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ABOUT CEV

The **Centre for European Volunteering (CEV)** (until 1 July 2020 known as the **European Volunteer Centre**), 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, influencing and sharing the current trends & challenges and those predicted for the future, developing and providing policy advice and expertise for European Policymakers so that volunteering policies and programmes developed at European level are effective and fit for purpose.** 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 ensure effective and coherent follow up to **European Year of Volunteering 2011** and ensure its legacy through the implementation of the **Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE)**, the follow-up **“Helping Hands – Hope for Europe” report**. CEV is guided in its work by the CEV Policy Statements approved by the membership, the 2020 **“Step up a Gear”** policy statement and the **“Blueprint for Volunteering in Europe 2030”**.

Network members are supported to further their own objectives at national/regional & European level by the protection and support for a free and enabling civil society space, advocating for suitable European funding support, and by developing supportive policy statements at the European level on pertinent volunteering issues. **In this way, reaching out to the many thousands of volunteers and volunteer organisations in Europe as a source of support in bringing the European dimension to their work.**

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.

CEV is a European network of organisations dedicated to the promotion of and support to volunteers and volunteering. Our mission is to provide collaborative leadership to create an enabling environment for volunteering in Europe.

TOGETHER WITH OUR MEMBERS, WE WORK TO
ACHIEVE 4 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

STRATEGIC PRIORITY NO. 1

The value of quality volunteering as an expression of Solidarity and European values is understood, supported and celebrated

STRATEGIC PRIORITY NO. 2

Policies & programmes, together with the European social environment, inspires, encourages and supports quality European Volunteering

STRATEGIC PRIORITY NO. 3

Individuals and organisations that are active in the volunteering and civil society sphere share, learn and are inspired from one another in the framework of CEV

STRATEGIC PRIORITY NO. 4

CEV is a well-run and effective organisation

#volunteering
#solidarity
#EYVplus10
#BEV2030

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

EUROPEAN NETWORKS

- Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES)
- World Organisation of the Scout Movement in Europe (WOSM)
- South East European Youth Network (SEEN)

AUSTRIA

- Interessensgemeinschaft Freiwilligenzentren Österreich (IGFÖ)

BELGIUM

- Plate-forme Francophone du Volontariat
- Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- OSMIJEH

BULGARIA

- National Alliance for Volunteer Action (NAVA)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bulgaria Association

CROATIA

- Croatian Volunteer Development Centre

CYPRUS

- The Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council (PVCC)

DENMARK

- The Danish Institute for Voluntary Effort (DIVE)
- Frivilligcentre og Selvhjælp Danmark (FriSe)
- FrivilligVest

ESTONIA

- Estonian Village Movement Kodukant

FINLAND

- Citizen Forum

FRANCE

- France Bénévolat
- Tous Bénévoles

GERMANY

- Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Bürgerschaftlichen Engagements (ARBES)
- National Network for Civil Society (BBE)

GREECE

- Ethelon

HUNGARY

- Talentum Foundation for the Support of Volunteering
- Volunteering Hungary - Centre of Social Innovation

IRELAND

- Volunteer Ireland

MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERS

Organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteering in Europe at European, National or Regional level.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Local volunteer organisations. Volunteer-involving organisations without the promotion of volunteering as a main mission.

PARTNERS

Other stakeholders from the voluntary, business or governmental sector that subscribe to our mission and vision.

WE ARE THE EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING NETWORK STRENGTHENING, INSPIRING AND CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERING IN EUROPE SINCE 1992!

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

More details are available here:

www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/members

ITALY

- Centro Nazionale Per il Volontariato (CNV)
- CSV Basilicata
- CSV Friuli Venezia Giulia
- CSVnet Lombardia
- CSVnet
- CSV Marche
- CSV Sardegna Solidale
- Centro Servizi Padova Solidale

LUXEMBOURG

- Agence du Bénévolat

MALTA

- Solidarity Overseas Service (SOS Malta)
- The National Council of Women of Malta
- Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector

THE NETHERLANDS

- MOVISIE
- Vereniging Nederlandse Organisaties Vrijwilligerswerk (NOV)

POLAND

- Good Network Foundation

PORTUGAL

- Confederação Portuguesa do Voluntariado (CPV)
- Fundação Eugénio de Almeida (FEA)
- Banco de Voluntariado de Tavira
- CASES

ROMANIA

- Pro Vobis - Centrul National de Resurse pentru Voluntariat
- VOLUM
- Centrul de Voluntariat Reșița

RUSSIA

- Perm Center of Volunteerism Development (PCVD)

SLOVAKIA

- CARDO National Volunteer Centre
- Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organisations

SLOVENIA

- Slovenska Filantropija

SPAIN

- Federació Catalana de Voluntariat Social
- Fundación Hazloposible
- Plataforma Andaluza de Voluntariado (PAV)
- Plataforma del Voluntariado de España (PVE)
- Federació d'Organitzacions Catalanes de Gent Gran, Dones i Família (FOCAGG)
- Departament de Benestar Social i Família (Social Welfare and Family Department)

SWEDEN

- Forum-idéburna organisationer med social inriktning

TURKEY

- System & Generation Association
- SosyalBen Foundation

UNITED KINGDOM

- Volunteer Scotland
- NCVO

CEV BOARD MEMBERS



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CEV EuSC trainees Francesca Barison (September - November 2020), **Kristijan Gjorgjieski** (January - September 2020) and **Irina Movradin** (December 2020 - ongoing) supported the team in organising events, especially the Volunteering in Events webinar, the VOCIS Webinar and the CEV Autumn Volunteering Congress 2020. They also contributed to promoting the Tandem project, the WISH platform, desk research, communication and administrative activities.

