



EYV FLOW - Issue 7 - March 2011

Welcome to the 7th 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 update

The EYV 2011 Alliance has established [6 working groups](#) involving more than 100 experts, many of them volunteers themselves, who have been nominated by EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations. The next Working Group meeting will be held in Brussels on March 18th-19th. The closing conference will be in Poland in December 2011 and will see the approval of the EYV 2011 Alliance European Policy Agenda on Volunteering to be presented to policy makers at the EC EYV 2011 closing conference...[Read more](#). If you have input for the next working group meeting in March, please contact the EYV 2011 Alliance Secretariat.

EYV 2011 Alliance at the Citizen's Agora

The 85 million people are estimated to live in poverty in the European Union and this has risen and is rising due to the economic crisis. The [3rd Citizens' AGORA](#) at the European Parliament on 27th-28th January 2011 looked at ways of reducing poverty across Europe. The Citizen's Agora is a unique tool for discussing with citizens issues on Parliament's agenda. It offered an opportunity for dialogue between civil society and the European institutions. The EYV 2011 Alliance had an information stand in the "NGO Village" and reminded the Agora Plenary to thank and recognise the contributions of volunteers and volunteer organisations to the reduction of poverty across Europe. EP Vice President Roucek drew attention to the importance of EYV 2011 to this regard in his closing address to the Agora. [Read Press Release](#).



EYV 2011 Alliance website: commit to volunteer!



Commit! Help us meet our target and contribute to the increased recognition of the contributions of volunteers across Europe. Sign up online on the EYV 2011 Alliance website to commit to volunteer for a specific number of hours during 2011. An automatic counter shows the statistics of the committed hours (country/region/gender/age). Make your commitments for 2011 [here](#)!

EYV 2011 Alliance Press Kit



The EYV 2011 Alliance Press Kit is growing with information. [Check here](#) for what is already there and send your press releases to be included.

Volonteuropese seminar on value of volunteering



The 2nd Volonteuropese seminar of "the Value of Volunteering Seminar Series" will take place in London on March 3rd. The seminar will progress the call on Member State governments and EU institutions to take volunteering seriously and recognise it as a strategic response in economic and social terms, as well as a driver of civic engagement. To register, contact [Arda Esen](#). [Download description](#).

ISCA developing volunteering competences

EYV 2011 Alliance member [ISCA](#) was among the 4 recipients selected to receive funding to foster volunteering in sport with the [EuroVolNet](#) project, a network for developing voluntary competence in sport organizations and promote the exchange of best practices regarding legal, fiscal and funding related aspects of voluntary activity in sport. Article 165 of the Lisbon Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has granted the EU the mandate to support, coordinate and supplement sport policy initiatives of Member States. Twelve new projects will be launched in 2011. [Read press release](#).

Book the date! 2nd EYV 2011 Thematic Conference May 23rd & 24th 2011, Brussels.

The 2nd Thematic Conference for EYV 2011 "**Volunteers: the difference they make and the challenges they face**" will see European Parliament President Buzek, European Commission Vice-President Reding, and European Economic and Social Committee President Nilsson joining between 300 and 400 grassroots volunteers, representatives of volunteering organisations and EU policy makers in Brussels. Information about how to participate will be available soon.

EYV 2011 Tour in Lisbon and Luxembourg

The [EYV tour in Lisbon](#) took place between 3rd-9th February and the [EYV tour in Luxembourg](#) between 16th-19th February 2011. 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](#) and contact the [National Coordinating Bodies](#) in each Member State to participate in the EYV 2011 Launches.



EYV 2011 Volunteer Journalist Relay

There is still time to host a Relay Reporter and get your organisation in the spotlight! The 27 EYV 2011 Volunteer Journalists will visit each member state in turn, check the deadline for your country

EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile



The Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES) through its 25 National Member Associations can access a pool of about 24 000 highly qualified retired professionals who are available to offer their services at no remuneration for assistance programs in developing countries. CESES has executed two programs in the context of the Europ Aid assistance programs for Latin America, is presently a partner in AI-Invest IV consortium led by Eurochambers. CESES and its Member Associations are engaged in continuous recruitment programmes to enlarge their volunteer membership with qualified retirees.



CEDAG was founded in 1989 to provide a voice for the associative sector in Europe. Volunteers and volunteering are central to the work of hundreds of thousands of non profit organisations throughout the EU and beyond. CEDAG underlines the power of volunteering to allow individuals to shape their own world, and to equip them with the tools of active citizenship. CEDAG is working to ensure that the EYV 2011 is an opportunity for volunteer organisations to develop their networks, and to engage in a strong and concerted way with decision makers at all levels.

EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Lodz, Poland:

Volunteering in Lodz – 3 cases of volunteering engagement. Located in the central part of the country, Lodz has 740.000 inhabitants and over 2.700 NGOs. One of the main objectives of [Gajusz Foundation](#) is to provide psychological help, support and social care for children and their families on oncology departments. Volunteering started in 1998 and currently there are 112 volunteers helping Gajusz in 25 hospices and 59 hospitals.

[Łódź Hospice for Children](#) was founded 1999 in order to assist terminally ill children and their families. Within the help provided it is possible for young patients to come back home from intensive care departments to their family homes. Treatment of children in their homes is possible thanks to provision 24 hour care. In addition, the hospice provides psychological, educational, and social and spiritual assistance. There are 20 are long-term volunteers.

The [Centerko foundation](#) received a grant from the State Fund for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities to create an agency for voluntary jobs. The local agency was created in 2008 to promote volunteering as a form of activation. The main objective is to prevent marginalization. The mission of Centerko is to integrate people in risk of social exclusion, in particular the mentally ill. They are recruiting people willing to volunteer and search for organizations interested in using their services. Their concept is "by helping the other, we help ourselves." [Read more](#).

Announcements



[European Statutes for Associations, Foundations, Mutual Societies](#): 364 deputies already signed the written declaration 84/2010! Only 5 more needed now. Extended deadline: 10

March 2011!

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

Upcoming events:

March 15: Plataforma de Voluntariat Social de la Comunitat Valenciana (PVSCV) holds the Quality Reference Day on March 15th: a ceremony to award quality certificates and a round table to share good practices in volunteering.



March 17: EUCIS-LLL: the next public hearing on transnational mobility schemes will focus on the possibilities offered through senior volunteering. [Read more](#).



March 24 -29: WOSM – European Region organises an event in Istanbul, Turkey from 24 to 29 March 2011 to provide national Scout associations a space for discussing and sharing experiences on volunteering. [Read more](#).

March 25: "Volunteers – On the Move! Informal learning of young volunteers" conference, 25th March, Zürich, Switzerland. [Read more](#).



May 4-6: The next CEV Symposium "**The future of volunteering: Profiles, Dimensions, Trends**" will take place in Tallinn in Estonia, 4th-6th May 2011. [Read more](#).

and [apply here](#). If you want to find out who are the volunteer journalists, [check here](#) the list with details of where they will travel to. The Relay reporters are also volunteering in their countries during 2011 contact them to ensure that your volunteering is featured in their work!

Committee of Regions Forum on Voluntary Engagement



Committee of the Regions

The forum of the Committee of Regions held on January 26th 2011 focused on the topic of voluntary engagement at local level and its significance in the wider European context. The first workshop concentrates on the theme of sport and citizenship, reflecting on how to improve sport volunteering at local and EU level...[read report](#). The second workshop focused on the relationship between local social services and voluntary organisations and on the possibilities for fostering cooperation locally and at EU level...[read report](#). The Committee of Regions invites voluntary organisations to participate actively in the outcomes of the European Year of Volunteering and launched a call for contribution to collect regional best practice in volunteering until 31 March 2011, fill in the [online survey here](#).

Solidarité celebrates its 25th anniversary



On the 25th of February, Solidarité celebrated its anniversary. Solidarité was set up in order to inspire trainees of the European Commission - potential future leaders and policy makers - to volunteer to help others and to raise awareness of humanitarian and social issues. Thousands of trainees have volunteered in Solidarité projects over the last 25 Stage intakes.

May 11-13: The first Congress on volunteering will be held in the city of Granada in Spain from 11 to 13 May. [Read more](#).

Aug 31st- Sept 3: [European University for Voluntary Service](#), 31st Aug- 3rd Sept 2011, University of Basel, Switzerland.



Sept 22-23: The [EUCLID](#) Annual Conference will be in Naples in Italy including a roundtable on the European Year of Volunteering

Awards:



Business in the Community invites you to celebrate the winners of the **European Employee Volunteering Awards (EEVA) 2011** in London on March 17th. RSVP by March 1st. [Download invitation](#)

Serbian winners announced - European Employee Volunteering Awards: ...[read more](#).

Research & reports:

Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions publishes a [resource pack](#) on volunteering in Europe, including a study on "Participation in volunteering and unpaid work". [Read more](#).



Can someone be a volunteer for an organisation they are a member of? [Vote here](#). i _____

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