



EYV FLOW - Issue 14, October 2011

Welcome to the 14th September EYV Flow, the EYV 2011 Alliance Newsletter. If you have any suggestion about the EYV Flow or contributions for future editions please contact the EYV 2011 Alliance secretariat. In the text or through hyperlinks you can find EYV 2011 Alliance news together with profiles of the members, a "city focus" and announcements. Please [subscribe](#) on the [EYV 2011 Alliance](#) Web Portal to receive the EYV Flow directly to your e-mail and help us to map the readership.

EYV 2011 Alliance engage stakeholders

"La Reentrée" has seen the EYV 2011 Alliance busily contribute to the policy debate and promotion of volunteering in the EU: 2 September [ECAS 20th Anniversary conference](#); 5 September [UN DPI conference](#); 7-8 September [YFJ Volunteer Rights Stakeholder conference](#); 9-10 September [YFJ European Volunteer Convention](#); 10 September ECYC workshop on value of volunteering; 9 September XVI autumn school –international volunteering; 16-18 September [UNV/ Red Cross conference](#); 19 September People to People Study visit "Volunteering Policies"; 21 September [EP Intergroup on Active Ageing "Enhancing the participation of older volunteers through the European Year of Volunteering \(EYV2011\)"; 21 – 22 September UK CSV Flagship project "Volunteering and Broadcasting"; 27 September EESC hearing "Legal Frameworks for Volunteering"; 30 September EESC meeting "Value of Volunteering". See report section.](#)

EYV 2011 Alliance at the V-Village

Continuing to work towards the symbolic collection of 1 million volunteer hours from across Europe EYV 2011 Alliance volunteers and staff organised a [dedicated stand](#) in the II European Volunteer Convention. A total of 95,177 hours were collected during 2 days from volunteers and "soon to become volunteers" who visited to the V-Village. Two lucky volunteers who [pledged their hours online](#) during the Convention were [randomly selected](#) during the [closing ceremony](#) to join the EU delegation to China for the [EU China Year of Youth Closing Ceremony](#) later this year. Check EYV 2011 Alliance photo albums [here](#).



EYV 2011 Alliance awarded European Citizens' Prize

Supported by Intel, the [European Citizens' Prize – CIVI EUROPAEO PRAEMIUM](#) was presented by [Marian Harkin MEP](#) on behalf of [EP President Jerzy Buzek](#) on 30 September 2011 in the presence of EYV 2011 Alliance representatives and other invited guests. [See more.](#)



ENGSO Hearing "Sport Volunteers: Promoting an Active Europe" at EP

In the context of the 14th ENGSO Forum, taking place in Brussels, European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation [ENGSO](#) will organize a Hearing "Sport Volunteers: Promoting an Active Europe" at the European Parliament on 13 October 2011, Altiero Spinelli, A3H1 at 13.00-15.00. Policies enabling volunteering, and challenges and solutions for volunteering will be discussed by MEP's and representatives of the sport organisations during the hearing. For registration contact [pekkola\[at\]euoffice.eurolympic.org](mailto:pekkola[at]euoffice.eurolympic.org) at the latest on 6 October.

EDYN&Eurodiaconia Conference: "Volunteering as a means to fight social exclusion in Europe today"

[Eurodiaconia](#) and [Eurodiaconia](#) invite you on 7-8 November in Brussels to a gathering of diaconal organisations, volunteer engaging organisations, policy makers and representatives from the European institutions to look at the role of volunteering in fighting social exclusion in Europe. The meeting is open to practitioners and policy makers interested to learn more about how volunteering can be used to promote social inclusion and for participants to share examples best practice in this area. [Download invitation.](#)

The Big Green Weekend: Less talk - more action! 22nd – 23rd October 2011

Once a year, one weekend, one Europe working together for European nature. Small actions – one giant movement! All across Europe, organised in each country by [Conservation Volunteers Alliance \(CVA\)](#) partners and others, volunteers work together on a huge range of inspiring environmental conservation projects to care for Europe's nature. If you want to join in find an event near you [here](#). If you want to organise an event contact [A.Prosser\[at\]btvc.org.uk](mailto:A.Prosser[at]btvc.org.uk)