CEV EuSC Volunteers, Francisco Clari Cabrerizo finished his placement at CEV in May 2020 after having supported CEV in the European Volunteering Capital competition implementation and **Laura Aranda** started her volunteering placement in September 2020.

TRAINEES



Francesca Barison

VOCIS Project Assistant
European Solidarity Corps trainee
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Kristijan Gjorgjieski

Policy and Communication
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VOLUNTEERS



Francisco Clari Cabrerizo

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Volunteer - Alzira City Council



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WISH

An online platform geographically displayed to enable refugees and asylum-seekers to find sources of support and assistance from the different volunteering initiatives in Europe.

TANDEM

An initiative to enable refugees, asylum-seekers and organisations learning, working and growing together through volunteering.

More details are available here:

www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/cevandesc



Tom and Pierre had their experience as ESC volunteers at the World Youth Organisation headquarters in Zagreb (Croatia) from February till April 2020.

Liliana had her experience as ESC volunteer at Politistiko Ergastiri in Nicosia (Cyprus) from February till July 2020.



"My goal during this experience is to make a positive contribution to the childrens' lives, especially in helping them feel more part of the European Union. I also want to feel more like an adult, responsible for myself without there being anyone to monitor my actions and decisions.[...] Overall, the experience has been great so far and I can't wait to see what comes next!"

Liliana



Norma and Caroline had their experience as ESC volunteers at the YouthQuake project hosted by the Borgofuturo association (Italy), with ARCS Culture Solidali as project coordinator.

"During my volunteering experience I have shared solidarity by using my expertise in visual facilitation with the group [...] I have learnt a lot about the daily tasks, joys and challenges of living in a small, self-organised international community. I will keep with me the memory of the great feeling of living outdoors most of the time".

Norma

Salimata had her experience as ESC volunteer at Politistiko Ergastiri in Nicosia (Cyprus) from September 2020 till January 2021.



"Volunteering in Cyprus is a great opportunity to live a new experience abroad and discover a new language and culture. The first month has been intense : new friends, new places, beautiful landscapes... This adventure is gonna be great, I feel it!"

Salimata

Six Erasmus Plus trainees from East Anglia University (UK) joined CEV in 2020, focusing on different research projects, contributing to extending and updating the Volunteering Infrastructure in Europe publication as well as providing additional support for the Tandem and Wish initiatives and other publications and translations.



Afia Khan



Connor Audsley



Maria Armes



Rutendo Mubwanda



Stefan Mapp



Zachary Horne-Morris

PUBLICATIONS:

- [Volunteering Infrastructure in Europe](#) Publication, update of previous chapter and writing of new ones (**Updated:** Cyprus, France, Hungary, Ireland, Malta, North Macedonia, Spain, Switzerland; **New:** Kosovo, Luxembourg, Norway)
- [EVEN workbooks](#) translations and updates
- CEV Communication and Campaigns

NETWORKS



THE EQF ADVISORY GROUP

Assists the European Commission in the implementation of the EQF & follows up on the Council recommendation on the validation of non formal and informal learning.

EUROPASS ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group assists the European Commission with the implementation of the revised Europass Decision. CEV works to ensure that Europass is suitable for volunteers who want to be able to demonstrate their skills & competencies acquired whilst volunteering, including soft and transversal skills.

EXPERT GROUP ON MOBILITY YOUNG VOLUNTEERS & CROSS-BORDER SOLIDARITY

Advice and expertise provided by Expert Group members will directly support the Commission's work in the review of the 2008 Council recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union, as envisaged in the EU Youth Strategy.



THE EESC LIAISON GROUP

Provides a framework for political dialogue and cooperation between the EESC and the European organisations and networks.

DG EMPL CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP

CEV participates in the civil dialogue group to ensure that the role of volunteers and their needs are taken into account when dealing with the topic of employment and social affairs.



THE ESC ADVISORY GROUP

CEV is one of 17 experts from civil society: E+/EuSC National Agencies, the European Commission; EACEA and other experts, researchers and trainers convened to provide guidance to the work of the ESC Resource Centre based in Vienna.



CIVIL SOCIETY EUROPE

The coordination body for European Networks of civil society organisations. CEV Director Gabriella Civico is the treasurer.

More details are available here:

www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/partners-and-networks



CONFERENCE OF INGOs
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONFERENCE DES ONG DU
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Conference of INGOs at the Council of Europe

CEV is part of the INGOs of the Council of Europe as a way to contribute to the social pillar in the 'quadrilogue' between the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, and the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities.



Erasmus+ COALITION

This coalition aims to contribute to policy debates related to the current Erasmus+ programme revision as well as the MFF Mid Term Review and the next Generation of EU programmes.



SDG WATCH EUROPE

SDG Watch Europe reaches out to CSOs (in the EU and other European countries, non EU member states) to raise awareness, promote engagement and to help build the capacity towards the implementation of the SDGs at all levels.

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

More details are available here:
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/projects

ONGOING

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



UPGRADING VALIDATION (UPVAL)

Aims to make it easier for volunteering organisations to include "validation of skills and competences" in their volunteer policy and for volunteers to become aware of the value of validation as part of their volunteer action.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



FAMILY VOLUNTEERING

Aims to introduce family volunteering as an effective, attractive, easily approachable education method, and a new form of community engagement to be explored for its future potential to generate change, on individual and societal level.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



COMPLEX TOOLBOX FOR VOLUNTEERS (CTV)

Aims to develop the skills of volunteers in preparing and managing European and international projects, to enhance their digital skills, intercultural competence, their sense of initiative and entrepreneurship.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



VOLPRIS.EU

Aims to invest in the qualification of volunteering management in prison to have a positive impact upon volunteers' daily work effectiveness, and therefore on reoffending rates.

