

Europe-Mobile Team 2011



Paul Ardeleanu, Romania

My name is Paul Ardeleanu. I am a 20-year-old student in Romania and I am studying marketing at the Bucharest Academy of Economic studies. Most of the successes in my life can be attributed to my work as a volunteer at the IRSCA Gifted Education Association. IRSCA is an association that supports young people who show great natural talent. My passions are personal development, leadership, public speaking and entrepreneurship.

Maël Baseilhac, France

Diana-Ioana Cocoru, Romania



My name is Diana Cocoru and I am Romanian. I lived in Bucharest for 22 years, after which I studied at one of the most prestigious institutes for European affairs, the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. I have an inborn curiosity in human nature and have discovered that the best way to comprehend cultural diversity is through travel and exchange programmes. I am open-minded and aim to derive maximum benefit from any experience. I love foreign languages and have challenged myself by starting to learn Arabic. I now have a knowledge of Romanian, English, French, German and Arabic. I have joined the Europamobil team because I am more than happy to be able to share my knowledge about the European Union.

Laura Dislich, Germany

Fanny Dubray, France



My name is Fanny. I am 25 years old and I was born in France. If you were to ask me my nationality, though, I would tell you that first and foremost I feel European. The most fascinating aspect of the European project is probably the radical idea that countries which have had so many conflicts in the past can be united in a common project, with full respect for every culture and identity. Eager to bring my own contribution to this dream, I got involved in the French section of a European NGO, “JEF-Europe”, where I am now in charge of the “Europe at school” project. I completed my first degree in Literature and History, followed by a Master in European Affairs, and eventually completed a traineeship at the European Commission. In Brussels, I was able to observe how difficult it is to find a compromise between 27 cultures and ways of thinking! At the moment, I am studying the history of minorities in France, and visit schools quite frequently, either to teach French and Latin, or to share my passion for Europe with other young people. So you can imagine how enthusiastic I am to be part of “Europamobil” team!

Lyuba Guerassimova, Bulgaria

“Peace is not a relationship of nations. It is a condition of mind brought about by a serenity of soul. Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people.” When people ask me whether I want to go into war zones and solve conflicts after I complete my Peace and Conflict studies, I always go back to Horace de Lissier’s words. We all need more peace in our hearts than we already have, and doing what we love is how we can achieve this. I love meeting new people, encountering cultures and dances, I love basketball and martial arts and hip hop dancing, I love my friends and I easily get attached to people I have known for two or three days. I love it when people can learn something from me that they did not know before, and I love being myself. Ever since primary school, I have always needed extracurricular activities and student clubs to fight boredom and bring excitement into my life, and through my undergraduate years I was organizing events, coming up with project ideas, designing posters and marketing materials, and playing all the sports I had time for. I cannot wait to get inspired by my fellow participants and by our high-school students!”



Kristína Hergottová, Slovakia

My name is Kristina, I am from a village, which is situated in the west part of Slovakia. All of my life I spend on the dance floor. But university changed my life. Unfortunately I stopped dancing but I found myself in my study field: Spatial planning. I am interested in the topics such environmental, cultural, cultural diversity and urban issues. I am trying to do my best because I believe, that in the future I can help to improve life environment in Slovakia. If I had a time and opportunity I would travel a lot, because I want to understand other countries and cultures and take inspiration from other foreign places. The European Union is a big book, from which we can learn and Europamobil seems to be a good way to get to know some European countries and I am looking forward to see my team.

Paula-Sinziana Iancu, Romania

Very active, this is what first comes to my mind when I'm asked to talk about myself. I like doing sports that I've practised since infancy, so I enjoy quite a dynamic lifestyle. For this reason I don't like wasting time I only do something for a specific purpose. I'm interested in multiculturalism and how cultures come into contact with each other, eliciting mixed and complex reactions among people. Another point of interest for me derives from interaction between people: human beings themselves. I see myself as an empathic person: I like to get in touch with people and to learn as much as possible from them. One thing I cannot tolerate is people being not sincere.

James Kilcourse, Ireland



I'm James. I'm 23 years old and come from Mayo in the west of Ireland. I have always been interested in European history, languages and cultures so I studied European Studies in Dublin as my undergraduate degree. This gave me the opportunity to continue learning French and to take up a new European language, Polish. Since starting my studies I have spent a lot of time living and working in different parts of Europe, including an Erasmus year in Krakow, a summer university in Cluny, France, and an internship in Brussels. At the moment I'm finishing up a Masters in International Politics, which has taught me more about the institutions and policies behind the European project. I enjoy travelling, meeting new people and learning about different cultures, so I'm really looking forward to the Europamobil project!

