



## EYV FLOW - Issue 10 - June 2011

Welcome to the 10th 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 Working Groups

The EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups had a third meeting in May 2011. The interim conclusions and the report from the meeting available soon [here](#). The working groups established by the EYV 2011 Alliance involve more than 100 experts, many of them volunteers themselves.



### EYV 2011 Alliance at the EYV 2011 2nd Thematic Conference

Members and staff from across the network contributed to the volunteering policy discussions with key stakeholders at the 2nd Thematic Conference for EYV 2011. Gabriella Civico the EYV 2011 Alliance Project Manager addressed the plenary in a closing key note speech. Full Conference report available soon [here](#).



### EYV 2011 Alliance Mid-Term Evaluation Process

With already half of EYV 2011 celebrated across the EU, and further afield, the mid term evaluation results will allow the EYV 2011 Alliance Project to be adapted to better meet its objectives and the expectations of all stakeholders. Please complete the [online questionnaire](#) by 30th June, your feedback is important!

### EYV 2011 Alliance May Meeting hosted by the EESC

The EYV 2011 Alliance May Meeting was kindly hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) on May 19th. The 37 participants representing 25 EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations discussed the future framework for the EYV 2011 Alliance work and the draft content of the EC Communication on Volunteering. [Read the full report here](#).

### ENGSO adopted position paper on Value Added Tax

The European Commission issued its Green Paper on "The Future of VAT: Towards a simpler, more robust and efficient VAT system" in December 2010. The 19th ENGSO General Assembly has adopted [a position paper](#) stating its main concerns regarding VAT in May 2011. ENGSO strongly advocates for keeping the tax exemptions that exist in some EU member states for volunteer organisations, and urges the Commission to stop infringement procedures against those Member States that have been making use of these exemptions. ENGSO also warns the Commission on how the abolishing of the tax exemptions would heavily increase the administrative burden of non-profit sports organisations, which would have a serious effect on their activities. ENGSO encourages its members and other sports and volunteer organisations to share their concerns with the Commission by responding to the consultation. [Read more](#).

### AGE concerned with Commission's Green Paper on the future of VAT

AGE members are concerned that the Commission's reflections on the future of VAT might lead to the removal of existing VAT exemptions on small revenues generated by activities of non-for-profit organisations at the local level. If VAT exemptions are removed, this will place a heavy administrative burden on these small organisations, which are often run largely or entirely by volunteers, and will risk making their fundraising activities no longer financially viable. [Read the AGE Platform Europe's contribution](#) to the Commission's Green Paper on the future of VAT.

### World Red Cross Red Crescent Day: 8 May 2011

To mark this year's World Red Cross Red Crescent Day – 8 May 2011 – the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is calling for greater recognition of the sizable contribution volunteers make in a world increasingly confronted by challenges linked to such adversities as natural disasters, disease, war and other armed violence, poverty, hunger and climate change. [Read more](#).

### Recognizing volunteer's skills

During the [EUCIS-LLL](#) Annual Conference on the role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training on 9th May 2011 in Krakow, participants discussed the recognition and validation of volunteer's skills and competences, the transnational dimension of volunteering and on volunteering as a way to develop citizenship and democracy. [SOLIDAR](#) made clear that it will support [EUCIS-LLL](#) in its work on skills and competences recognition and push for tools that help recognise soft skills, such as the student skills portfolio developed by ANIMAFAC and the EU-wide principles and value framework from FICEMEA. [Read more](#).

### EESC Public Hearing on volunteering infrastructure and

## EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile

**johanniter international**



**Johanniter International (JOIN)** is the partnership of the national charities originally founded by the Orders of St John. The members share a common

approach to humanitarian welfare and social aid based on their Christian heritage. Members work with volunteers and employees to care for people in need in everyday life and in times of crisis. The 16 member organisations in Europe and the Middle East serve humanity with emergency medical services and first aid, social care, international aid, training and youth work. Supported by more than 100,000 volunteers the member organisations provide services around child care, care for people with disabilities, ambulance services, transport services and first aid, home alarm systems for elderly as well as civil protection and humanitarian aid. [Read more](#).



**The Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)** is a non-governmental organisation committed to the promotion of good governance, citizen participation and cooperation between local authorities and civil society across Europe involving more than

160 members in 31 countries. ALDA encourages citizen participation through strengthening cooperation between local, national and international partners and promoting joint cooperation between local authorities and civil society organizations and through volunteering tackling "volunteering" from the specific perspective of "civil participation", aiming at enhancing citizen involvement in the decision making process and in the life of their communities by developing and employing innovative methodologies and tools. ALDA is also active in the framework of the EVS promoting transnational volunteering and youth mobility mainly from and to South Eastern Europe countries. [Read more](#).

### EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Pescueza, Extremadura, Spain:

**Everyone for everyone in Pescueza.** [Pescueza](#) is a united village where everyone is a volunteer towards change and development. Volunteering is a way of life in this tiny village of 180 people in the north of Extremadura, Spain - bringing to reality a more just and participatory society promoting European Values of solidarity and inclusion in innovative ways.

Neighbourhood assemblies run by volunteers decide the future of the community including the youngest and the oldest with the planning and implementation of activities such as "[The Festivalino](#)" and reforestation projects that promote [intergenerational solidarity](#).



These activities prove that "if you want, you can"! The voluntary work of all residents of Pescueza makes it possible for such a small community to achieve so much.

