

**CEV Webinar**  
**Volunteering in Post COVID19 Crisis: What now?**  
**July 24th 2020, 10:30 - 12:00 (Brussels time)**

Since the first day of the COVID19 pandemic crisis, citizens have responded by adapting and launching numerous volunteer initiatives. This has demonstrated, beyond all doubt, the importance of volunteers and a vibrant and responsive civil society, reflecting the spirit of a resilient and caring community. In a context where, in many parts of Europe, volunteers, volunteer organisations and volunteering infrastructure organisations have suffered from a lack of investment and absence of public and State support in recent times, this unprecedented situation has **highlighted more than ever just how critical volunteers are to our society, especially as a key partner of local policymakers at municipality level.**

*"We live in a moment where there is so much we do not know, but one thing is for sure, solidarity and people who care can literally mean life. I hope we will take that insight into the future".* Lejla Sehic Relic, CEV President

CEV calls for policymakers to "step up a gear" regarding volunteering policies and programmes. This "change of gear" should include increased focus, intensity and speed of investment and partnership development with volunteer-involving and volunteer infrastructure organisations and lead to a situation that more properly reflects the importance of the energy, expertise, and commitment of volunteers for health, well-being and solidarity in Europe, whilst avoiding the exploitation of volunteers in for-profit settings. **This webinar will explore the actions already planned and/or in place in different countries and contexts in Europe, and provide the space to exchange good practice and to inspire others.**

### Agenda

**10:30 - 10:35** Welcoming **Lejla Sehic Relic**, CEV President

**10:35 - 11:55** Presentations with 10 minutes Q&A after each one

- **Micky Lefranc**, Board member of France Benevolat: *"In search of new ways of Volunteering. Covid19 and its consequences on Volunteering"*.
- **Mary Gaerty**, President of National Council of Woman, **Gertrude Buttigieg**, President of Malta Health Network & **Mauro Pace Parascandolo**, CEO of Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS): *"The Malta Experience"*.
- **George Thomson**, CEO of Volunteer Scotland: *"Wearing the volunteer's shoes"*.
- **Joana Bacelar**, CNE Youth Projects Executive Coordinator: *"From nature to home and community - the adaptation of scouting in Portugal"*.

**11:55 - 12:00** Closing