, learning, and welfare standards of EVS for each volunteer):

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Risk prevention, protection and safety:

Please describe:

- how you will guarantee a safe living and working environment for the EVS volunteers,
- how you will prevent risks and crises,
- how – in the case of EVS volunteers aged 16 or 17 – you ensure appropriate supervision, protection and safety.

Regarding the living and working conditions, the volunteer will be instructed about the general personal safety precautions immediately after arriving in the country and later during the on-arrival training. During this training possible crisis situations and ways to solve them will be analyzed interactively. The volunteer will be assigned a mentor, who will help him/her to smoothly integrate into the local community minimizing the effects of cultural shock, if any. The staff of the organization will see and communicate with the volunteers practically every day, so we will be able to closely follow his/her personal and professional development.

To be more specific, certain areas can be considered as more risky than others. For example, many tasks of the volunteers will be carried out outdoors, thus one should be ready for minor physical injuries, bodily reactions to nature (plants, insects, animals). Volunteers will be instructed to take precaution wherever and whenever necessary. The experience local staff will be of assistance most of the time.

Another area is the social one. While hoping for the best, one can never know if the complicated cultural/social integration of foreigners will go as smoothly as planned. All people are different, often driven by various emotions, and not always compatible with one another. Special attention to this topic will be given during the training cycle of EVS, but it will also be the task of mentors to guide the young people through this. Mentors will be those people who will be able to tell if volunteers need extra help and what can be done from the side of other EVS and the staff to make things work out in the best possible way.

Volunteers will have possibility to communicate with the other EVS volunteers by visiting them. Volunteers will have regular contacts with the coordinating organisation.

The staff of the organization will see and communicate with the volunteers practically every day, so we will be able to closely follow his/her personal and professional development.



Part V. Sending Organisation

This part has to be filled in only if the applicant requests to be accredited as Sending Organisation. The points below are intended to serve as a guide for the description of activities foreseen by the Sending Organisations.

If more space is needed, please extend boxes.

Volunteer profiles and recruitment process:

Please describe the profiles of volunteers you would like to send from your organisation. Include information on how you ensure an open and transparent recruitment process as well as the overall accessibility of EVS to all young people. Consider further information about the type of Host Organisation you want to cooperate with. This information can help the match-making between volunteer candidates, Host Organisations and your organisation.

Number of volunteers sent:

Please state the maximum number of volunteers your organisation is able to send at the same time (ensuring all quality, learning, and welfare standards of EVS for each volunteer):

Risk prevention, protection and safety:

Please describe:

- *how you will guarantee stay in contact with and support the volunteer during the service period abroad,*
- *how you will prevent risks and crises,*
- *how – in the case of EVS volunteers aged 16 or 17 – you ensure appropriate supervision, protection and safety.*



Part VI. Signature

I, the undersigned, certify that all information contained in this Expression of Interest is truthful and accurate and that no relevant information has been withheld.

I declare to be aware of the provisions set out in the EVS Charter and I undertake to adhere to them in case the organisation I represent will be accredited within the EVS context.

By signing this document the promoter authorises the European Commission, the Executive Agency and the National Agency to publish and to use all data provided in this Expression of Interest in any form and medium, including the Internet database of accredited organisations. All personal data collected shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies.

Data subjects may, on written request, gain access to their personal data. They should address any questions regarding the processing of their personal data to the Agency (National or Executive) in charge of the management of their application. For projects selected at national level, data subjects may lodge a complaint against the processing of their personal data with the authority in charge of data protection in their country at any time. For projects selected at European level, complaints may be lodged with the European Data Protection Supervisor at any time.

In case of approval, the accreditation will have a validity of three years unless a shorter validity period has been indicated. The promoter undertakes to inform of all changes related to this accreditation.

For the organisation

Name of the organisation:	Directorate of Anykščiai Regional Park
Name of the legal representative in capital letters:	Rasa Rutkauskienė
Position/function:	Temporary substitute Director
Place, date:	Anykščiai 2012-08-03
Signature:	<i>R. Rutkauskienė</i>

Check list

The applicant must include the following documents:

- ☐ the present Expression of Interest form completed and signed in original by the legal representative of the applicant,
- ☐ a copy of the Expression of Interest form in electronic format (CD or email to the accrediting Agency),
- ☐ a copy of the registered statute of the organisation submitting this form.