AGE position paper on active ageing through older volunteering

AGE has launched its position paper on active ageing through older volunteering at the Intergroup on Ageing and Inter-generational solidarity meeting on 'Enhancing the participation of older volunteers through the 2011 European Year of Volunteering (EYV2011)'. This Intergroup meeting where the EYV 2011 Alliance was represented on the panel also saw the adoption by several MEPs of a Resolution on the importance of involving older people in volunteering activities. [Read paper.](#) [Read Age Press](#)

EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile



The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

is a volunteer driven organisation. The focus of WOSM in its European Region is on supporting the National Scout Organisations (NSOs) to deliver the Scout educational proposal in the most effective way through the provision of events, tailored support, coaching and other direct support. Some recent aspects of support have been in terms of renovating the structures of the operation, supporting training, development of personal skills, analysis and development of motivation, management and recruitment of volunteers and in recognition of learning in Scouting. In order to ensure that Scouting grows, WOSM advocates strongly for volunteering and for an enabling environment for volunteers and their organisations in different aspects of their operations. [Read more.](#)



Caritas Europa is a network of 49 Caritas organisations in 45 European countries, and one of the seven regions of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organisations working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed.

Caritas member organisations include volunteers in all levels of the organisation, i.e. from local and parish level, on diocesan and national level, and in different roles, ranging from organising activities for poor and/or excluded people to being a board member. Caritas engages people suffering from social exclusion as volunteers in the organisation as a step in the process of reintegration into society. Caritas would be unable to function without the invaluable contribution of volunteers and organises capacity building sessions for volunteers. [Read more.](#)

EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Athens, Greece Volunteers are active ambassadors of acceptance and solidarity in Athens

One of the largest and most inspiring volunteering event of 2011 took place in the framework of [Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011](#) from June 20 to July 4 hosting 7,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities and 25,000 volunteers from all over the world. Special Olympics is based upon the idea of volunteerism as volunteers have been the cornerstone to develop the movement in 180 countries and regions worldwide. Special Olympics serve as an effective catalyst for a social change towards understanding and acceptance of people with intellectual disability.



From June 10 until July 10, 100 young European citizens, aged 18-30 years old offered volunteer service to [Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011](#). Their participation was supported by the European Commission within the framework of Action 2 of Youth in Action Programme (EVS, European Voluntary Service).

The young volunteers came mainly from member organizations of the ["Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations"](#) from Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom.

They contributed to the success of the event and supported the Special Olympics athletes in the sport venues as well as in the non-sport sites. On every occasion they promoted the goals of IYV+10 and the European Year of Volunteering 2011. Above all, volunteers were active ambassadors of hope, acceptance, solidarity and of the transforming effect volunteerism can have in society.



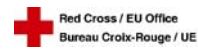
Announcements

Upcoming events:

October 7-8: CSV/nej - Centro Servizi Volontariato Friuli Venezia Giulia International Conference "Italy – Central and South Eastern Europe Volunteering and institutions in comparison", [Register here](#) (Deadline : 3

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RedTalk: International Aid - Eroding sustainable community volunteering?



RedTalk is a series of live events organised by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Mukesh Kapila hosted a RedTalk session during the Global Volunteer Conference in Budapest, talking to Masooda Bano, Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. The negative impact of aid on development has been a recurring and controversial subject in recent years. Drawing on her extensive research in this field, Masooda Bano asserts that there is a strong negative correlation between foreign aid, and voluntary organisations' ability to mobilise communities. Follow the complete conversation which is available as webcast [here](#).

