



# VOLUNTEERING INFOPACK

# VOLUNTEER WITH MONTIS

2025/2026  
PORTUGAL



# INFO - ORGANIZATION




**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 TASKS

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Volunteers will be involved in different nature conservation tasks for ecological restoration of forest areas. The main tasks will include: **support of natural regeneration** by pruning of trees to enhance growth, **natural engineering techniques** to prevent soil erosion and support of waterlines, **plantation** of native species, maintenance of paths and clearings, **control of invasive species** and more.

The volunteers will also be engaging with the **activities planned** by the association for the time they will be with us, such as activities for the community, schools, companies, international work camps, bioblitzs, biodiversity walks and more.

It will be beneficial if volunteers are interested in engaging with our **social media** to share the work they will be doing to our community..



# CONDITIONS

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## **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**

- Support finding accommodation
- Expenses support to be discussed with sending organisation

### **- 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 CAN TAKE PLACE

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**MONTIS** has around 300ha of land under management in Portugal, the volunteer will be working on different areas depending on the time of the volunteering period and ecological needs for each area. The association office is in **Vouzela**. Some areas where we will be working:



## **Pampilhosa da Serra (Cabril and Souto do Brejo)**

- Total area: 11 ha
- Acquired through crowdfunding
- Eucalyptus forest conversion to native forest
- Here, support will be given to natural regeneration, some planting will be done to enhance the habitat, control of invasive species (eucalyptus) 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



## **Vieiro (São Pedro do Sul)**

- Total area: 25 ha
- Burned in 2024
- Abundant natural regeneration of cork oaks and oaks.
- Here, support will be given to control of invasive species, plantations, and support of natural regeneration after the fire.

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