



CALL FOR VOLUNTEER  
EVS project “No bikes, no party”  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31st  
LIEPAJA, LATVIA

## ABOUT THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

Radi Vidi Pats (Create the Environment Yourself) is a group of enthusiasts of sustainability, alternative lifestyle and volunteering. These are main principles of the association. The shape of RVP and most of people involved have changed through the years but for the past 6 years we have fallen in love with bikes, especially freak bikes. We even have our own self-service bicycle workshop where most of the volunteering activities will take place. Although the association was founded more than 10 years ago we continue to develop and grow and every EVS project we host is a learning project not only for the volunteers but also for us.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

One of the most important activities of the project is velo-culture festival Boltik Baik in May. We will organize it for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. The transcription of the title of the project is our invention, and most of our activities are related to Do It Yourself principles and great creativity. It is a one week long freakbike workshop when local youngsters can participate and build their own bikes. It will take place in our self-service bicycle workshop in the harbor of Liepaja. As usually it will be done with the help of one of the most experienced freakbike constructor in Europe – Gatis Kreicbergs and his friends. In the evening there's going to be cultural program – concerts, jam sessions, Improvisation Theater etc. In previous years it had a great visibility and a very good vibe. And we believe that all of the involved – local and EVS volunteers and our organization as well had a great work and life experience.

Then during the summer volunteers are expected to continue to take care of the self-service bicycle workshop and host their own activities there (up-cycling workshops, movie nights or anything else that doesn't go against the principles of RVP). It is an open space so youngsters from very various backgrounds come there. Volunteers should be ready to interact also with socially challenged youth. During the summer RVP usually travels to different festivals around Latvia with up-cycling activities for kids and adults as well as renting out freakbikes. Volunteers are expected to assist in these activities.

During July and August we are going to host 3 short-term volunteers from Croatia. Their main goal is to organize Travelling School - active workshops, seminars, sessions, events for locals and foreign travellers. Long term volunteers are expected to help in organizing this.

There are quite a few other activities where volunteers will get involved, mostly related to bicycles and freakbikes. Also, we try to support their own ideas and initiatives as much it is possible, but it is worth mentioning that during April and May it is very busy because of Boltik Baik and there are many unexpected activities coming up in Summer when we get invited to different cities and events with our bikes.

**Tasks for the volunteers:**

- 1) General preparation of the Boltik Baik festival This includes cleaning the space, building up different installations like cupola, stage, etc, arranging tools, collecting old bicycle parts from all around the city and arranging them, and general assisting in the project coordination;
- 2) Preparation of the project posters, and putting them around the city, general PR;
- 3) Taking photos and making videos during the project (if volunteer is skilled in this, short training is possible);
- 4) Taking care of self-service bicycle workshop, this includes cleaning and arranging the space, assisting the visitors;
- 5) Hosting workshops – up-cycling, bicycle fixing and/or others;
- 6) Participating in festivals around Latvia with up-cycling workshops and freebike rental;
- 7) Welcoming the short term volunteers;
- 8) Assisting in Travelling School;
- 9) Support Radi Vidi Pats in their different activities.

**Trainings provided for the volunteers:**

- 1) On-arrival training organized by Latvian National Agency;
- 2) Mid-term evaluation organized by Latvian National Agency;
- 3) Final evaluation organized by Radi Vidi Pats.

**Other activities during the project:**

- 1) Possibility to attend freebike workshop and parade in Riga in May;
- 2) Excursions around Kurzeme region.
- 3) Storytellers festival in Kuldiga (last weekend of April).
- 4) Museum and Cultural night in Liepaja;
- 5) Etnomusic festival and handcrafts' market Līvas ciems in Liepaja.

**Practical arrangement:**

Volunteers will have food and pocket money provided as well as place to live with their own separate rooms. But during Travelling School (July and August) they might need to share the space with short term volunteers and the travellers! The volunteer should be ready for this this experience. Nevertheless, we're still looking for a space that could be comfortable and spacy enough for this activity.

It would be a massive bonus if the volunteer has previous experience photography, photoshop, and/or most important - bicycle reparation.

We already have a Finnish girl approved for the project, so we are looking for Serbian person. Gender doesn't matter so much as bike repairing skills.

Sending organization: *Volonterski centar Vojvodine - SCI Srbija*

Send your application (motivation why you want to be the volunteer in Radi Vidi Pats) and CV to [evs@radividipats.lv](mailto:evs@radividipats.lv) until **20<sup>th</sup> of January**. Chosen volunteers will be contacted for an interview.

See some pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/boltikbaik/?fref=ts> and <https://www.facebook.com/RadiVidiPats/?fref=ts>