

**ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece**

**OUR MISSION:** ELIX -Conservation Volunteers Greece is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization promoting, since 1987, voluntary service and education. The main goal of ELIX is the personal development of individuals as citizens of the world, through active participation. Environmental protection, cultural heritage conservation, culture promotion and social service are the main thematic fields of ELIX's voluntary projects.

**AIMS:** ELIX aims in bringing together people from different cultural, social and ethnic backgrounds, willing to live, learn and work together as a team, through their participation in voluntary projects of environmental, cultural, social interest. ELIX projects promote intercultural exchanges and offer young people the opportunity to participate actively in the every day life of a hosting community.

**ACTIVITIES:**

+ ELIX organizes two or three weeks' workcamps mainly in the summer; participants learn traditional restoration craft and techniques, offer voluntary work to the hosting community, organise and participate in cultural and fun activities, share ideas and cultures. ELIX's work camps give to communities and small villages of Greece the opportunity to meet and host young people from all over the world and, with their contribution, to implement important projects for the local community.

+ ELIX organises training seminars for youth workers and campleaders and a lot of activities addressed to volunteers, throughout the year, such as weekend and one-day excursions, environmental, cultural and fun activities, regular volunteers' meetings.

+ Finally, ELIX realises at present two hosting projects within the frame of the European Voluntary Service of the Youth in Action Program and each year sends a large number of E.V.S. volunteers abroad.

**FUNDS**

ELIX's funds come mainly from volunteers' participation fees, national and local bodies, such as the Greek General Secretariat for Youth, the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, physical planning and public works, private institutions or foundations, donations, the Youth in Action Program and other European projects (Leonardo da Vinci, etc.).

**SINCE 1987, when ELIX - C.V.G. was founded,** 253 workcamps were organized all over Greece, 4.240 volunteers from all over the world participated in workcamps in Greece, 99 communities in Greece benefited from volunteer work, 1435 Greek volunteers participated in voluntary projects abroad, 404 camp leaders from ELIX - C.V.G. coordinated the projects