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VOLUNTEER WITH MONTIS

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MONTIS
conservação da natureza

MONTIS - Associação para a Gestão e Conservação da Natureza, is a Portuguese non-profit organization dedicated to nature conservation. It is based in Vouzela, Viseu, and was created in 2014. The association mission is to create value with biodiversity, through the management of natural heritage, participatory, transparent, and open to all interested parties.

The association's activities focus on the active management of land that it owns or whose management custody it provides, which currently covers around 300 ha, mostly in the center of the country (Vouzela, São Pedro do Sul, Arouca, Pampilhosa Serra and Covilhã). We manage abandoned marginal land, by supporting or restoring key natural processes, namely contributing to increase the value of biodiversity and fire resilience, involving communities through short term and long term volunteering.

To know more about our work and activities, follow us:



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THE PROJECT

From beginning of January until the end of May 2025, MONTIS is looking to host a group of 4 volunteers for each of the following periods: January to February 2025, February to March 2025 and April to May 2025. The ideal volunteering period is two months.

For that MONTIS is organising a group for Vermilhas (Vouzela) for January and February 2025, another for Baldio de Carvalhais (São Pedro do Sul) for February to March 2025 and another group for Cerdeirinha (São Pedro do Sul) for April and May 2025.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
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| Plantations | | Baldio de Carvalhais | Baldio de Carvalhais | | |
| Natural regeneration | Vermilhas | Vermilhas | | Cerdeirinha | Cerdeirinha |

The main tasks include **planting** and sowing native species and **supporting natural regeneration**, but also opening and maintaining paths and clearings.



CONDITIONS



To participate in the project, volunteers must:

- Be between 18 and 30 years old
- Be physically fit
- Have motivation to participate in a nature conservation project
- Have respect for others and the values of the European Solidarity Corps
- Have willingness to acquire or develop language skills, especially English and Portuguese.

WHAT WE OFFER

MONTIS has a quality label as **host organisation only**. Therefore, ideally the volunteers should have a sending organisation that can help support the expenses.

- Accommodation

- Possibility of accommodation with expenses covered (rooms shared in some houses)
- Support finding accommodation in case that is needed.

- Pocket Money

- To be discussed with sending organisation.

- Food Support

- To be discussed with sending organisation.

- Insurance

- Certificate of participation

- 2 days per month as holidays

- Between 30 to 35 hours per week of activities

- Training from MONTIS technicians.



PLACES WHERE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE

Vouzela and **São Pedro do Sul** are around 30 km from Viseu, one hour/1h20 from Porto and approximately three hours from Lisbon.



Carvalho de Vermilhas (Vouzela)

- Total area: 5.5 ha
- Part of the Vouga-Caramulo Local Natural Park and in Caramulo mountain
- Acquired through crowdfunding
- Oak grove regenerating after the 2017 fire
- Here, support will be given to natural regeneration, some planting will be done to enhance the habitat and accesses will be opened and maintained

Baldio de Carvalhais (São Pedro do Sul)

- Total area: 100 ha
- Located in wolf territory and part of Natura 2000 Network - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) Serras da Freita e Arada (PTCON0047), in Arada mountains
- Mountain habitat where the forest has been replaced by brooms due to lack of management and absence of forest fires
- Recovery of the area's forest mosaic



Cerdeirinha (São Pedro do Sul)

- Total area: 2.6 ha
- Burned in 2017
- Abundant natural regeneration of cork oaks and oaks, currently with a good canopy
- Here, support will be given to natural regeneration and accesses will be opened and maintained

DEADLINES AND CONTACTS

How to apply:

Email us at montisacn@gmail.com, expressing your interest in volunteering with us, with a CV and motivation letter attached.

Deadlines:

- 1st team: applications until December 21st
- 2nd team: applications until January 13th
- 3rd team: applications until March 10th

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