

Who are we?

Introduction

COCAT is the International Working Camps Organizers Coordinator of Catalonia, a **platform of organizations** founded in 2005 and integrated by those Catalan entities which organize international camps more than 2 consecutive years and which have the will of becoming members. Currently, COCAT members are: [Balmes Blancs](#), [Casal de Joves de Cardedeu](#), [CRUC](#), [Fundació Catalana de l'Esplai](#), [Fundació Escolta Josep Carol](#), [Centre Excursionista Empordanès](#), [RAI](#), [Obre't Ebre](#), [Ascalfó](#) and [GEPV](#).

Members of COCAT such as educational organizations of **participative and social nature**, organize the working camps as a tool of international volunteering to promote the **cultural exchange**. The aim promoting the knowledge of Catalonia among youngsters around the world, from the singularity which represent by recognizing the Catalan social and cultural realities.

The main target of COCAT is promoting the international volunteering as a tool for getting in touch with several realities. Through the network with the Catalan entities and from all over the world have built a an **integral project of volunteering** in where different sorts of volunteering are carried out (working camps, long term projects, SVE, international teaching).

*The voluntary projects through working are held under the range of **values such as the inclusion, education for sustainability, equality, international solidarity as well as social participation.***

Sustainability: In which is developed to increase sustainability in the international projects of volunteering in where volunteers participate in the local community, specially through the campaign "[Environmental sustainability campaign](#)".

Camps for everyone: In which Catalan international entities standing for the inclusion as well as the accessibility of projects of international volunteering, especially in the frame of the campaign "[Accessing workcamps](#)".

What do we do?

Objectives

Coordinating Catalan youth organizations. The coordination of international workcamps in Catalonia has been right from the start the foundational task of COCAT. From the very beginning COCAT has developed its action paths, bearing in mind the nature of itself: as a unity which promotes international volunteering as a tool of individual development and collective on one hand, and as a coordinator of Catalan youth organizations on the other hand.

Working for volunteering, COCAT has got a big capacity of mobilization. Yearly, over 500 young Catalans are engaged in voluntary projects abroad and over 300 young people from all over the world participate in international working camps which are held by Catalan youth organizations. The entity develops an integral volunteering program which includes programs and activities for:

*Inclusion through international volunteering
Training through no formal learning
Participation and education on values
Long term volunteering*

COCAT is not a travel agency: It is a platform of organizations which promotes volunteering in a wise way with the shared values with other associations whom is working with in order to strengthen the community and own development as well as the intercultural learning.

Working in an international and local net, COCAT is working to represent Catalonia and its entities in the international frame. It looks for strengthening the synergies between the reality of the Catalan association network and the reality of international associations, being a bridge between both sides.

For further information, meet the [international organizations around the world](#) with whom COCAT works with.



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

If you'd like to get more information about the international campaigns of sustainability and inclusion COCAT is collaborating with and about the net Alliance in general, you can find more information by clicking [here](#).