

# Youthpass

## GIUSEPPE ELEFANTE

born on **21/06/2003** in **Salerno, Italy**

volunteered in  
**Shelters of Solidarity 2. (Support Volunteering)**  
in the organisation **Egyesek Youth Association**  
in **BUDAPEST, Hungary**  
from **13/08/2022** to **28/08/2022**

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Shelters of Solidarity was a short term volunteering camp in Budapest, Hungary, where international volunteers worked together to grant meaningful programmes in a summer camp for children who have been forced to flee Ukraine. The camp was organised by Egyesek Youth Association in a partnership with Terre des hommes (a leading Swiss child relief organization) and with the Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy and Its Institutions, who has been assisting Ukrainian refugees in the municipality's accommodations. The main activity was holding workshops and leisure time activities for the children in the camp and refugee shelters to improve their resilience and general well-being.

### THE TASKS OF GIUSEPPE ELEFANTE IN THE PROJECT:

Volunteers organized and animated games and sports activities for the children, which served a wide range of psychosocial needs and skills such as joy, affection, trust, empathy, respect, and contact. Volunteers spent a lot of time together with children in big, small groups and individually and played them a lot to bring laugh, run and move in their life.

### GIUSEPPE ELEFANTE TOOK PART IN THE FOLLOWING TRAINING ACTIVITIES:

Volunteers participated in an onboarding training, where they learnt games with a psychosocial aims and facilitations skills.

The European Solidarity Corps is a European Union programme, which provides volunteering, traineeship and job opportunities to young people who want to bring positive change to communities across Europe and beyond. It allows young people to develop themselves and gain valuable competences through an enriching experience abroad or in their home country, while promoting the value of solidarity, citizenship and social cohesion.



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**Tamás Komáromi**  
Legal representative

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## COMPETENCES DEVELOPED BY GIUSEPPE ELEFANTE

The following summary is a result of a reflection and self-assessment process that took place during and after the project, under the supervision and guidance of the youth worker **Szilvia Szimcsara**.

## KEY COMPETENCES

Based on the EU framework for Key Competences for lifelong learning (2018).

### MULTILINGUAL COMPETENCE

While my level of English was already proficient before participating in the project, I improved my multilingual competencies and my ability to learn languages (eg. Spanish and Hungarian) in a diverse cultural environment.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND LEARNING TO LEARN COMPETENCE

During the project working with these very disadvantaged youths was at times really demanding and at the same time, the opportunity to work with a multicultural group helped me face and overcome the more difficult parts. This experience helped me reinforce and build interpersonal skills and it helped me realize my weaknesses and my strengths.

### CITIZENSHIP COMPETENCE

During the project I came in contact with many realities many very different from my own, I think that seeing and hearing about so many other European cultures made me realize what European values we have in common and it helped form my own identity as a citizen of Europe.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETENCE

In the course of this experience, I had the opportunity to learn project management skills, working together with the other volunteers to handle and organize the camps and sometimes make last-minute decisions.

### CULTURAL AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION COMPETENCE

The cultural mosaic that was my team of volunteers helped me learn all about the different European cultures and costumes, their favourite music and pastimes, and seeing how our different education gave us different problem-solving skills.

### DIGITAL COMPETENCE

I had the opportunity to calibrate a 3d printing machine for a workshop for the kids during the course of the camp. Thanks to this experience I learned how a 3d printer works and how to set up one.



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## MATHEMATICAL COMPETENCE AND COMPETENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

During the project, I was given an allowance and I was able to budget that allowance during my entire stay in Budapest.

## LITERACY COMPETENCE

The literary competence that was given to me by this experience was when at the end of the project we had to write a letter to every volunteer providing a proper description of the person's character and our experiences past together. In addition, I had to deal with different times of documents like a timesheet.

## TASK SPECIFIC COMPETENCES

The opportunity to work with Romani people who are the most disadvantaged group in our continent was emotionally very formative, it helped me have an awareness of a reality that I had always neglected. The chaotic organization of the camp helped me to learn to quickly make decisions and solve problems.

**Giuseppe Elefante**  
volunteer

**Szilvia Szimcsara**  
youth worker

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Further information about the project and about the European Solidarity Corps can be found here:  
<https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity>

