

The logo features the text "European Volunteering Capital" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. The words are stacked vertically, with "European" on the first line, "Volunteering" on the second, and "Capital" on the third. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of concentric orange and yellow circles, resembling a ripple effect or a target.

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**V**olunteering  
**C**apital

*European Volunteering Capital*

# Legacies

2014 - 2019

#EVCapital

The logo consists of a stylized orange and yellow circular graphic to the left of the text "Centre for European Volunteering", which is arranged in three lines.

Centre for  
European  
Volunteering

The logo is the European Union flag, featuring a circle of twelve gold stars on a blue background.

Europe  
for Citizens

# Barcelona

## European Volunteering Capital 2014

### Legacy:

- **Visibility and recognition:** Self-esteem of volunteering within the local and regional organisations was strengthened and volunteers were more appreciated by citizens and also the media.

- **Growth and Development:** The specific model of associations and volunteer engagement in Barcelona and more widely in Catalonia matured and developed.

*"For the ECVS, the EVCapital nomination and the Market Place 2014 were a starting point and an important thrust for achieving the political support necessary for drafting the Law on Volunteering adopted in July 2015."*

- **Learning and skills:** Organisations and policymakers began to pay increased attention to volunteer training needs, the accreditation of skills and the representation of skills learnt through volunteering in CVs etc.

- **Communication:** "**Nonprofit**" is a news portal in English on the third sector and volunteering that is managed by Catalan non-profit organisations. The portal aims to be a meeting point for international non-profit and third-sector leaders, professionals and other interested stakeholders.



# Lisbon

## European Volunteering Capital 2015

### Legacy:

- **Municipal Volunteer Award:** Award that aims to distinguish the best project / action of volunteering, that contributes, in particular, to the promotion of volunteering in the city of Lisbon.
- **Municipal Volunteer Program:** Promoted by the Department of Social Development, gives people in Lisbon the opportunity to volunteer at the Lisbon City Council, promoting an approach to the various municipal services, to the residents and visitors of the City of Lisbon.
- **Mechanism for Recognition of Learning:** Multi-stakeholder volunteering collaboration that developed a mechanism for recognition of learning acquired through volunteering.
- **Regular Inter-Municipality Meetings:** Organised by the Municipal City Councils of Lisbon, Torres Vedras and Cascais and the Portuguese Confederation of Volunteering (CPV), and consider the main problems and solutions that Local Volunteer Banks in Portugal face when implementing their activities.
- **Small Fund for volunteer projects:** In partnership with CPV, Lisbon City Council established the Program + *Volunteering* within the framework of the Lisbon EV Capital 2015 initiative. The Programme aims to financially support volunteer projects or actions that take place in the city of Lisbon and are implemented by legally constituted social and solidarity economy organisations, headquartered in the city of Lisbon or that implement relevant activity in the city.



# London

## European Volunteering Capital 2016

### Legacy:

- **2 new annual events were launched in EVC 2016:** *"Run to do Good"* and *"The Big Recruit"* are events that encourage cross sector collaboration between businesses in London and the volunteering sector, and an event that supports the network of 28 volunteer centres across the City to mobilise increased numbers of volunteers.

- **European dimension to our work:** Improved connections with European counterparts and working regularly with CEV and other EV Capital Candidate cities eg. collaboration on the December 2016 European volunteering conference and "Developing European Volunteering Strategies (DEVS)" conference 6 & 7 April 2017.

- **Leverage, recognition and engagement:** Existing regular events such as the *"Volunteer Awards"* and *"Speed Networking"* events were used to spread the message about the title and volunteers became aware of what they have achieved with this prestigious accolade. Volunteer organisations have been able to use the title to leverage more success for impact, volunteer recruitment and retention, visibility and fundraising and even more business employees have been encouraged to volunteer.

- **Sharing of best practice:** 4 of Team London's most successful volunteering programmes were developed into **"Blueprints"** that are now freely available for volunteering stakeholders across Europe.





