



EYV 2011 Alliance Working Group Kick Off Conference Report 7 & 8th January, Budapest (Hungary)

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Preparation:

The secretariat (2 staff members) arrived to the EYCB on January 5th evening and had a catch up meeting with CEV treasurer and Hungarian Civil Society liaison person (Andras F. Toth) concerning the EYV Tour in Hungary and overall co-ordination of the events over the weekend – (EYV 2011 Opening Ceremony, EYV Tour Hungary Opening, WG KoC and EC EYV Opening conference).

January 6th saw the secretariat making final logistical preparations with the venue and co-ordinating with Pau education concerning the synergies between the two events. The support of a small team of Hungarian volunteers was a welcome help to the preparations. The space for the WG exhibition was prepared. Registration for rooms and meals was co-ordinated through the EYCB reception desk for guests staying at EYCB and also at the adjacent hotel Papillon. The EYV 2011 Alliance Secretariat also established a registration/help desk outside the plenary room in the EYCB.



The arrivals of the co-chairs was foreseen on the evening of the 6th but several WG members also arrived due to personal wishes or travel constraints making it the only option. The Secretariat arranged two dinner dates, one at 19:00 and one at 21:00 hours so that participants could go out together accompanied by a staff member to act as guide for a self paying meal if they wished. This was appreciated by all concerned as it gave an informal opportunity to meet old and new colleagues/ friends in advance of the meeting.

A meeting for the Co-Chairs was arranged for 09:30 on the 7th. A planned visit to the EYV Tour could not take place since the Tour venue was not ready and since there was a later opportunity to visit the tour built into the programme on the 8th this was not seen as a major problem. EG members Markus and Piotr also attended part of the Co-Chair meeting.

- The co-chairs were given a printed WG pack prepared by the Secretariat containing all the background documents that had been sent by e-mail to WG members in advance of the meeting.
- The co-chairs were given the responsibility for ensuring that the members of their group signed the participants list.
- Co-chairs were briefed about the overall events happening in Budapest that weekend related to EYV 2011.
- Discussion took place surrounding the logic behind having additional guests to participate in the KoC on the morning of the 8th and therefore the best way to involve them in the WG meetings. It was

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agreed that the meetings on the morning of the 8th would be open to all WG members (i.e. members would not stay with their group necessarily) and additional guests after signing up to their preferred topic in the exhibition space and that co-chairs would remain in their own WG to chair the session.

- The purpose of the exhibition for the working group themes with the sections “I would like to share.....” “I would like to know more about.....” “I would like to ask....” was also explained in this meeting (See annex for photos of the exhibition).
- Discussion took place surrounding the need for clear guidelines concerning what the objective of the WGs – The European Policy Agenda on Volunteering should “look” like. The co-chairs were informed that with their feedback the SG would make a decision concerning the guidelines for the look of the document/s forming the policy agenda at their next meeting in March 2011 which would be in advance of the next WG meeting.
- The co-chairs were informed that as a guideline a first draft should be ready shortly after the second WG meeting in May 2011.
- After this joint meeting co-chairs spent some time working together in their pairs to prepare for the meeting.

Implementation:

The WG KoC began with an opening plenary session at 14:00 on January 7th. The session was chaired by EG member Catherine Storry and the speakers at the opening plenary were Mr. Markus Held (EYV 2011 Alliance EG), Mr. Andras F. Toth (Hungarian Civil Society representative), Mr. Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó (Department for Civil Relations Hungarian Ministry of Public Administration and Justice) and Mr. John Macdonald (EC EYV 2011 Task Force)



Following the plenary the WG members went with their co-chairs to their working rooms where they stayed until 19:00. Coffee break was included during this period. The statistics concerning the participation at the WG including all members, Steering Group members and invited guests are provided as an annex to this report. Also as an annex are the individual reports provided by the co-chairs of each of the 6 working groups. As can be seen from the reports there was no standard format for the agenda, implementation or reporting from each of the 6 groups and each group had their own process to take into account the particular membership and topics to be covered. Photographs of the event can be found in the Press Kit on the EYV 2011 Alliance website.

The evening of the 7th saw an informal standing dinner in the EYCB providing an opportunity for further discussions and networking amongst the participants and guests.



The morning of the 8th involved the working group co-chairs chairing discussions on each of the themes involving some members of their own WGs, members from other WGs and invited guests who were not members of any WG but coming from Alliance member organisations or NCBs. Some of the WG KoC evaluations reported that this dynamic was challenging to include “new” people in an already advanced group discussion that had started the day before.