Co-funded by the
AMIF Programme
of the European Union



VALUES

Will help to share the crucial lessons learned while facing migrant integration challenges at local level through volunteering actions, and replicate good and proven practices in cities willing to build their capacity, through Cluster and Exchange visits.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



MAKING IT MATTER

Aims to enable the creation of methods and indicators for impact measurement that will help volunteer involving organisations to understand the key benefits of involving disadvantaged youth, and shape the most inclusive volunteer programmes.

NEW STARTED IN 2020

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VOCIS

"Volunteers as a force of solidarity in times of Crisis" aims to gather opinions on volunteering in times of crisis and afterwards, and to promote volunteering as a solidarity and democracy force in Europe, which is in line with EU policies and strategies.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



SLUSIK

"Service Learning Upscaling Social Inclusion for Kids" aims to promote and support social inclusion of young people through service learning in secondary schools.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



DYVO

"Digital technologies for validating Young Volunteers competences" aims to facilitate and innovate recognition and validation of competences acquired through NFIL in the field of youth volunteering.

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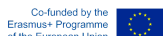
EUROPEAN PROJECTS COMING UP IN 2021

More details are available here:
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/projects



ESC WHAT!

The "European Solidarity Corps Waterways Heritage Action Together!" project will bring together 80 young people from Augsburg, Kosice, Lisbon, Padova and Stirling in 5 different activities in the 5 countries involved, where EVCCC members are partners. The contribution of the volunteer teams will provide a much needed boost to the ongoing efforts of local volunteers already engaging to protect and promote cultural heritage.



V4V

"Analysing and making visible the skills acquired through volunteering in sport in Europe" aims to analyse how sport volunteer organisers improve recruitment and retention and create an innovative online tool which showcases their skills and competences to potential employers and education providers.



SUPA SAPS

The "Single Use Plastic Awareness - Stop All Plastic Straws" project will bring together 80 young people from Barcelona, Berlin, Cork, Padova and Strovolos in 5 different activities in the 5 countries involved, where EVCCC members are partners. The contribution of the volunteer team will provide a much needed boost to the ongoing efforts of local volunteers already engaging to protect the environment and combat climate change.



GROOVE EUROPE

Participants will be involved in a "study visit" hosted by CEV. The purpose of the visit is to help participants become more familiar with the work of the European Institutions, civil society organisations and networks, with the policy initiatives that have an impact on the voluntary sector in Europe and with the policy work & projects carried out by CEV.



RETHINKING CLIMATE RISK: THE VENICE PARADIGM

The project will create an educational module for the ARQUS network. Related to the theme "European citizens in an 'age of rage' triggered by climate change", it will focus on the city of Venice and its responses to exceptional flooding events and the emergency, restorative and resilience focused volunteering actions.



TRANSVAL-EU

TRANSVAL-EU focuses on experimenting innovative approaches for the validation of non-formal and informal learning (NVFIL) in four pilot countries Austria, Italy, Lithuania, and Belgium.



MY PROMISE

"MyPromise" campaign project aims to boost sport volunteering in Europe, by motivating and engaging people already active in sport to volunteer and make one-to-one "MyPromises" to bring somebody inactive closer to sports and physical activity.

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GLOBAL ADVOCACY

“PADOVA WE ARE HERE” VOLUNTEER REPRESENTS EUROPE AT THE GTM

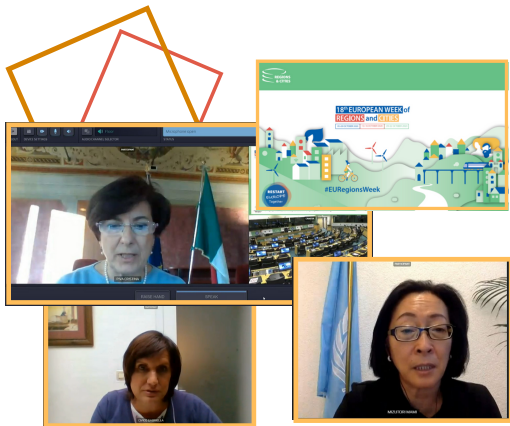
15 JULY

Alvise Schiavon, from the Padova #EVCapital2020, presented the **Call to Action for Volunteers from all over the world to reach the 2030 goals at the UNV/IFCR Global Technical Meeting on Volunteering**. Together with Alvise there were Bubacarr Singateh, Volunteer from Gambia Red Cross (Republic of the Gambia); Nisrine Kammourieh, Volunteer from the Makassed Volunteers (Lebanon); Wang Xiukun, Volunteer of the Young Volunteer Association of Wuhan (China); and Kamsha R. Maharaj, Volunteer from the University of Leicester (Trinidad and Tobago).

Gabriella Civico, CEV Director, contributed to drafting the Call to Action.



Reimagining
Volunteering
for the 2030 Agenda
JULY 2020



Councillor for Volunteering and Education Cristina Piva from the Municipality of Padova, EVCapital 2020, Gabriella Civico, CEV Director, Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR

EU WEEK OF REGIONS&CITIES 2020

13 OCTOBER

Councillor for Volunteering and Education Cristina Piva from the Municipality of Padova, EVCapital 2020, and CEV Director Gabriella Civico contributed to discussions on **“Local level resilience and pandemic risk”**. This workshop was organised by the **Committee of the Regions Natural Resources Commission** and the **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**, in partnership with the CEV.

The event brought together local (cities and municipalities) and regional representatives to share their experience in building local resilience in the face of a complex risk landscape, recently exacerbated by the pandemic outbreak.

The crucial role of volunteers in this context was highlighted.