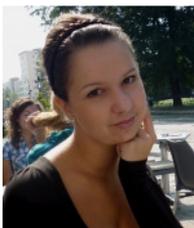
Agnieszka Kloc, Poland

Monika Kokstaite, Lithuania



I obtained my Master's degree in International Relations and European Studies at the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary). Before that, I studied in various places in Europe: Vilnius (Lithuania), Frankfurt am Main (Germany), Tartu (Estonia), and Reykjavik (Iceland). My interests in regional and integration studies, political economics, international affairs and security issues with special emphasis on the effects of globalization, human security, good governance, sustainable development and democratization led to practical application of knowledge and skills obtained during my studies. My working experience includes working with children for several years in the Lithuanian Youth Center, writing about the EU for the "Park of European Histories" project, participating in various projects in Japan, Poland, Spain, Lithuania, Denmark and Germany, and much more. I enjoy painting, playing the flute, dancing, hiking and swimming; at the same time friends, travel, interesting books, theatre and music are never forgotten and have already become inseparable from everyday life.

Lenka Kožárová, Slovakia



I am 22 years old and a student of Political Science at the University of Pavol Jozef Safarik in my home city, Košice. At the present time, I am a first-class Master's student. I'm a communicative, helpful and emphatic person, hard-working at all times and open to new ideas. I like working with young people who are interested in the same issues as I am – politics in both theory and practice. In the future, I would like to continue my studies, and also enter real politics.



Jennifer McCurry, United Kingdom

My name is Jenny and I am from Belfast in Northern Ireland. I am currently studying International and European Politics (MSc) in Edinburgh, Scotland. After my BA studies I worked as an English teacher in Poland for two years. I really enjoy teaching and working with people, which is why I decided to apply for the Europamobil project. I am also very interested in all aspects of European politics and learning about other cultures and languages.

Jose Perez-Lorenzo, Spain

Aikaterini Ravnali



My name is Aikaterini Ravnali. I am studying education science because I love children, I am keen on photography and work as a photographer at ceremonies (such as weddings) and nightclubs, I love theatre, travelling and exploring new things, and I believe that the most important experience in my life was being an EVS volunteer

Valerie Schult, Germany



I'm Valerie. I am from Germany, but have already spent half a year volunteering in Armenia, which is why I already feel connected to Europe. I think that it's important, especially during the financial crisis in the Eurozone, that we contribute to the concept of solidarity through our workshops. I passed 20 years on the social designed area of Europe and am now compatibly studying European Studies in Passau, which lies on the German/Austrian border. I like to do outlandish things to attract attention to Europe, and look forward to having fun with you.

Nathalie Straker, United Kingdom



My name is Nathalie Straker and I am a twenty year old student from the University of Exeter in England where I am studying for a LLB Law/Maitrise en Droit. I love travelling, reading and music – I play the cello and flute! I am very excited to be participating in the Europamobil project as the opportunity to be part of European integration and debate will be fascinating and will broaden my knowledge and understanding of European matters.

Joy Vamvakari, Greece



I am a Greek/Irish musicologist with interests varying from music in the community and music therapy to animal rights and ecology. When I'm not volunteering in various NGOs, playing music with my band, reading a good book, partying or swimming on the island where I grew up, I'm looking for opportunities to see the world and learn from its people. I believe that everyone is equal and that music can bring us all together. I especially like working on creative projects and always love a challenge, so bring it on, Europamobil!

Canan Yildiz, France



Following my degree in languages and law, majoring in English and German law, I have now successfully completed the first year of my Master of Science Po (European Studies) in Grenoble, which is a double certification in collaboration with Galatasaray University in Istanbul, Turkey. Being French but of Turkish origin gives me a sense of adaptation and organization in different areas. I have therefore regularly extended my linguistic, legal and cultural knowledge during foreign summer vacations (travel, classes and work experience in London, Berlin and Ankara). In addition to French and Turkish, I speak English, German and standard Arabic fluently. I consider languages necessary in my case, since I am fond of travelling. I would therefore like to work for a French embassy or consulate and become a diplomat after my studies. In addition, participating in the Europamobil project gives me a great deal of motivation, because I hope that I will discover new ways of thinking and meet new kinds of people.