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CEV announces the candidate municipalities for the European Volunteering Capital 2019

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 and Aarhus European Volunteering Capital 2018.

The three candidate municipalities for **European Volunteering Capital 2019** title are: **Augsburg (Germany)**, **Cascais (Portugal)** and **Kosice (Slovakia)**.

The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2019 was on 30 June 2017. 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 on 4 October 2017 in the **Autumn Volunteering Congress** in Vienna, Austria.

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 Sligo on 1 and 2 December 2017.

The [European Volunteer Centre \(CEV\)](#) is a network of over 80 national, regional and local volunteer centres and volunteer support agencies across Europe. CEV has, for 25 years, promoted and supported volunteering through advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building & training. In this way CEV reaches out to the many thousands of volunteers and volunteer organizations who see volunteer centres as source of support and in particular bringing the European dimension to their work.

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