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The European Volunteering Capital Competition 2023 aims to promote volunteering at the local level by sharing best practice and **giving recognition to municipalities that support and strengthen partnerships with volunteer centres and volunteer-involving organisations in their communities in implementing the CEV 5R policy priorities for volunteering and the recommendations of the Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE)**. The winning municipality will be granted the title of “European Volunteering Capital 2023” and will be promoted as such during 2022 and 2023 throughout Europe and beyond. The winners and candidates will have the opportunity to join 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.

**Local municipalities and volunteers have responded in creative, flexible and timely ways to meet emerging needs during the COVID19 crisis. Participation in the EV Capital Competition provides the opportunity to showcase good examples of healthy cross-sector partnerships and how they lead to impactful and quality volunteering. Being accepted as a Candidate Municipality will reward and recognise the amazing efforts of volunteers in implementing European Values and showing solidarity with one another during the continuing COVID19 Crisis and eventual recovery period.**

### Deadline for applications: 7 June 2021

Find the [full call for candidates](#) and the online [application form here](#). The information provided in the online form linked will count as 70% (worth 70% of the total score for the written part) and an attachment of maximum four sides of A4 to describe the municipality's “Strategy for future growth as concerns the access to, and impact of, quality volunteering, and the legacy of the EV Capital title for volunteers and solidarity locally, nationally and on a European level” (worth 30% of the total score for the written part). A 5-minutes video will count 30% to demonstrate volunteering in the municipality and a physical presentation in Berlin, EV Capital 2021, in September 2021 (Date and Venue - Online/Offline TBD) (maximum 10 minutes).

The awarded municipality is chosen from the candidates by an international jury of key personalities connected with volunteering, representing civil society, the private, for-profit sector, as well as the EU institutions. The winning municipality will be announced close to December 5th 2021, the International Volunteer Day, at a ceremony hosted by CEV and the current #EVCapital 2021 Berlin (Germany). **Previous European Volunteering Capitals** are Gdansk EVCapital 2022, Berlin EVCapital 2021, Padova EVCapital 2020, Košice EVCapital 2019, Aarhus EVCapital 2018, Sligo EVCapital 2017, London EVCapital 2016, Lisbon EVCapital 2015, and Barcelona EVCapital 2014.

The **Centre for European Volunteering (CEV)** is the European network of over 60 organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteers and volunteering in Europe at the European, national or regional levels. Through our network we work together to promote and support volunteering through advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building & training. In this way we reach out to the many thousands of volunteers and volunteer organisations in Europe as a source of support bringing the European dimension to their work. \*\*\*