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## Porto di terra Non Profit organization, Italy

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### About us

We are a small are a small organization whose mission is experimenting agroecology and permaculture through sustainable community life, non formal education, small scale food production and eco-tourism.

Each of us comes from different backgrounds, such as environmental education, research in agroecology, human right protection, permaculture, and arboriculture.

We, as Porto di terra Team, have experience being hosts with different networks, such as workaway, Sicily permaculture network, as well as Erasmus Plus (Through both youth exchanges and adult mobility).

### What we expect from trainee

Our organization is currently based in a farm we are taking care of. The farm is located in the area of the Madonie Regional Park, a mountain area surrounded by small villages. The training with us could be the opportunity to experience the different activities of daily life on the farm as well as to learn from the activities we host in the farm as an organization. It is the chance to live a collective farm project of this first generation of farmers. It is the possibility to experience with us a challenge and a dream of

contributing to sustainable development through creating day by day a living lab for practices of sustainability. It is the occasion to enter in its daily life, participating in the community activity such as common meals, farm management and experiencing collective intelligence for making the organization going on. More in particular during summer time farm life means taking care of the garden where we grow food and medicinal herbs, participating in food processing, taking care of the wood surrounding us, of the water system as well as doing other small works of the farm maintenance. Moreover, depending on the attitudes and skills of the trainees, and on the period of the visit, the trainee can collaborate in the activities in ecotourism, nonformal environmental education (with teenagers as well as with adults ), communication and storytelling for the organization. Also, we can offer to the trainee the possibility to visit other farmers, peasants network and rural development actors in the area we collaborate with.

We ask the trainee to be willing to experience life in a remote rural area, 6 km from the first village, 40 km from the sea side, and almost 100 km from the city life; therefore, also to be autonomous in arranging free time (for sure we will do our best for supporting by suggestions but it is important to remember summer is a time of hard work for our project). To express previous experiences and expectation as a mean to develop together an appropriate training plan. To be available to actively collaborate on the farm, giving energy at the moment we decide to work and giving space to peace and calm in free times.

### **Preferred languages**

EN, ES