UNDRR
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



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More details are available here:

www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/euregionsweek2020

VOLUNTEERING INTEREST GROUP

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www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/volunteer-vision

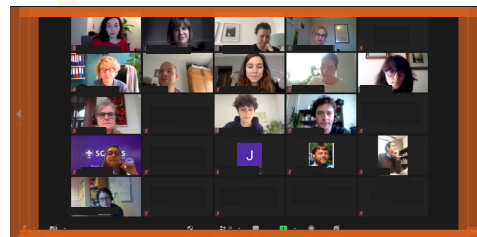
The Volunteering Interest Group of the European Parliament, co-chaired by Irena Joveva (Renew Europe), Michaela Šojdrová (EPP) and Domènec Ruiz Devesa (S&D), is a crucial grouping of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) who are **interested in promoting the value of volunteering**.

The overall aim is for MEPs to **make a real impact on how citizens, out of solidarity with one another, can directly engage in implementing EU values, policies and programmes through volunteering**.

The Interest Group also serves as a stakeholder forum providing input and feedback to the **European Solidarity Corps programme** and its implementation, in addition to other relevant EU policy fields and provides a central focus for the advocacy towards a coordinated EU volunteering policy and follow up to EYV2011.



In 2020 the Volunteering Interest Group met three times, one physically at the European Parliament on January 30th, and online on April 15th and November 12th engaging 100 participants including representatives from Civil Society, the EP and DG EAC (represented by Florencia van Houdt, Head of Unit for Youth programme, outreach tools and traineeships).



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COMMUNICATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

VOLUNTEERING ADVOCACY REPORT-VAR

The Volunteering Advocacy Report (VAR) is a regular video feature to update stakeholders on the advocacy actions taken by the CEV secretariat in Brussels.



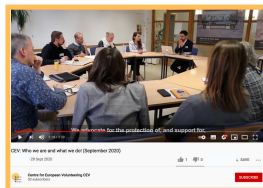
VOLUNTEERING ECOSYSTEM VIDEO

CEV published the Volunteering Ecosystem Video online to help stakeholders visualise and understand the complexity of the volunteering ecosystem in Europe and the need for suitable resources and support structures to underpin it.



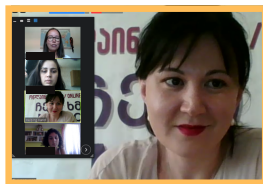
CEV: WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!

CEV published the Video "CEV: who we are and what we do!" online to showcase CEV and its work to Strengthen, Inspire and Celebrate volunteering across Europe (subtitled in 10 European languages).



HELPING HAND & UNICEF GEORGIA WEBINARS

From July till September 2020 CEV collaborated with the Georgian organisation Helping Hand and UNICEF to organise a series of webinars tackling different aspects of youth volunteering involving more than 100 young people and many more viewing online. Presentations were delivered by representatives of CEV members, EVCC, and European networks. Support was also provided to develop the new Georgian Youth Volunteering Strategy.



CEV NEWSLETTER & VIDEO SUMMARIES

Every month CEV publishes its newsletter with news from CEV, CEV members and Institutional activities. The news are available also in video format.



CEV SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

CEV has been present in 2020 on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and YouTube channels as part of its communication strategy.



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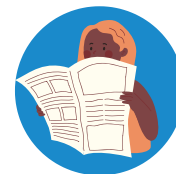
IVD 2020 CAMPAIGN

CEV launched a campaign focused on the impact of volunteering in communities across Europe, with an emphasis on the contribution of volunteers during the COVID19 pandemic. A video with messages of support from CEV and EVCCC members was published.



CEV CONTRIBUTION TO EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS

CEV contributes to its members and partners publications, newsletters, materials, etc, whenever it is needed, bringing the European perspective of Volunteering in the topics members address with their activities.



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Find many other videos on the CEV's YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCsxDJcL6_nZ6NvSabCQnucA/featured

Volunteers In Solidarity COVID19

#VISCovid19

Volunteers in Solidarity
Covid-19
#VISCovid19

Since the first day of the COVID19 pandemic crisis, **citizens have responded by adapting and launching numerous volunteering initiatives.** This has demonstrated, beyond all doubt, **the importance of volunteers and a vibrant and responsive civil society, reflecting the spirit of a resilient and caring community.**

In a context where, in many parts of Europe, volunteers, volunteer organisations and volunteering infrastructure organisations have suffered from a lack of investment and insufficient public and State support in recent times, this unprecedented situation has highlighted **more than ever just how critical volunteers are to our society, especially as a key partner of local policymakers at municipality level for resilience and recovery.**

CEV compiled examples of how volunteers and volunteer organisations responded by “Volunteering in Solidarity” to meet the needs of vulnerable people during this COVID19 crisis. The volunteers across Europe, showed once again how ready and able they are to find innovative & flexible solutions to common challenges, even in a crisis, and how this can be more effective when suitable investment in a supportive volunteering infrastructure is in place.

Pictures of just some of the many volunteers contributing to the **#VISCovid19 Publication**



More details are available here:
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/viscovid19

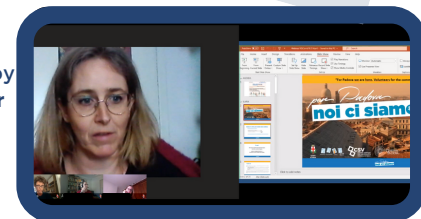
#VISCOVID19 Webinars

21 APRIL, 28 APRIL & 24 JULY 2020



Volunteers in Solidarity
Covid-19
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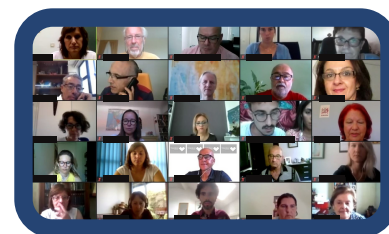
The first webinar "**Volunteering Strategies in COVID19 Crisis**" gathered more than **70** participants to showcase different volunteer responses meeting needs during this COVID19 crisis in Europe and the importance of strong cross-sector and cross-field collaboration. Presentations were delivered by **Ilaria Ferraro Padova (CSV Padova)**, **Lukas Heimes (Municipality of Berlin)**, **Nina Arwitz (Volunteer Ireland)**, **Anu Viltrop (Estonian Village Movement Kodukant)**. **Lejla Šehić Relić (CEV President)** closed the webinar reminding that "**the role of volunteers is essential, and that an investment in volunteering is an investment in community resilience**". The COVID19 crisis has shown once again the importance of the flexibility and bravery of volunteers acting to implement European Values and respond to needs around them".



