

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES

### Criteria

We welcome adults (18+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who will benefit from living or participating in a nurturing community environment, which will permit them to enjoy a full life and to develop their autonomy and their social, creative, and practical capabilities. Most new resident members will live in one of the houses in the ESTIA “village” but we are looking forward to preparing all those who are willing and able to live and work semi-independently in town.

All ESTIA members are expected to fully participate in the life of the community and share community and household tasks which suit their abilities. They will also work, either in our workshops for 3 hours every weekday, or if they can, in the Social Cooperative of the region. They are encouraged to choose from several activities or hobbies, such as yoga, baking, sports, theatre and much more, but also to engage in social relationships with the local society. For this, everyone should be able to move, eat and go to the toilet independently. We are also not able to host people who are, or can be, a threat to themselves or others. All must speak Greek.

For residents of Greece, the living fees are covered by the National Social Security and a European Program. The only expenses for families relate to personal items (clothing, special medication, personal shopping, and outings, etc.).

All day members’ participation costs, including transport from and to their homes are covered by a European Program and by Social Security.

### How to Apply

All prospective new members must follow a standard application procedure. This includes an application form, assessment by appropriate doctors and social workers, a trial period, **and a post-trial review period by ESTIA, the candidate and the candidate’s family.**

The first step is to visit us, before considering to start the application process. For more information and to arrange for a visit please [contact](#) our office.