



EYV FLOW - Issue 15, November 2011

Welcome to the 15th November 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 September meeting

The 36 participants representing 26 EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations met at the European Economic and Social Committee Brussels in September. Participants discussed the second draft of the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E) and came up with key recommendations and questions to put forward to be considered by the EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups. The future of the EYV 2011 Alliance was also discussed as were the arrangements for the European Citizens' Prize Award ceremony that was scheduled for the following day. [Read the full report.](#)



EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups

The EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups had a fourth meeting in September 2011. The 6 working groups established by the EYV 2011 Alliance involve more than 100 experts, many of them volunteers themselves. The European Policy Agenda on Volunteering is scheduled to be approved at the EYV 2011 Alliance SG meeting on 17 November 2011 and will be presented to policy makers at the EC EYV 2011 closing conference in Warsaw on 1st December 2011. [Read the full report.](#)



EYV 2011 Alliance: volunteering and religious affairs

Members, Eurodiaconia (Heather Roy) and Caritas (Jorge Nuño Mayer), together with EYV 2011 Alliance Project Manager Gabriella Civico addressed the EPP Group Working Group on Intercultural Dialogue and Religious Affairs on October 12th. [Read more.](#)



EYV 2011 Alliance: participate online!

See the new [question of the month](#). Check the latest offers in the [Online Marketplace](#). Register your [volunteering hours](#). Share your ideas and news through [facebook](#) and [twitter](#). Exchange your expertise in the [resources library](#). Send your feedback.

JOIN exhibition "Volunteer without borders"

johanniter international  Johanniter International invites you to attend the opening ceremony of the JOIN exhibition "Volunteer without borders, a tribute to the European Year of Volunteering" on 8 November 6:30 pm at the European Parliament (Galerie Cafeteria, level 0, ASP building). The exhibition takes place between 7-11 November 2011 and is hosted by Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, MEP. The opening ceremony will be followed by a reception and the opportunity to exchange views with JOIN volunteers and board members. Please register for the ceremony until 1 November 2011 at [join.office\[at\]johanniter.org](mailto:join.office[at]johanniter.org) with your date of birth, passport number and place of residence.



Please save the date! Volunteers without borders | 7 - 11 November 2011

Volonteurope Conference in Edinburgh

volont europe  EYV 2011 Alliance project manager Gabriella Civico joined fellow panelists John Knights, Sam Mars and Denise Swanson for the closing session of the 20th Volonteurope conference in Edinburgh, Scotland to reflect on the achievements of EYV 2011 so far and the expected legacy. The session culminated a vibrant conference with challenging debates and inspiring master classes. [Read more.](#)



ACE Awards October 2011

volont europe  The 2011 ACE awards winners were presented with their awards in the magnificent venue of Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh. The award winners were presented their awards by the judges John Macdonald (EC), Gabriella Civico (EYV 2011 Alliance), Matthew McGhee (CSV Youth Board Member) and Francis Lake (Lloyds Banking Group). [Full details here.](#)



SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards Call for Nominations

solidar  Each year, the SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards celebrate individuals and organisations whose extraordinary struggles contribute to social justice and solidarity in Europe and throughout the world. The winners are awarded at a ceremony in the European Parliament on 6 March 2012. If you have individuals or organisations that you would like to nominate, please fill in the [nomination form](#) and send it back to [silverrose\[at\]solidar.org](mailto:silverrose[at]solidar.org) by 23 November 2011.

EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile



International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE) is an international non-profit youth volunteer exchange organisation founded in 1949. The ICYE Federation has 40 member and partner countries worldwide, of which 13 are European based national organizations. ICYE fosters youth mobility and intercultural learning through short and longterm voluntary service activities as well as study visits, training courses and issue seminars. ICYE's programs, which are founded on principles of global education and intercultural learning, aim to address social and educational needs of today's youth, by enhancing young people's sensitivity towards social and cultural differences, as well as their self confidence and problem solving abilities. [Read more.](#)