More than **20** participants from CEV member organisations across Europe took part in the Webinar "**Beyond the crisis**" facilitated by former CEV President, **Cristina Rigman**, applying the approach of **John Maxwell's 'Lead through Crises' conferences to the world of volunteering**. The focus was on **how we lead our way out of the crises, how will the volunteering world look after this crisis and how can we take an active role in redefining the new reality of volunteering in Europe**.

The second webinar, "**Volunteering in Post COVID19 Crisis: What now?**" was joined by more than **55** participants and it explored the actions already planned and/or in place in different countries and contexts in Europe concerning the changes in volunteering cultures and possibilities that exist as a result of the pandemic. It provided the space to exchange good practice and to inspire others.

CEV President, Lejla Šehić Relić opened the webinar and presentations were delivered by **Micky Lefranc, Board member of France Bénévolat**, **Mary Gaerty, President of National Council of Women Malta**, **Gertrude Buttigieg, President of Malta Health Network (MHN)**, **Mauro Pace Pascandalo, CEO of Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector**, **George Thomson, CEO of Volunteer Scotland** and **Joana Bacelar, Escutismo Project Executive Coordinator**.



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STUDY VISITS

TGS 18+ PROJECT

On 29 January, CEV presented its work and the value of Volunteering in Europe to a delegation of 20 young students from Piemonte, Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia Regions, Italy, to exchange ideas on the youth involvement in the EU, and the role of volunteering in Europe within the **"TGS 18+ Project"** organised by the Salesians to COMECE aimed at Students and TGS Eurogroup Leaders.



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



EVAVOL STUDY VISIT

From 2 to 6 March, the participants of the **EVAVOL Erasmus+ Project** had the chance to explore the world of EU institutions and CEV and to disseminate the project scope and objectives. The EVAVOL Erasmus+ aims to develop the first open and multilingual online platform of information, training, guidance and support for volunteers during the transition between the documentation and assessment phases of the process for the validation of the learning outcomes from volunteering.

More details are available here:

www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/studyvisits

Capacity Building WEBINAR & TOOLKIT

"VOLUNTEERING IN EVENTS- HOW TO KEEP SOLIDARITY AT THE HEART OF IT"

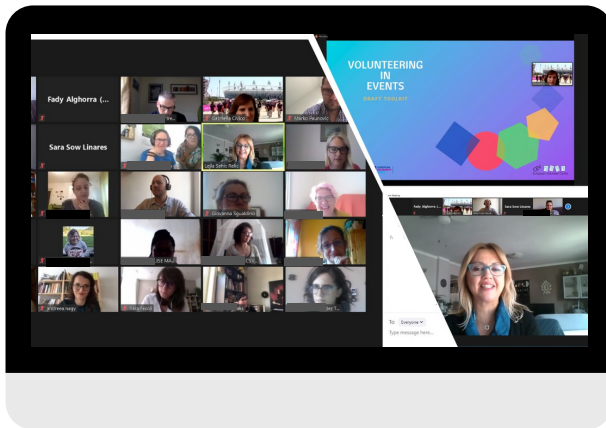
19 JUNE - ONLINE

The Webinar "Volunteering in Events and how to keep solidarity at the heart of it" co-financed by the Europe for Citizens programme **replaced the Capacity Building Conference "Large Events: Volunteering, Empowerment and Learning" scheduled in April in Galway, Ireland.**

More than **65** participants took part in the webinar that included presentations delivered by Jurgen Grotz, Director, Institute for Volunteering Research, University of East Anglia (UK), and Silvia Cannonieri, CSVNet Lombardia. Participants discussed the **draft Toolkit that includes suggestions about how volunteering in events can best lead to longer-term volunteering** for those who are interested to further contribute as a volunteer in other contexts, as well as how to maintain solidarity as a basic concept central tool the growing trend of volunteering in events.

The Toolkit is available in full in English and partial translations in FR, DE, LT, ES thanks to the students from the Translation Work Experience module in the School of Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communication Studies at the University of East Anglia.

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CEV 2020 Autumn Volunteering Congress

Online 21st - 23rd October 2020



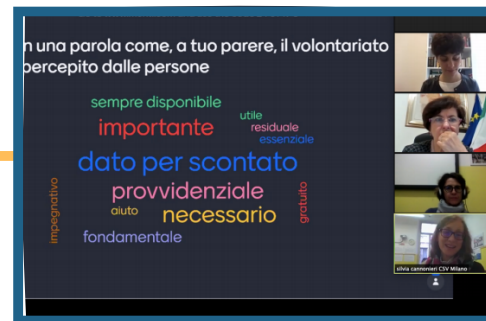
Volunteers as a Force of Solidarity in Times of Crisis
Volonterî kao snaga solidarnosti u vremenima krize



The CEV Autumn Volunteering Congress 2020 took place online with the support of **Padova European Volunteering Capital 2020** and the **Europe for Citizens Programme**. Comprising the following events: VOCIS Webinar - "Volunteers as a force of solidarity in times of crisis", CEV General Assembly, "Sewing Solidarity Together" Webinar and EVCapital2022 candidate presentations. The Congress 2020 saw the participations of Volunteers and representatives of civil society organisations, municipalities, and EU institutions.