# Sligo

## European Volunteering Capital 2017

### Legacy:

**- Aims, and Theme of EVC Sligo Committee:** A number of key aims, gathered in three themes were addressed:

**- Creating and encouraging partnership:** Several events and initiatives took place in this respect such as *"Volunteer Managers Workshops"* and *"Adopt a Charity"*.

**- Valuing and acknowledging volunteering:** Main achievements of Sligo EVC in this respect were: the *"Volunteer Voices Workshops"*; the seminar *"Headstart Volunteers Expo"*; the *"Volunteer Hours clock"* and the *"European Parliament Exhibition"*.

**- Celebrating and recognising volunteering:** Several events such as *"Volunteer Ireland National Volunteer Management Conference 2017"*; *"National Public Participation Network"*; *"National Volunteering Week"* and *"Volunteer Ireland Awards"* were celebrated during 2017.

**- 30 of the 82 total events in 2017 were directly as a result of the Sligo being the 2017 Volunteer Capital.** That represents a 40% increase in the number of events held across the county because of the designation.

**- The designation of the EVC supported and enhanced the awareness and role of the Sligo Volunteer Centre in 2017.** For example:

- EVC gave the impetus to revise a Rewards Card scheme for volunteers. 27 businesses are currently engaged and supporting this scheme with Sligo EVC.
- The designation generated significant additional visibility and media coverage for County Sligo, not only its volunteering activities, but also of the commercial, community, tourism and environment of County Sligo itself.

Read [here](#) the full impact report.



# Aarhus

## European Volunteering Capital 2018

### Legacy:

- **A year focused on 3 programme tracks and 4 core values (Legacy, Diversity, Social Inclusion and Cooperation):** celebrating the efforts of volunteers and increasing the visibility of volunteering; developing new roads to improve welfare through voluntarism, active citizenship and cooperation; and making volunteers and communities more visible on our digital platforms.
- **Numerous workshops and small-scale festivals** focusing on different topics within the spectrum of volunteering and civil society:
  - A main event was **Folkets Møde – the Aarhus Volunteer Festival**, in which there were 70 events including debates, workshops, street sport, community singing and dining, festivals within the festival, book launches and much more.
- **Finding new ways of collaborating** in creating welfare through volunteering and active citizenship; and inspiring to support open organizations and share new grassroots initiatives in order to include everyone in local communities.
- **Key learnings and recommendations:** Open up established local communities and invite new members at every occasion; Make it easily accessible to join communities, and help prevent loneliness; Prioritize lifelong training in active citizenship; Acknowledge diversity in volunteering; Rethink financing and funding structures; Create a visible gateway for volunteering and active citizenship; Share resources, spaces and knowledge; and Be prepared to take risks.



Find the key learning points [here](#) and the full recommendations (in Danish) [here](#).

# Kosice

## European Volunteering Capital 2019

### Legacy:

- **The Volunteer Center of the Košice Region (DCKK):** submitted draft strategies of volunteering for different urban districts in Kosice, and two strategies were approved by the local councils.

- **Events:** In addition to the Opening and Closing ceremonies, the "Two-day study visit in Košice Region" for EVCCC members took place in September 2019.

- **Media Visibility:** More than 50 articles were published about volunteering and also many sponsored reports about volunteering on social networks.

- **Increased Volunteering:** More than 200.000 hours of voluntary work - some urban districts significantly mobilized in one-off volunteer activities. Regular communication with senior volunteers has been established and all clubs and facilities for seniors are motivated for new volunteering activities.

- **Revitalization and promotion of events and activities:** the project of "KOSIT Za čistejšie Košice" was very much supported by the title, but also other activities such as Upracme si Slovensko, Naše mesto and Dobrovoľnícka jar also benefited.

- **Roma volunteering was supported:** The Roma minority is more and more motivated for volunteer activities ( the KREDO project won the National Volunteer Appreciation as a "Project of the year").

- **Volunteering in schools was encouraged:** several schools became interested in engaging pupils from the 2nd grade upwards into volunteering activities and Service Learning opportunities.