The Euclid Network's membership includes leaders of volunteering organisations and organisations that manage volunteers. On estimate, Euclid members collectively manage 1.2 million volunteers. Using a 'trickle down' methodology, Euclid Network (EN)

engages in volunteering through developing leaders and organisations in a sustainable way, who are then able to better manage and provide opportunities for Europe's volunteers. Recognising the importance of volunteering Euclid Network have developed several services and resources to develop volunteering across Europe: international job-shadowing exchanges where third sector leaders volunteer at another organisation to develop their leadership. [Read more.](#)

EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Lippstadt-Uden, Germany-Netherlands

Cross-border volunteer exchange Uden-Lippstadt

25 volunteers from [Uden](#) (Noord-Brabant, Netherlands) travelled in October 2011 to [Lippstadt](#) (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany). The volunteers were reunited in the framework of the same voluntary service project which took place in Uden in May 2011. The volunteers committed to various tasks such as a campaign for UNICEF, restoring gardens and planting trees in a youth centre, taking part in an afternoon for the elderly, renovating the local animal shelter, raising money by selling waffles on the market...etc. These exchanges were organised in the framework of the European Year of Volunteering.



Although the exchange was initially designed as a single action, many volunteers found it was a good idea for this successful project to continue in the coming years. The project was the result of a collaboration between the two cities building upon 40 years of friendship. "In brilliant sunshine all participants spent an exciting day in Lippstadt. New contacts were made and others strengthened. But in the first place the meeting focused on the voluntary work and the pleasure to engage with others." concluded the organisers. [Read more.](#)

Announcements

Upcoming events:

November 7: 14.00 – 17.00 "Towards a successful European Year 2012 for Active ageing and intergenerational solidarity" co-organised by AGE and Kartika Liotard MEP, European Parliament, Brussels.

November 7-8: EDYN and Eurodiaconia Conference: "Volunteering as a means to fight social exclusion in Europe today", Brussels, Belgium.

November 8: 6:30 pm, Opening ceremony JOIN exhibition "Volunteer without borders, a tribute to the European Year of Volunteering" 7-11 November 2011, European Parliament. Register at [join.office\[at\]johanniter.org](mailto:join.office[at]johanniter.org) before 1 November 2011.

November 8: 9:30-17:15 "International Volunteering: Which Role for Europe?" organised by France Volontaires and CLONG Volontariat, European Parliament, Brussels.

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

The Big Green Weekend



EYV 2011 Alliance Project Manager Gabriella Civico and Executive Group member Piotr Sadowski were amongst the thousands of Volunteers across Europe doing their bit for conservation and the environment in October 2011. Expertly trained and directed by BTCV in Scotland Gabriella and Piotr, together with other Volunteurope conference participants, cleared unwanted plant growth in a municipal park in Edinburgh.



EC Communication on CSR

In it's Communication "A renewed EU strategy 2011-14 for Corporate Social Responsibility" the EC again stresses the role of employee volunteering as an expression of CSR. The role of Trade unions and civil society organisations in identifying problems, bringing pressure for improvement and working constructively with enterprises to co-build solutions is also emphasised. [Read More.](#)

EYV 2011 Tour in Berlin and Amsterdam

In October 2011, the EYV tour took place in [Berlin](#) and [Amsterdam](#). 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.



EESC Conference Europe of Active Citizens: volunteering



The conference on 'Europe of Active Citizens: volunteering' was organised in Warsaw on 30 September 2011 by EESC Group III in collaboration with the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland, the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the European Commission Representation in Poland. [Read more.](#)

Levi Strauss & Co. Community Day

During the Levi Strauss & Co. Community Day John MacDonald (EC) provided employees with some insight on the important role of volunteers in Europe. His guest blog can be found [here](#). This year employees in 19 countries rolled up their sleeves and contributed over 8,500 volunteer hours to 65 projects and committed over \$150,000 in grants to Levi Strauss & Co. community partners.



Youth volunteering for global development

On the occasion of the International Year of Volunteers + 10 (IYV+10) 2011 and the European Year of Volunteering 2011, the 12th Edition of the [University on Youth and Development](#) was held around the promotion of awareness of youth volunteering for Global Development and joining efforts to give visibility and engage into a debate about Youth Volunteering for Global Development. [See the video](#) created during the [University on Youth and Development](#), about "being a volunteer".



