

1. ESF Starter Kit – Introduction

ESF - the Idea

The main objective of **Études Sans Frontiers (ESF) – Studies Without Borders** is to assist motivated students from war and crisis regions in such a way as to enable them to implement their own development projects. We believe that educated young people with the motivation for constructive engagement are crucial for the successful reconstruction of their home region.

ESF Chapters are active in a range of different countries (currently Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Spain). Apart from the commonly shared objective, ESF Chapters also seek to inform the public about the situation in the target regions, form public opinion and establish a cultural cross-border interchange.

ESF groups are currently running or planning projects in Chechnya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Rwanda, Haiti and Western Sahara, with projects in further regions to come.

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ESF is eager to spread to other countries and regions in order to get additional support for our cause. Therefore we have compiled a list of documents that will support the process of initiating new local groups.

It is important to note that every local group enjoys a great level of independence within the general ESF structures. The Support Groups of ESF International have been set up to encourage new initiatives. Do not hesitate to get in touch with start@esf-international.org.

Naturally, as students, people only have a restricted amount of time to invest in extra-curricular activities. This is the reason why we suggest to introduce a range of core positions within a local group with clear duties and competences. The idea of this Starter Kit is to facilitate the setting up of new local groups and to support those who are motivated to get engaged.

ESF Starter Kit – the Documents

1. Introduction
2. First Steps
3. Local Tasks
4. Local Coordination
5. Fundraising Overview

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