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CEV announces the European Volunteering Capital 2020 Jury

- ❖ Cristina Rigman, CEV President
- ❖ Cristian Pîrvulescu, European Economic and Social Committee
- ❖ Jacob Bundsgaard, Mayor of Aarhus, European Volunteering Capital 2018
- ❖ Kieran McCarthy, Committee of the Regions
- ❖ Mary Ann Hennessey, Council of Europe
- ❖ Michaela Sojdrova, European Parliament
- ❖ Paula Guimarães, Montepio Bank, Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN)
- ❖ Szilvia Kalman, European Commission

The two candidate municipalities for **European Volunteering Capital 2020** title are **Padova (Italy)**, and **Stirling (United Kingdom)**.

The deadline for applications was on 29 June 2018. The information provided in the application form will count as 70% of the final score allocated to each candidate. 30% of the score will be allocated based on the presentation of the candidature during the Candidates Reception organised by CEV and hosted by the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union on 25 October 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.

The jury of key personalities connected with volunteering, representing civil society, the private and for-profit sector, as well as the EU institutions, will assess the candidatures. The judging criteria is based on the recommendations in the [Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe \(PAVE\)](#) and the 5R policy priorities as identified in PAVE 5 year review "[Helping Hands](#)". How the [European Solidarity Corps](#) will be supported and promoted is also part of the criteria. The winner will be announced in Aarhus, Denmark on 5 December 2018 [at the closing conference](#).

The [European Volunteer Centre \(CEV\)](#) 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. In 2013 European Year of Citizens, **CEV launched the European Volunteering Capital Competition to promote and develop volunteering at the local level**. The first winner of the competition to be awarded the title European Volunteering Capital in 2014 was Barcelona, followed by Lisbon European Volunteering Capital 2015, London European Volunteering Capital 2016, Sligo European Volunteering Capital 2017, Aarhus European Volunteering Capital 2018 and Košice European Volunteering Capital 2019.

The call for candidates for the 2021 competition will be open in February 2019.

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