Solidarité 25th Stage Anniversary

Organized Solidarité organises volunteering opportunities for EC Stagiaires and their dream is to formally expand it further to staff and trainees of all the EU Institutions. Some photos of the celebration of 25 Stages of Solidarité in February this year are available for [download here](#). Commissioner Vassiliou, staff from different EU Institutions, community groups, media and of course current and ex-stagiaires were all there.

Volunteer days in Slovakia

The Slovak Volunteer Days took place on 23 and 24 September 2011 in 65 towns and villages of Slovakia. This event was open for anybody who decided to devote his/her time and help the community he/she lived in. There were 165 volunteer activities involving over 6 741 volunteers by various NGOs, social and health care facilities, municipalities, and also informal groups of citizens. C.A.R.D.O. organised this event in the cooperation with other Regional Volunteer Centres in Slovakia. [Read full-article.](#) [View photos.](#)



5th November international volunteer manager's day

Since 2008 International volunteer manager's day is celebrated around the world on 5th November. If you are interested in honouring the professionals and volunteers who safeguard the management of volunteer resources, find out more [here](#). A small and dedicated team of volunteers is driving the promotion of IVM Day internationally, including EYV 2011 Alliance Working Group Co-chair Rob Jackson

A week of applause in the Netherlands

11 – 18 September saw the week of Applause in the Netherlands. Dozens of organisations put their volunteers in the spotlight by organizing a round of applause. You need inspiration to organise a round of applause? Videos and examples of applause during the week of Applause in the Netherlands are available [here](#).



Discover e-volunteering- Final voting

You can choose the winners of the ['Discover e-volunteering' Competition!](#) Read descriptions of the finalists, and choose 3 projects which you think are the most valuable and deserve the financial prize to further their development. Remember! You can [vote](#) everyday until November 3rd.

November 9: EYV 2011 National Volunteer Management Conference "[Enabling and Enhancing Volunteering Through Best Practice in Volunteer Management](#)", Dublin, Ireland.

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

November 22: 09:30-12:30 "European Values in action: Volunteering for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" hosted by MEP Jan Kozłowski, European Parliament (PHS building, room P7C50), Brussels, register at seminar@jankozlowski.pl by 10th November. [Download invitation.](#)

November 22: 18:00 Opening of the exhibition "Volunteering. Solidarity. Development. Passion" hosted by MEP Jan Kozłowski, European Parliament - "Espace Balcon" 3rd floor

December 9: Social Platform Annual conference "[We CARE, how can EU Care?](#)". The International Auditorium, Brussels. Register by 14 November. [Read more.](#)

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](#). IMPACT. IMProving ACTION of Senior Volunteers in Europe, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Download [info](#) or [Program](#).

March 6: SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards 2012. Send your [nominations](#) by 23 November.

European Commission:

[EBS](#), the Audio Visual team at the EC, have made available the third [volunteering stockshots](#) featuring volunteers from the EYV 2011 Alliance to be used free of charge by anyone.

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

Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering: Recognising and promoting Cross-border Voluntary Activities in the EU, Brussels, 20.9.2011. COM(2011) 568 final. [Read more.](#)

The role of voluntary activities in social policy - Council Conclusions - 3114th Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting in Luxembourg, 3 October 2011. [Read more.](#)

Summary of the Intergroup meeting: Enhancing the participation of older volunteers through the 2011 European Year of Volunteering (EYV2011). Age Platform, September 2011. [Read more.](#)

Sport and Citizenship's 2011 Special Edition in partnership with ISCA "**Volunteering in Sport: trends, opportunities and challenges**" 2011. [Read more.](#)

Awards

The winners of the International Social Innovation Competition for Naples, organized by Euclid Network and UniCreditFoundation, in collaboration with Project Ahead are announced. [Download Euclid Press Release.](#)

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Commit ! say thank you to a volunteer by registering their hours [here](#) as part of the EYV 2011 [Volunteer Commitments Total](#).

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