EC adopts Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering on 20 September 2011

The European Commission has announced plans to further improve the recognition and promotion of volunteering in the EU. In the context of European Year of Volunteering 2011, the Commission's Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering outlines a range of measures that will help foster voluntary activities in the EU. This is the first time the European Commission has adopted a policy document dedicated exclusively to volunteering. [Read Press release](#). [Read the Communication COM\(2011\) 568 final](#).

European Council conclusions on volunteering and social policy

At the 3114th Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting in Luxembourg on 3 October 2011, the Council adopted the conclusions on the role of voluntary activities in social policy. [Read more](#).

EYV 2011 Tour in Warsaw, Helsinki, Riga

In September 2011, the EYV tour took place in [Warsaw](#), [Helsinki](#) and [Riga](#). Find out more about participating in the [EYV 2011 tour in your country](#). The EYV Tour Press releases are available in our [Press Kit](#). Check the [EYV tour dates here](#) & contact the [National Coordinating Bodies](#) in each Member State to participate. The [EYV 2011 logo](#) in 23 languages and all visual elements are available.



EYV 2011 Volunteering Stockshots, part 3

The Audio Visual team at the European Commission, EbS have made available the third [volunteering stockshots](#) featuring volunteers from EYV 2011 Alliance member organizations to be used free of charge by anyone during 2011 and beyond. [Watch the stockshots](#) and [Download the stockshots script](#).



Staffan Nilsson's Comment : our society's glue – volunteering



On 13th September 2011, EESC President Staffan Nilsson commented "About a thousand young volunteers brought a breath of fresh air to the EU institutions' headquarters during the second half of last week. They pumped in some fresh, young and optimistic European oxygen at this time when we're feeling almost suffocated by the Euro crisis....." [Read the full comment](#).

Conference "Italy – Central and South Eastern Europe Volunteering and institutions in comparison"

CSVnet cooperate with one of its members, Centro Servizi Volontariato Friuli Venezia Giulia, for the organisation of the International Conference "Italy – Central and South Eastern Europe Volunteering and institutions in comparison". At the border between Italy and Slovenia, in Gorizia, from the 7 to the 9 October, the Conference opens up spaces for in-depth analysis and comparison between European, national and local institutions and voluntary organisations on issues fundamental for social cohesion and for the European strategy 2020. The event represents an important occasion to involve in scheduled initiatives the volunteering systems of countries not yet members of the European Union. No charges for participation, [register here](#) before 3 Oct.

Expanding pro bono justice in Europe

The [2011 European Pro Bono Forum](#)—which will take place in Berlin on 17–18 November 2011—will bring together more than 300 lawyers, NGO representatives, and academics from throughout Europe and around the world to explore how they can best collaborate to address the most critical issues of social justice facing the continent. Sponsored by PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law, the European Pro Bono Forum offers an unparalleled opportunity for participants to deepen their knowledge of current and emerging issues in the development of European pro bono law. [Read more](#).

Global Volunteer Conference in Budapest

Jointly organized by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme and the International Federation of Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), [the Global Volunteer Conference \(GVC\)](#) gathered about 200 leaders in Budapest from 15 to 17 September 2011. Plenary sessions and roundtables covered topics related to sustainable development and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), volunteering in emergencies and recovery, and an enabling environment for volunteering. Participants included governments, international organizations, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), private sectors and national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. One of the first global conferences on volunteerism with high level participants, the GVC concluded with a [joint declaration on volunteering for sustainable future](#) which will be used by different organizations, as well as for discussion by the UN General Assembly in December. [Read more](#).

Broadcasting and Volunteering

On 21-22 September, the [CSV's conference on Broadcasting and Volunteering](#), an EYV 2011 Flagship project, took place within the framework of the European Year on Volunteering 2011. The conference brought together broadcasters and the voluntary sector to explore traditional and new media as means to promote volunteering across Europe. The conference highlighted that active and engaged citizens are the building blocks of a healthy society and media is crucial to inform and involve both non-volunteers and volunteers and gave [examples of how EYV 2011 supports this](#). Tips were given by broadcasting organisations like the BBC, and by volunteering organisations who have experience with promoting volunteering in the media. Some interesting examples: [human.nl](#) | [radioarticol1](#) | [BBC Radio 1](#).

