

WHY BE A MEMBER OF THE CEV NETWORK?

The Centre for European Volunteering (CEV), established in 1992, is the European network of over 60 organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteers and volunteering in Europe at European, national or regional level. Through our network we aim to be the leading voice in the values-based volunteering debate in Europe, by way of advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building & training. In this way, we reach out to the many thousands of volunteers and volunteer organisations that see volunteer centres as a source of support, bringing the European dimension to their work.

CEV channels the collective priorities and concerns of its member organisations to the institutions of the European Union and the Council of Europe. Together with other stakeholders we exchange policy, practice and information in order to reach the outcomes envisaged in the Blueprint for European Volunteering 2030 (BEV2030).

CEV's **vision** is a Europe in which **volunteers** are central in building a **cohesive, sustainable and inclusive society** based on **solidarity** and **active citizenship**. Our **mission** is to provide collaborative leadership to create an enabling environment for **volunteering** in Europe.



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Information on conditions for membership, membership fees & the application form are available on the CEV website. Applications are considered by the CEV Membership and Accreditation Committee on an on-going basis.

We asked our members: “Why join CEV?” This is what they said:



“CEV is about ACTION”



“European values into practice”



“Networking & belonging that’s friendly & uplifting”



“A voice for reputation & influence”



“Shared understanding about a dynamic & changing context”



“Collaboration in projects & resourcing”



“Learning together and facing tough challenges”



“Challenging perceptions & assumptions”



“Individual members strengthen CEV through collective action-centred participation in our activities and goals”

The **#EVCapital** is a **Europe-wide** open competition, organised by CEV, that aims to **promote volunteering** at the **local level** by giving recognition to municipalities that support and strengthen partnerships with volunteer centres and volunteer-involving organisations and celebrate and promote volunteering and the impact made by volunteers.

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