

REPORT

MEP Volunteer Job Shadowing MEP Mónica Silvana Gonzalez



Throughout the year VERA activities are supported by an increasing collaboration with the European Parliament. Meetings of the **European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group** are planned throughout 2023. MEPs get closer to the volunteering field by job shadowing a volunteer during a normal day of activities. By wearing the shoes of volunteers, MEPs involved will be better suited to support, advocate and value volunteering in their daily work at the European Parliament.

On **28 November 2023**, **Marta Herrera Morello** from the Spanish Volunteering Platform spent the day at the European Parliament with MEP Mónica Silvana Gonzalez (S&D Group). Marta followed, together with the Spanish MEP, Committee on Development (DEVE) meeting, Delegation for relations with Mercosur (DMER) meeting and coordination meeting in preparation of the plenary session to happen in Strasbourg. Furthermore, the Spanish volunteer had the opportunity to visit the European Parliament and experience, first hand, the day of the MEP and her assistants. Marta's experience started the previous evening, CEV staff joined her for a city tour around Brussels, where they both had the opportunity to share their experiences from living abroad and volunteering. We have made a short interview with Marta and the MEP, you can find it [here](#).

On **16 March 2024**, **MEP Mónica Silvana Gonzalez (S&D Group)**, Vice-chair of the Delegation for relations with Mercosur, member of the Committee on Development and the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, spent a day volunteering in Madrid at Asociación Juvenil San Eulogio.