## Announcements

### Upcoming events:

**June 8-9:** VALUE project "[Volunteering and LLL in Universities in Europe final conference](#)" in Ankara, Turkey.

**June 17:** Stakeholder Conference on the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps, Budapest, Hungary. [Download invitation](#). [Register until June 1st](#)

**June 22-23:** International conference "[Voluntarily across the border -Volunteering as a Tool for Connecting and Enriching Neighboring Border Communities](#)" in the framework of EYV 2011 in the Czech Republic, Prague. [Register until June 1st](#).

**July 8:** ALDA Conference "[Volunteering for Democracy: opportunities for Good Governance and Active Citizenship](#)", Opera Nova, Manru Hall - Bydgoszcz, Poland. [Download the program](#). [Register until June 10th](#).

**Aug 31st- Sept 3:** [European University for Voluntary Service](#), University of Basel, Switzerland.

**September 3-5:** 64th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO conference "[Sustainable Societies: Responsive Citizens](#)" Bonn, Germany.

**September 6-10:** European Youth Forum (YFJ) [2nd Youth Convention on Volunteering](#), Brussels, Belgium. Deadline for proposals: [until June 15th](#).

**September 22-23:** [EUCLID](#) Annual Conference, Naples, Italy

**September 27:** [EESC](#) Public Hearing on Legal Framework for volunteering, Brussels, Belgium

**October 10-13:** Open Days 2011, CoR [9th European Week of Regions and Cities](#), Brussels, Belgium.

## quality of volunteering



European Economic and Social Committee

The second public hearing on "Volunteering infrastructure and quality of Volunteering" organized by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) took place on 23rd May 2011. Following an update by the EYV 2011 Task force on the latest developments, notably the EC Communication on Volunteering to be published in September 2011 representatives of the EYV Alliance Working groups on Infrastructure and Quality presented their ideas so far highlighting what still needs to be done at EU and national levels. A representative from EYV 2011 Alliance member CSR Europe highlighted the potential for partnership between businesses and the volunteering sector. Several presentations available [here](#).



## EYV 2011 Tour in Tallinn, Bucharest & Ljubljana

The [EYV tour in Tallinn](#) took place between 3-8 May, the [EYV tour in Bucharest](#) between 9-15 May and the [EYV tour in Ljubljana](#) between 20-26 May. 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 in the EYV 2011 Launches. The [EYV 2011 logo](#) in 23 languages and all visual elements are available.



## EYV 2011 Volunteering Stockshots, part 2



The Audio Visual team at the European Commission, EbS have made available the second [volunteering stockshots](#) featuring volunteers from EYV 2011 Alliance member organizations to be used free of charge by anyone during 2011 and beyond. [Watch the stockshots](#) and [Download the stockshots script](#).

## 2011 Volunteer weeks across the EU

Following [Romania](#) last month, [Hungary](#) and [UK](#) are the latest EU member states to launch their 2011 Volunteer Weeks taking on a special momentum in 2011 with the support of the [EYV 2011 communication campaign](#). [IYV 2001](#) was the catalyst for many national Volunteer Weeks across the globe, for example in [Australia](#), and if an excuse is needed let EYV 2011 be the catalyst to launch your national volunteer week!

## Travelling exhibition: 52 Portraits of volunteers for EYV 2011

The travelling exhibition "You + Me + We" is primarily an invitation to engage in collective action and aims at generating new voluntary engagements. It features 52



Belgium volunteer portraits in motion: 52 portraits ...or 52 weeks (or one year). The initiative aims at promoting and thanking volunteers and generating new voluntary engagements. It offers another perspective on volunteering with a system of 14 interactive exhibition columns including volunteer portraits and mirrors. [Read more](#).



**October 20-23:** 20th annual [Volonteurope Conference](#), "Make a difference by volunteering", Edinburgh, UK. [Register here](#)

**October 19-21:** CEV Symposium - "[Volunteering and Active Citizenship - two sides of the same coin?](#)" Berlin, Germany

**November 9:** [EESC](#) Public Hearing on Employee volunteering

### Awards:

European Youth Week honours the best EVS projects: the list of the European Voluntary Service Awards Winners 2011 is [available here](#).

### European commission:

**EYV 2011 Calendar - is your event there?** On the [official European Commission calendar of EYV 2011](#) get an overview of EYV 2011 events across Europe! Download the form [here](#) and send it to the EC at [sn.volunteering@paueducation.com](mailto:sn.volunteering@paueducation.com) to include your events on the calendar.

There is still time to host a [Relay Reporter](#)! The 27 EYV 2011 Volunteer Journalist Relay will visit each member state in turn, check the deadline for your country and [apply here](#).

### Research & reports:

**Flash Eurobarometer 319a - Youth on the move** (EC), 2011 – Section 4 of the Survey on "Participation in voluntary activities". [Read more](#).

**Corporate volunteering in Germany**, Joint study of Roland Berger Strategy Consultants and the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, April 2011. [Read more](#).

**Eurodiaconia Report** "Breaking the barriers, a round table discussion on the legal aspects of volunteering", May 2011. [Download Pdf](#).

**Eurodiaconia publication** "A picture of volunteering in diaconia", May 2011. [Read more](#).

The International Association for National Youth Service , IANYS 9th Global Conference on National Youth Service Final Report, 2011 [Read more](#).

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