VOCIS WEBINAR

"VOCIS" (Volunteers as a Force of Solidarity in Times of Crisis) Europe for Citizens funded project connects different organisations that work on volunteerism development and creates a space to share ideas and opinions about the role of volunteers during the times of crisis. The **VOCIS Webinar** presented the project conclusions and explored the real value of volunteering during crisis situations. University researchers, volunteers, participants and partners of the VOCIS project shared their experiences before joining working groups to explore the different aspects more deeply.



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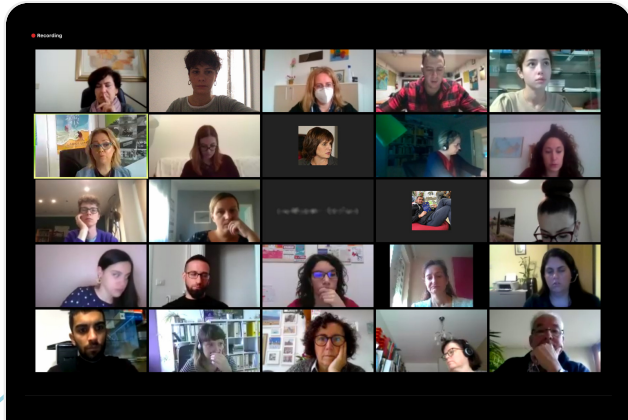
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"SEWING SOLIDARITY TOGETHER" WEBINAR

The **"Sewing Solidarity Together" Webinar**, supported by the Europe for Citizens programme, shared strategies to combat the stigmatisation and discrimination towards immigrants, refugees and other disadvantaged and excluded groups. **It was a dynamic and interactive space where the volunteers explained** what "Sewing Solidarity" is for them; which initiatives or strategies they have used to combat stigmatisation and discrimination; how they have integrated immigrants, refugees and other minorities in their communities through volunteering **and how they think we can display solidarity and stop stigmatisation in the "Era of Fake News".**



EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL COMPETITION

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In 2013 European Year of Citizens, CEV launched the **European Volunteering Capital Competition** to promote and develop volunteering at the local level & ensure the European dimension.

The #EVCapital is a Europe-wide, open competition 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.

All **European municipalities of any size can participate**. The candidates submit a written application, a video and present their candidacies in person to the CEV membership and other volunteering stakeholders, in a dedicated session as part of the annual CEV Volunteering Congress.

The **winning municipality is announced in December close to the UN's International Volunteer Day**, at a ceremony hosted by CEV and the incumbent EVCapital. The title is used in order to strengthen, inspire and celebrate VOLUNTEERING and SOLIDARITY at local, national, regional and European level.



More details are available here:
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EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL PADOVA 2020



After being announced as the European Volunteering Capital in December 2018 in Aarhus (EV Capital 2018), and the signing of the Memorandum with CEV in April 2019, **Padova's journey as the European Volunteering Capital 2020 officially began on 5 December 2019**, with the handover in Kosice (EV Capital 2019). The organising committee composed of the Municipality and CSV Padova had started, in early 2019, to activate and involve a wide variety of associations and other city and provincial institutions. In September 2019, **7 working and co-planning groups linked to 7 priority themes of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development were established:**



1. Poverty and new marginalisation
2. Health, sport and well-being
3. Culture and education
4. Technology and innovation
5. Environment and urban planning
6. Economy and sustainable development
7. Peace, international cooperation and human rights



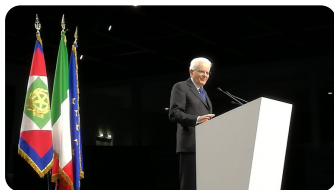
Mayor of Padova, Sergio Giordani, CSV Director, Gabriella Civico, CSV Padova President Emanuele Alecci, Councillor Cristina Piva



European CSV Padova officer Ilaria Ferraro, Mayor of Košice Jaroslav Polacek, Padova Councillor for Volunteering and Education Cristina Piva

The working groups have engaged **more than 400 people**, including volunteers, representatives of institutions, of the University of Padova, of the academic and business world.

The official opening ceremony for EV Capital 2020 Padova took place on 7 February with the high profile and engaging intervention of the **President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella**. The event was attended by over **5000 people** from all over Italy and another **50,442 people** reached directly online.



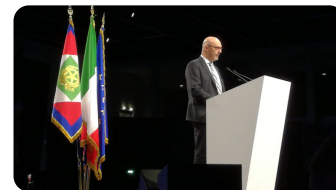
President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella



CSV Padova President, Emanuele Alecci



CSV Director, Gabriella Civico



CSVNet President, Stefano Tabo





EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL

PADOVA 2020



On February 22, the first diagnosis of COVID19 occurred in Italy, just a few kilometers from Padova. This led to necessary adjustments to the planned activities and **immediately, thanks to the existing strong cross-sectoral and cross-field relationships in Padova, the project "For Padova We are Here" was initiated.** Coordinated by the **joint efforts of the Municipality of Padova, CSV Padova and the Padova Diocese** the project aimed to cope with the health crisis and at the same time trying to contain the inevitable social effect of the pandemic and "lockdown" situation.

