





European Solidarity Corps 2025

New voluntary position covering accommodation, expenses and allowance

Position: Nature Reserves Visitor Assistant

Dates: 1st November 2025 – 30th October 2026 (12 Months)

We are looking for a full-time volunteer to join our international team protecting birds and their habitats and inspiring and educating people about birds and nature in the Maltese Islands. Volunteers will be based at our nature reserves in Malta.

Those who have previously participated in a long-term Erasmus+ European Voluntary Service (EVS) scheme or long-term Erasmus+ Volunteering scheme are not eligible to apply for these positions.

Are you:

- Aged 18-30
- A citizen of one of the <u>programme or partner countries</u>
- Friendly, enjoy meeting new people and keen to experience a different culture
- Organised and able to meet deadlines
- Able to demonstrate a high standard of communication and people engagement skills
- Keen to learn about environmental education and how to engage people with nature
- Willing to learn with an adaptable approach in line with the needs of a charitable organisation's structure, including working flexible and occasional long hours

The European Solidarity Corps programme will provide you:

- Accommodation in the northern part of the island close to our nature reserves
- Coverage of utilities such as electricity, water, gas, and internet
- Reimbursement of the flight and other transport costs (bus, train, metro) to/from Malta, limited according to distance
- €380 monthly allowance
- Private HEALTH insurance provided by Henner

Nature Reserves Visitor Assistant (1 position)

In this role you will assist in the opening of the reserves to the public, working and ensuring visitors enjoy a pleasant experience. The chosen applicants will work at our nature reserves (Għadira, Simar, Foresta 2000 and Salina) reporting to the Site Warden and Head of Land Management. Training on the history of the sites and the flora and fauna of the reserves will be provided. Duties will include:

- Assisting in opening BirdLife Malta's nature reserves to the public in the afternoon/evening, including on weekends.
- Giving visitors tours of the reserves, including the salt museum located at Salina nature reserve.
- Setting up the display within the reception centre at the reserves
- Preparing the nature shop at the reserves
- Setting up binoculars before the reserve opening hours
- Greeting visitors at the reserves and giving a basic explanation about the nature reserve, its history, flora and fauna
- Managing a small shop and promoting sales whilst encouraging membership to BirdLife Malta
- Compiling visitor statistics and gathering feedback from visitors
- Participating in regular events held at the nature reserve with the aim of educating visitors towards more environmental appreciation.
- Taking visitors around the reserve, which could entail walking on uneven terrain even during summer.
- Assisting in research work being carried out at the nature reserves.
- Helping with inputting of data.

Should the reserves be closed to the public for certain periods, especially the summer months, the applicants are expected to report at the nature reserves in order to assist the managing warden in the implementation of the work plan for the site. Such work has a physical aspect relating to the upgrade and maintenance of the habitat, as well as an element of research with ongoing studies on the flora and fauna of the sites.

TO APPLY

Please download and fill in the <u>application form</u>, and return in PDF format to <u>mark.gauci@birdlifemalta.org</u> with subject: **Application for (European Solidarity Corps)**Nature Reserves Visitor Assistant.

We highly recommend that you visit our website on www.birdlifemalta.org for further information before applying.

Applications close on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 23:00. Online interviews will take place the following week. Please note that incomplete and/or late applications will not be taken into consideration.

