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YOUTH GREEN DEAL

# Infosheet



## Bio-construction Training

Ajloun, Jordan 08-17 September 2022

# Welcome :))

We are happy to have you on board as a participant in this training. In this info sheet, you will find all the information you need to know about the project.



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## Travelling to Ajloun

It is time to arrange your travels!

- **Dates:** It is important to arrive in Ajloun in time for the first dinner, so please plan your arrival for 8th September at 17:00 at the latest (05:00 pm). Of course, it will always be possible to arrive later if there is no other choice.
- Please, fill in this [FORM](#) about your arrival and departure times, in order to arrange the transportation and the reimbursement procedure.
- The visa cost is 40 JOD (60 Euros) for the following countries (Spain, Italy, France, Belgium, and Morocco) and must be paid upon arrival at the airport/land port. ( accept credit / debit cards are accepted)
- **You're going to spend some more time in Jordan?** Travels can only be reimbursed, if your stay before and after the training lasts a maximum of 2 days before and after, e.g. you could arrive on 6th September and leave on 19th September.

If you want to arrive in Jordan on 6th September or before or leave on 19th September or later, we **cannot** unfortunately reimburse your journey according to the rules of our Funding.

Please note that accommodation before 8th September, and after 17th September **will not** be covered by the project.

- **Visitors to Jordan are required to fill in a declaration form below and obtain the free QR code that shall be presented upon boarding** <https://www.visitjordan.gov.jo/form/> ( The address in Jordan is: Ajloun, Anjara, Serapis 26861, The hostel: Aliwa Abu Sajin Castle)

## Upon arrival

Upon arriving at the airport, you will go through security controls and get to the arrival hall. There is free WiFi.

1. Outside the airport ask where to buy the bus tickets, buses depart every 30 minutes from

6:30 am to 6:00 pm, and every 60 minutes from 6:00 pm to 00:00 am. **Must read about the bus** <https://www.ammman-airport.com/bus.php>

2. Purchase a ticket and board the bus until the last stop, where you'll find an SSD volunteer. Who will take you to the venue
3. Our team will pick you up from the airport if you arrive after the last bus leaves (00:00 a.m.).

You will receive additional information from SSD about who will come to pick you up and what is the telephone number of this person.

**FILL in the [FORM](#) to arrange your arrival.**

**For any problem upon arrival please contact:**

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## About Youth Green Deal

**Youth Green Deal** is a project aiming to build the capacity of youth organisations promoting volunteering in the Mediterranean area. In this project, we focus on our work with local communities that are doing environmental work. That's how our volunteer projects can support environmental work: reducing the effects of climate change; inspiring volunteers and local communities to mitigate climate change and lead sustainable lifestyles. By working together with various organisations, we also want to focus on the Mediterranean / global dimension of climate issues.

This project is created by organisations that are part of the MIDI working group of SCI (Service Civil International [www.sci.ngo](http://www.sci.ngo)). VSFr Tunisia is the lead organisation responsible for the overall coordination of the project. Still, all partners are collaborating in the implementation of the project: CCIVS (a global network of IVS organisations [www.ccivs.org](http://www.ccivs.org)), SCI Catalonia ([www.scicat.org](http://www.scicat.org)), SCI France ([www.sci-france.org](http://www.sci-france.org)), SCI Belgium ([www.scibelgium.be](http://www.scibelgium.be)), SCI Italy ([www.sci-italia.it](http://www.sci-italia.it)), Space for Sustainable Development Jordan, EVO Morocco and Al-Shmoh Cultural Centre Palestine.

## Who is organising the training?

Space SD is a Jordanian non-profit, non-governmental organization that works with youth, particularly those living in marginalized areas. Space SD contributes to the long-term socio-economic and cultural development of Jordanian society, social and environmental justice, and sustainable living. Space SD also strives for protecting the sustainability of the environment.

## FACILITATORS

**Alexandre Cornet:** Alexander is a natural builder from France who became passionate about it in Kosovo. Through non-formal education and practice, he works to spread the idea and love of natural materials.

**Hamza Al-Shayeb:**

Hamza holds a degree in architectural engineering, and works as a trainer and facilitator. He is interested in permaculture and sustainable building. He has a long experience working as a photographer and a filmmaker for a good cause.

**Antonella Di Matteo:** Antonella (*she/her*) is a facilitator, human rights activist, and project manager. Antonella started her adventure as a volunteer in 2013 as a part of a cultural organisation and she started writing Erasmus+ projects. She's interested in peace education, anti-racism, migration flows, and non-formal education.

