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## CEV announces the candidate municipalities for the European Volunteering Capital 2023

**Brussels, 14 June 2021.** The Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) today announced the candidate municipalities for the European Volunteering Capital 2023 title.

The 4 candidate municipalities for **European Volunteering Capital 2023** title are:  
**Asti (IT), Birgu (MT), Oeiras (PT) and Trondheim (NO)**

**The European Volunteering Capital Competition** was launched in 2013, the European Year of Citizens, 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, Košice European Volunteering Capital 2019, Padova European Volunteering Capital 2020, Berlin European Volunteering Capital 2021 and Gdansk European Volunteering Capital 2022.

The Candidates, also 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 candidates will gain **European-wide visibility** for excellence in policies and programmes that support volunteers and volunteering regarding existing practices, and for ambitious, credible and quality-focused plans for future growth and development in the field of volunteering. They will play a **key role in motivating, inspiring and encouraging other municipalities** to improve their provision of supportive and facilitatory policies and programmes for quality volunteering.

The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2023 was 7th June. The information provided in the application form and video 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 **Berlin, EV Capital 2021, on 14 September 2021 in Europe House Berlin, Germany.**

A 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 candidates. The judging criteria is based on the recommendations in the [Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe \(PAVE\)](#) the 5R policy priorities as identified in PAVE 5 year review “[Helping Hands](#)” & the [CEV Volunteering Policy Statements](#). How the [European Solidarity Corps](#) will be supported and promoted is also part of the criteria.

The winner will be announced in Berlin, Germany in the week running up to 5th December International Volunteer Day 2021.

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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 European, national or regional level. Our **mission** is to provide **collaborative leadership** to create an enabling environment for **volunteering** in Europe. 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.

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