



YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION

Forums Synergies offers a Scholarship Programme - an exchange programme for young people. We are addressing both

- **young people** involved in rural development activities, who want to discover or improve their knowledge and their know-how in a particular field of sustainable rural development, and
- **organizations or entrepreneurs** from rural areas, who would like to host young people to transmit them a particular knowledge and to share their experience.

The Scholarship Programme offers to the trainee to discover and learn from the experiences and practices of people and organisations dedicated to sustainable local and rural development, while spending a time in a place of his choice (according to the hosts availability).

Goal

It is important that a real exchange between host and trainee is established and that the trainee could bring back a particular know-how as well as share his experience and knowledge about practice in his country with the host. To promote a multicultural exchange, **one host can host up to two trainees** - both scholarships can be programmed for the same time or separate time within the Scholarship duration period.

Timing and Duration

This Forum Synergies Scholarship Programme period starts in April 2019 up to November 2019.

The scholarship should last ideally 1 month. A minimum of 2 weeks and maximum up to three months can be discussed on the basis of the proposed work programme and funds available.

Online registration forms are available from **March 2019**.

Follow up

After taking part in the Scholarship Programme, both, trainees and hosts, will be invited also to participate in [European Rural Parliament](#) to share the scholarship experience and for hosts it will be a possibility to promote their actions to interested public.

YOU WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED?

Profile TRAINEE

Trainees should ideally:

- be actively involved - or want to start activities in local & rural development projects as animator, organiser, trainer or adviser to a rural community or rural development NGO; or
- be an actor in activities (or want to start activities) related to sustainable rural development (e.g. as a farmer, herbalist, ..)

- have experience in a collective initiative, as an active community member; experience with/ interest in rural development or voluntary work would be desirable;
- have ability to communicate in one of the languages indicated by the host organisation (usually English);
- have motivation to use and share with others the knowledge and practical skills acquired during the scholarship period.

Candidates should preferably be under 30 years of age.

Please read carefully the document "[Guidelines for TRAINEES](#)"

Profile HOST ORGANISATIONS

The host should be an association, organisation or institution involved in sustainable rural development at local, regional or national level and should have experience at least since 5 years.

The main requirement for hosts is the ability and readiness to provide the trainee with examples of good rural development practices, as well as managerial and organisational capacity needed to facilitate and monitor the progress of the trainee. One host can host up to 2 trainees.

The host should be ready to **exchange experiences** made with the scholarship programme with Forum Synergies: by authorizing to use the substantial report details, to publish them and to share them within 4th European Rural Parliament. The host is also invited to publish information about the Scholarship on his organisation's social media and website.

Please read carefully the document "[Guidelines for HOSTS](#)"

WHAT FORUM SYNERGIES CAN OFFER

To the TRAINEE:

- Forum Synergies offers to contribute to the costs of travel and modest accommodation for the trainee during the scholarship period. The maximum amount that a trainee can obtain is EUR 1.200 (the allocation will depend on the actual costs borne by the trainee).
- Forum Synergies offers to facilitate participation (travel and accommodation) in the [European Rural Parliament](#) (6-9 November 2019 in Asturias, Spain) and/or
- Participation (travel and accommodation) in the [European Rural Youth Parliament](#) (9-11 November 2019, in Cantabria, Spain).

To the HOST:

- Forum Synergies will also make a small contribution towards the costs of the recipient organisation covering the effort for supervision and organisation of the stay - up to a maximum of EUR 1000, based on concrete needs and a formal request
- Participation (travel and accommodation) in [European Rural Parliament](#) can also be facilitated by FS Scholarship.

Both, trainee and host will be invited to participate in 4th European Rural Parliament (ERP) which will take place on 6-9 November in Asturias, Spain. ERP is a long-term campaign to express the voice of rural people in Europe; and to promote self-help and action by the rural people, in partnership with civil society and governments. The campaign reaches a climax every two years with a gathering of rural people from all parts of the wider Europe.

HOW TO JOIN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME?

Application

Both the host and the trainee are invited to apply online (Forum Synergies' [website](#)) using the online application form:

For host: <https://goo.gl/forms/yE2TIII6oxefYDhi1>

For trainee: <https://goo.gl/forms/iYIJ9VZ5DWY7Jl762>

Next steps

- 1/ PERSONAL INTERVIEW: In order to support synergies and support a fruitful matching of trainee(s) and host, a short interview will be held with a representative of Forum Synergies;
- 2/ DESIGNING A TRAINING SCHEDULE. Supplementary information will be asked after the interview, ex. description of main activities the trainee could be involved in (work programme), practical information about travel/ accommodation possibilities etc.
- 3/ FINANCIAL PLAN: provision of estimated costs for both trainee and host as basis for a concrete financial agreement between Forum Synergies and trainee/ host

Apart from mentioned criteria the approval of applications will depend on the actual absorption of funds available for the Scholarship Programme.

SPREADING AND SHARING THE LESSONS LEARNED

A substantial and financial report shall be provided 1 month after the completion of the scholarship. The approval by Forum Synergies is prerequisite for receiving final payment.

Reporting of TRAINEES

- Each trainee is free to **choose a way** to present his scholarship experience (combining text and visual): creation of blog, video, diary, photos or else. This part shall include information about the activities carried out and lessons learned, discoveries, peoples met;
- Action Plan: a short description of ideas how the trainee intends to make use of the lessons learned.

Reporting of HOSTS

- **Profile** of the host organisation and local actors related to the organisation;
- **Evaluation:** Short overall evaluation describing the output of the training;
- **Recommendations.** Hosts should provide recommendations for other hosts and/ or make proposals for improvement of the procedure;
- **Messages to rural Europe.** Any findings or messages the host would like to share with other actors involved in sustainable rural development.

FS will offer conceptual guidance to the trainee and host in writing his/ her report in order to ensure that main elements according to the training schedule are tackled.

Both trainee and host accept that elements of their reports may be used on the Forum Synergies website and in the exhibition at 4th European Rural Parliament.

Sharing by meeting: The ERP and ERYP

The substantial report will be used to create a Scholarship experience exhibition at 4th European Rural Parliament.

Financial Report

1) The **trainee** will submit:

- a reimbursement sheet including the originals of all tickets, hotel bills and any other financial documents;
- a report according to the required elements explained in "Report and share the experience".

Try to save money - find cheap flights etc. If you are travelling by car Forum Synergies will refund you a gas money according to the reimbursement convention. Receipts should be addressed to Forum Synergies.

2) The **host** will submit:

- a report according to the required elements explained in "Report and share the experience".

Forum Synergies will evaluate the delivered reports within 2 weeks. After approval of reports and submitted documents Forum Synergies will make the payment within 14 days.

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