



# **VOLUNTEERS UPDATE JUNE 2021**



# **ES2021 NEWS**

### **EuroSkills APP**

We have recently received confirmation that there will be an EuroSkills App. In this app you will find all information about the event. There will also be a "Volunteers section" in the app. The

app is used as "volunteers' handbook", as no printed version will be produced. The app will go live at the end of August.

The advantage of the app:

If important things change shortly before or during the event, we can easily update them in the app.

### Assigning the volunteers to the areas of operation

The registration for volunteers will close at the end of June. From then on, we will be able to estimate how many volunteers will help out. At the middle of July the assignment of the volunteers to the different areas should be finalised.

## **Training**

There will be a general training session for all volunteers. This will take place in form of a hybrid meeting. In addition the training will be recorded so it can be reviewed at any time. The general training will take place in mid-August.

Furthermore, there will be separate training sessions for most of the individual working areas. These will also take place in a hybrid modus. The time schedule depends on the working areas and are planned in September.

#### **Volunteer Shuttle**

There will be a volunteer shuttle service from the centre of Graz to the Schwarzl Freizeitzentrum!

Here are the planned stops:

- Main station
- Andreas-Hofer-Platz
- Jakominiplatz
- Don Bosco
- Schwarzl Freizeitzentrum





## **VISA FEE WAIVER**

We are happy to announce that a Visa Fee Waiver for Volunteers has been approved!

In April, the EuroSkills 2021 Organising Committee applied for a Visa Fee Waiver for Volunteers, which need a visa to be able to enter Austria. We are happy to inform you that the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs has accepted the request and that we will be able to facilitate the entry to Austria for Member Countries!



## **CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

We recommend to taking out cancellation insurance. In case of an event cancellation you don't have to bear any additional costs.

The operating date (availability) for each working area has been updated on our website.

**WORKING AREAS** 



## **UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN AUSTRIA**

The health and safety of everyone at EuroSkills 2021 is our highest priority!

Even though Covid-19 is not over yet, we are happy to announce that the Federal Government of Austria has drawn up a plan to reopen society step by step. Austria will move into a phase of the state's reopening plan. Each step will involve lifting more restrictions. Under the terms of observing certain Covid-19 hygiene practices, restrictions will be lifted in the following areas:

// Restaurants and bars

// Sport & cultural activities (e.g. congresses, exhibitions, indoor sports etc. The number of people allowed to gather will gradually be increased.)

// Hotels & accommodation

// Sports

// Leisure facilities

// Supermarkets & shopping

// Schools

// Youth employment

// Social restrictions (number of people allowed to gather will gradually be increased)

// Testing before entering locations

// Borders



## **DIGITAL GREEN CERTIFICATE**

On March 17, 2021, the European Commission presented a proposal to create a Digital Green Certificate to facilitate the safe free movement of citizens within the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is planned to finally introduce the EU-wide Green Pass until the end of July, 2021. This will be a milestone to allow and ease international travel.

A Digital Green Certificate is a digital proof that a person has either

// been vaccinated against COVID-19, or // received a negative test result, or // recovered from COVID-19

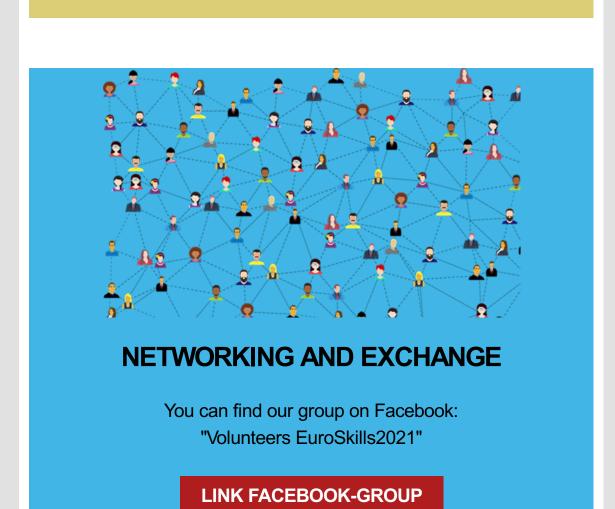
National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate. The digital version can be stored on a mobile device. The Digital Green Certificate will be accepted in all EU Member States, i.e. also for your travel to Austria. When travelling, every EU citizen or third-country national legally staying or residing in the EU, who holds a Digital Green Certificate, should be exempted from free movement restrictions in the same way as citizens from the visited Member State. This also means, that no quarantine will be necessary – neither for travels to Austria, nor to travelling back home. Digital Green Certificates will be valid in all EU Member States.

## **UPDATE YOUR VOLUNTEER PROFILE**

Please use your personal link to your Volunteer Profile and update your potential operating date (2021!) as well as other fields if necessary.

If you don't have your link anymore please send an email!

**F-MAIL FOR LINK REQUEST** 



# **STAY SAFE!**

If you have any questions feel free to send an email!

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