In a short time, **1700** volunteers made it possible to deliver financial support, masks, and other basic necessities to families most in difficulty. PCs were purchased and distributed for distance learning and a reception centre for homeless people that met all social distancing requirements was opened. **From March to July, the project reached more than 15,000 people in need and over 100,000 euros were raised from March to December through a fundraiser to support the project.**

Since May, with the slow restart of activities, **some of the core initiatives originally envisaged as part of the EV Capital Padova have also resumed, mostly at a distance.** In August the **summer camp on board the "Nave Italia"** took place. A 5-day experience for a group of youngsters to deepen the knowledge of the world of volunteering and promote personal growth through sea life and navigation. In September the **SOLIDARIA Festival** was held in attendance, in its third edition, entirely dedicated to Padova, the European Volunteering Capital 2020. **30 events, also available in streaming, which dealt with the concept of "Openly" from art to volunteering, from landscape to human rights.** During the inauguration, **the postage stamp**, dedicated to Padova, the European Volunteering Capital of volunteering. **30 volunteers made it possible to carry out the Solidaria events safely and more than 25,000 people were reached, 2000 physically present and the remainder online.** To these numbers are added the many Padovans who visited the volunteer and solidarity festival in Prato della Valle on Sunday, braving the bad weather.

In October Padova hosted the **CEV 2020 Autumn Volunteering Congress** and the President of the Italian Senate, Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati, had the opportunity to meet the volunteers from Padova and was awarded the title of the **"President of the Ambassadors of Padova EVCapital 2020".**

In November, **with the second wave of the epidemic, the project "We are Here for Padova, again" was reactivated in new ways.** The Municipality, CSV Padova and the Diocese engaged associations, parishes and District Councils in a participatory process to identify the needs at the grassroots level and develop the most suitable responses. **70 organisations were involved creating a list of volunteer-based services, present in the districts of the city. 121 new reports on the available services were collected in 6 services guidelines, one per district of the city.**

On 5 December 2020, the International Day of Volunteering, Padova organised the event **"Together we can"** with the handover ceremony to the city of Berlin - EV Capital 2021 and the proclamation of Gdansk as the European Volunteering Capital 2022. The event, which saw the participation of **David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament**, among others, was broadcast live on TV and followed by more than **16,000** people live on FB and Youtube. **The closing ceremony, to showcase all the results from Padova EV Capital 2020, will be held in 2021.**



Volunteers from the "For Padova we are here" project, "Nave Italia" summer camp participants, Solidaria Flyer, President of the Italian Senate, Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati.



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EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL

BERLIN 2021

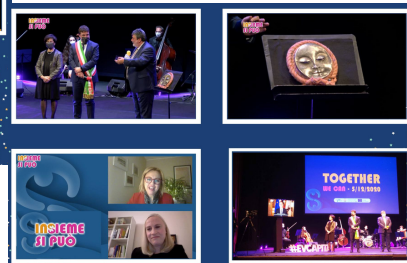
Berlin was announced as the winner on 5 December 2019, International Volunteer Day. **In choosing Berlin as the European Volunteering Capital 2021** the jury have recognised that following many years of investment and collaboration with volunteering organisations there is a well developed and sophisticated volunteering infrastructure in the city. This means that there are mechanisms and processes available to all volunteers and their organisations through which they can receive the necessary support and training, ensuring an even greater impact in the community as a result of their efforts.

A number of initiatives are in place to recognise and reward volunteers' contributions in a public way, enabling volunteers to act as role models and provide a change-making example to others. The jury agreed that the city demonstrates a deep understanding of the role of volunteers and volunteering as the basis for a diverse and socially cohesive society and, as such, gives it due importance and support in ways that can be considered excellent practice and be used as a blueprint for other municipalities, large and small, across Europe.

The **official handover of the title between Padova and Berlin** was carried out on **5 December 2020** in a ceremony co-organised by **Padova EVCapital 2020** and **CEV** in Padova and online in conjunction with the **Gattamelata prize award ceremony**.



Michael Müller, Mayor of Berlin, and Andrea Micalizzi & Cristina Piva, respectively Vice Mayor and Councillor for Volunteering and Education of Padova Municipality.



Andrea Micalizzi, Vice Mayor, & Cristina Piva, Councillor of Padova Municipality, together with Emanuele Alecci, present the gift to the Berlin Municipality created by the artist Vittorio Riondato.



CEV President, Lejla Šehić Relić, and CSV Padova President, Emanuele Alecci.



David Sassoli, EP President, sending his congratulations and encouragement to both Padova and Berlin Municipalities.

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EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL 2022 COMPETITION

Four municipalities candidated to be the 2022 #EVCapital: **Gdansk (PL), Gorizia (IT), Izmir (TR), & Madrid (ES)**. As candidates, they join the **"European Volunteering Capital Candidates Community" (EVCCC)**, a unique Community of Practice of municipalities (and other levels of local and regional authorities) that have expertise in, and a shared concern for, strengthening, inspiring and celebrating **VOLUNTEERING** and **SOLIDARITY**. The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2022 was on 22 June. The information provided in the application form and video counted as 70% of the final score allocated to each candidate. 30% of the score was allocated based on the presentation of the candidature during the webinar on 22 October 2020.



Gdansk (PL), Gorizia (IT), Izmir (TR) and Madrid (ES) municipalities' presentation of the candidature during the Candidates Reception organised by CEV and hosted by Padova (European Volunteering Capital 2020 on 22 October 2020).



Aleksandra Dulikiewicz, Mayor of Gdansk, accepting the #EVCapital2022 award at the December 5th ceremony.



CEV Director Gabriella Civico presented the Gdansk #EVCapital2022 Candidate Certificate to Pawel Rygalski, Communication Officer in the Pomorskie Regional EU Office, representing Gdansk in Brussels.