October 2011).

October 10-13: Open Days 2011, CoR [9th European Week of Regions and Cities](#), Brussels, Belgium.

October 13-14: Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy, Limassol, Cyprus, [Read more](#).

October 13-14: ENGSO Hearing "[Sport Volunteers: Promoting an Active Europe](#)", EP, Brussels, Belgium. For registration contact [pekkola\[at\]euoffice.eurolympic.org](mailto:pekkola[at]euoffice.eurolympic.org) until 6 Oct.

October 17: FAFCE conference "[European Year of Volunteering: The contribution of 'invisible work' to the creation of wealth – an added value to the social cohesion](#)", EESC, Brussels (Deadline: 10 Oct)

October 17-19: [Africa Conference on Volunteer Action for Development](#), Johannesburg. Registration begins on 14 July.

October 19-21: CEV Symposium - "[Volunteering and Active Citizenship - two sides of the same coin?](#)" Berlin, Germany (Deadline: 11 Oct)

October 19-21: MUSIS conference "[European heritage in our hands, Volunteering as mutual challenge and opportunity in civic society](#)", Graz, Austria

October 20-23: 20th annual [Volonteur Conference](#), "[Make a difference by volunteering](#)", Edinburgh, UK. [Register here](#)

October 20-27: [European Tour Conference Week](#), Netherlands.

October 21-22: [Séminaire européen sur le bénévolat en Val-de-Marne](#), Créteil, France. [Download program](#). [Read more](#).

October 23-30: UNOY "[PAVE your way! Peace and Volunteering in Europe](#)", Budapest, Hungary.

October 26-27: Institute for Social Work and Social Education European Conference "[Volunteering and gainful employment in Europe](#)" - Challenges and models of organizational and social policy, Munich, Germany. [Read more](#).

November 7-8: EDYN and Eurodiaconia Conference: "[Volunteering as a means to fight social exclusion in Europe today](#)", Brussels, Belgium. [Read more](#).

November 9: [EESC](#) Public Hearing on Employee volunteering

November 9-13: [II European Conference on Volunteering](#), Barcelona, Spain. [Read more](#). [Register here](#) (Deadline: 23 Oct)

December 16: Volunteer Development Scotland "[Recognition and Accreditation of Learning through Volunteering conference](#)". For more info contact [eyv2011\[at\]vds.org.uk](mailto:eyv2011[at]vds.org.uk).

February 14-17, 2012: SEVEN NETWORK: [A Conference on Senior Volunteering](#). IMP.ACT. IMProving ACTION of Senior Volunteers in Europe, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Download [Info](#) or [Program](#).

European Commission:

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On the [official European Commission calendar of EYV 2011](#) get an overview of EYV 2011 events across Europe! [Download the form](#) and send it to the EC at [sn.volunteering\[at\]paueducation.com](mailto:sn.volunteering[at]paueducation.com) to include your events on the calendar.

Funding Opportunities:

EC Call for proposals to support youth projects of regional or local authorities, NGOs and corporate social responsibility initiatives of private bodies. This call supports activities like youth exchanges, youth volunteering abroad and youth work cooperation. Deadline: 3 November 2011. [Read more](#).

Research and reports

European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps Stakeholder Conference Report", European Commission DG ECHO, 2011. [Read more](#).

"**The role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training**. General report of EUCIS-LLL Annual Conference", Krakow 9 May 2011. [Read more](#).

"**Paper on the economic value of volunteering and contribution-in-kind**. Roundtable discussion on European financial regulation review and civil society", 2011. Contributions from EUCLID and Volonteurpe. [Read more](#).

"**EVS training and evaluation cycle, guidelines and minimum quality standards**", European Commission, Youth in Action Programme, 2011. [Read more](#).

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