## About the training

Bio-construction means respect for nature, health, and well-being, sustainability, local materials (raw, no energy wasted in production and transport), self-sufficiency, harmony with the environment, low environmental impact, and appropriate and targeted techniques.

In all of its phases, the construction of buildings has an impact on the environment: extraction of raw materials, transportation, handling, commissioning, operation, end of life, and waste disposal. Building materials are produced by considering many factors, such as the extraction of raw materials, the use of non-renewable resources, and the use of energy to convert them into products.

Bio-construction is NOT about building green roofs or using clay as plaster. It is about sustainability and reducing the mass production of industrial construction materials, and using earth materials instead. We believe that bio-construction is a way to advocate and promote a sustainable lifestyle and limit the harm to the Earth.

This Call for Participants regards the third training in the general project, the bio-construction that will take place in Ajloun, Jordan from 08-17 September 2022. The training will bring together 14 participants from 8 different countries who will be introduced to the basic concepts of bio-construction and natural building to get inspired and continue learning in this field. The participants will practise some building techniques with soil and straw bales during the training. The training is an opportunity for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and identify channels to advocate sustainable construction.

# The programme

Date	8 Sep	9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep	
Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	
09:00 - 10:30	ARRIVAL	Project introduction , TTKEO & Impact research	What’s Natural Building	Hands-on Mud (Adobe)	Field Visit	Hands-on Mud (plastering)	Hands-on Mud (light straw mix)	working drawings for Natural Building	a look on the toolkit	DEPARTURE	
Break											
11:00 - 12:30		Group agreement	What’s Natural Building	Hands-on Mud (Adobe)		Hands-on Mud (plastering)	Hands-on Mud (light straw mix)	working drawings for Natural Building	Free space & Future plans		
Lunch Break											
2:30 - 4:00		Eco Volunteering	Introduction to the different techniques for earth	Hands-on Mud (Adobe)		Hands-on Mud (plastering)	Free Time	Develop the toolkit	Youthpass & Impact research		
Break											
04:30 - 06:00		Introduction to the bio-Construction	ntroduction to the different techniques for earth	Hands-on Mud (Adobe)		Hands-on Mud (plastering)		Develop the toolkit	Evaluation, Celebration & Impact research		
Evening			Movie night			free evening		free evening			Farwell Party

**English** will be the working language of the training. The facilitators will use simple English so that all can understand. In order to feel part of the group, it will be important that everybody makes an effort to speak in English so that nobody feels excluded.

**We want this training to be a safe space for all participants.**



# How to prepare yourself?

Besides your basic and personal items, including clothes for the season appropriate and the place, you should also bring:

- make sure to bring your **towel**
- passport
- laptop
- summer clothing and warm clothes for evenings
- work clothes you don't mind ruining,
- working gloves and hat
- toiletries (biodegradable) and a towel
- some cash (official currency is JOD, exchange offices are available in Ajloun, and in the airport)
- anything else you need for your free time (books, instruments, games...)
- food items from the home to share with others during coffee breaks
- dressing code in Ajloun, Check the link out for more information

<https://www.touristjordan.com/what-to-wear-in-jordan>

## The Venue



- The training will take place in an [ecological housing complex](#) in Ajloun. With simple living conditions. The participants will be hosted in shared rooms. You will share the room with some other participants. We will have separate rooms for males and females. Participants are expected to take initiative regarding cleaning their accommodation and participation in certain tasks during the training days for the smooth running of the training.
- The food is vegan and vegetarian, with mainly local and seasonal products.

# Reimbursement Procedure

For this project, you need to buy your travel tickets yourself and we will transfer the money to you after the project.

Here are the steps for a successful reimbursement of your travel costs:

1. Please **keep all your tickets** (trains, subway, bus, plane, Blablacar), **invoices, receipts, AND boarding passes** (plane) carefully.
2. Right after you are back home, send all tickets, together with the reimbursement form that you will receive by mail, or e-mail to the sending organization.
3. Reimbursements will be done after the end of the training via bank transfer. We strongly suggest that you **keep the original tickets and save the scanned files** on your computers, please don't throw the original physical tickets away.

If you have any questions about reimbursement, please contact your sending organisation

## About Ajloun



The marvels of nature and the genius of mediaeval Arab military architecture have given northern Jordan two of the most important ecological and historical attractions in the Middle East: the sprawling pine forests of the Ajloun-Dibbine area, and the towering Ayyubid castle at Ajloun, which helped to defeat the Crusaders eight centuries ago. Locals often take advantage of the green landscapes of Ajloun to take a break from city life and connect with nature.