Jury members:

- Michel Lefranc (CEV Board)
- Jan Verdée (CEV Board)
- Lena Karnalova (CEV Board)
- Kieran McCarthy (Cork City Councillor & EU Committee of the Regions member)
- Clillian Lohan (EESC Vice-President for Communications)
- Irena Joveva (MEP, Renew Europe, Volunteering Interest Group Co-Chair)
- Melanie Jacobs (Coordinator, European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre)
- Rares Craiut (Member of the Bureau of the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe)
- Begona Barbera Garcia (Iberdrola Social Projects Manager, Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN))
- Cristina Piva (Padova Municipality Councillor for Volunteering)

Gdansk (Poland) was announced as the winner on 5 December, the International Volunteer Day in an online ceremony. In choosing **Gdansk as the European Volunteering Capital 2022** the jury have recognised that, following many years of investment and collaboration with volunteering organisations, there is a well-developed and sophisticated volunteering infrastructure in the city. This means that there are mechanisms and processes available to all volunteers and their organisations through which they can receive the necessary support and training, ensuring an even greater impact in the community as a result of their efforts. The jury considers that the efforts of **Gorizia (Italy), Izmir (Turkey) and Madrid (Spain)** municipalities to support and develop volunteering in the city also deserves high recognition.

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING EUROPEAN NETWORK (EVEN)

The **Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN)** was established by (CEV) in 2013. EVEN aims to increase the number of employers and volunteer-involving organisations with the capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering and give greater visibility to these initiatives.

Capacity building events both online and face-to-face and dedicated publications aim to increase competencies and knowledge about Employee Volunteering. EVEN and CEV events also give members the opportunity to share experiences and have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering projects.

Benefits of EVEN Network membership:

- increase capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering.
- increase competencies in employee volunteering by participating in EVEN training courses.
- gain recognition and credibility for the implementation of good quality employee volunteering projects.
- have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering & share experiences and new developments on a regular basis.



FOUNDING MEMBERS:



CORPORATE MEMBERS:



More details are available here:
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/even

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EVEN ACTIVITIES

CEV supported the Moody's Foundation to implement its Employee Volunteering Programme "Team Up" during 2020 in France, Italy, Russian Federation, Spain, and Sweden.



The Moody's Team Up programme engaged **127 volunteers in different activities and with diverse NGOs to deliver much-needed community impact**. In 2020, Moody'sTeamUp was reconfigured to be a **virtual programme** to ensure the health and safety of Moody's volunteers, partners, and beneficiaries during the COVID19 pandemic. As a result, many volunteer events and activities were reduced in size or rescheduled for 2021.

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CEV EVEN Corporate Member **Iberdrola** was represented in the **2022 European Volunteering Capital Competition Jury** by **Begona Barbera Garcia**.

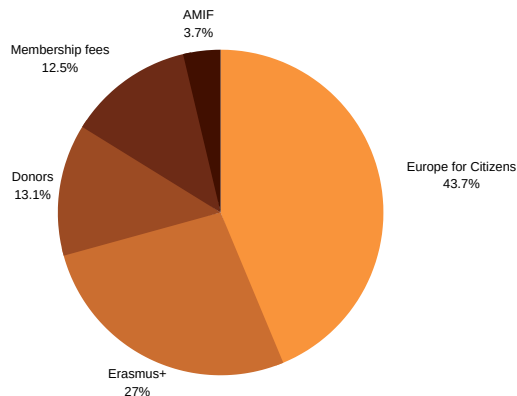
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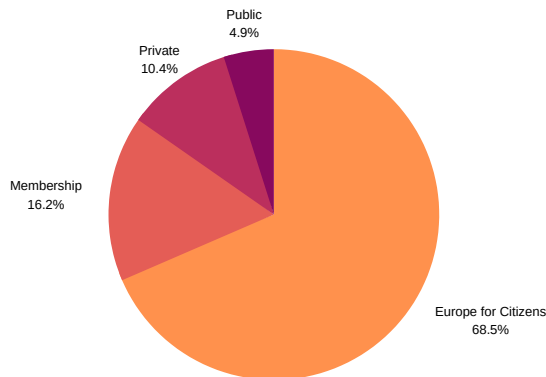
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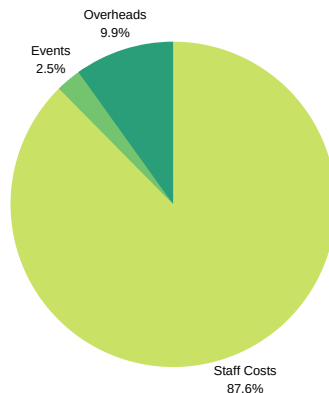


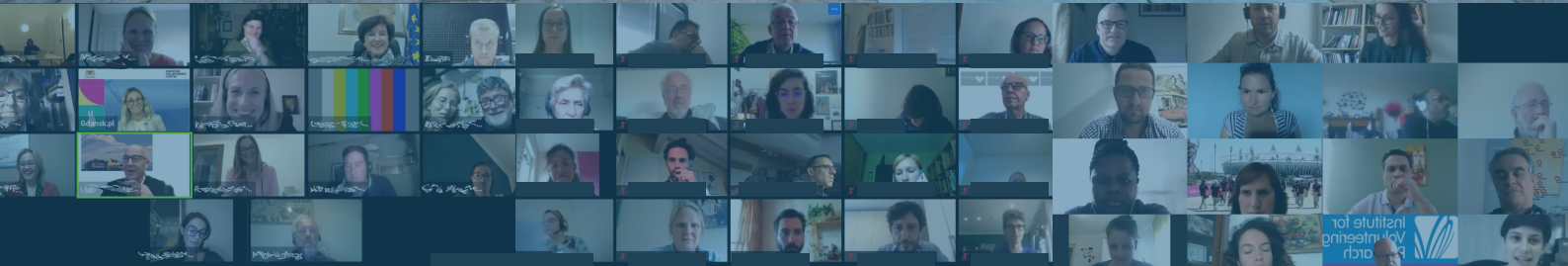
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