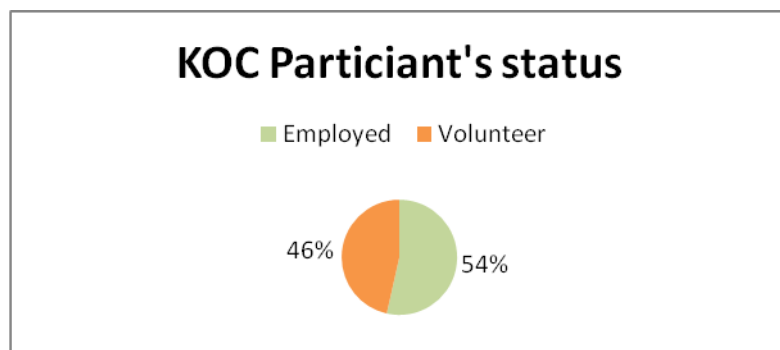
The members of the WGs, EYV 2011 Alliance Steering Group members and invited guests then came together for a final plenary session at 10:30 am to share their feedback from each of the groups. Following this and some short announcements and thank you messages from the session Chair (EG member Piotr Sadowski) the WG co-chairs then convened final meetings with their groups for 30 minutes to wrap up the meeting and clarify and agree next steps etc.

The WG KoC participants then joined to participate in the opening EC EYV 2011 conference on Recognition of Volunteering at the same venue where EYV 2011 Alliance Project Manager Gabriella Civico gave a presentation in the opening session concerning the EYV 2011 Alliance working group process towards the European Policy Agenda on Volunteering . The EYV 2011 Alliance was also represented on the two panel debates with speakers and rapporteurs coming from Alliance member organisations (Tamara Flanagan – Volonteurope, Michal Kadera – European Youth Forum, Agnes Uhereckzy – AVSO, Filippo Addarii – EUCLID, Rosemary Hindle – WAGGGS, Anita Prosser – CVA, Renzo Razzano – European Volunteer Centre, Leon Prop – Red Cross, Jan Bohac - ENGSO).



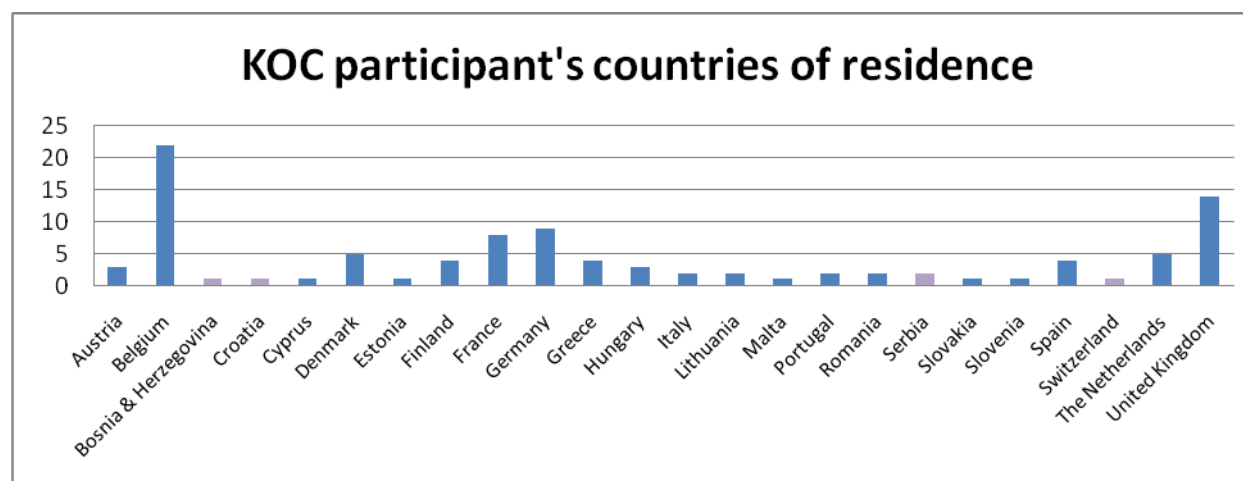
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Annex 1. Participation Statistics, EYV 2011 Alliance Working Group Kick-off Conference (WG KoC)



KOC Participant's status	
Employed	53
Volunteer	46

KOC participant's countries of residence	
Countries	Number of Participants
Austria	3
Belgium	22
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1
Croatia	1
Cyprus	1
Denmark	5
Estonia	1
Finland	4
France	8
Germany	9
Greece	4
Hungary	3
Italy	2
Lithuania	2
Malta	1
Portugal	2
Romania	2
Serbia	2
Slovakia	1
Slovenia	1
Spain	4
Switzerland	1
The Netherlands	5
United Kingdom	14
Number of EU countries	20
Number of Non-EU countries	4
Total number of countries	24

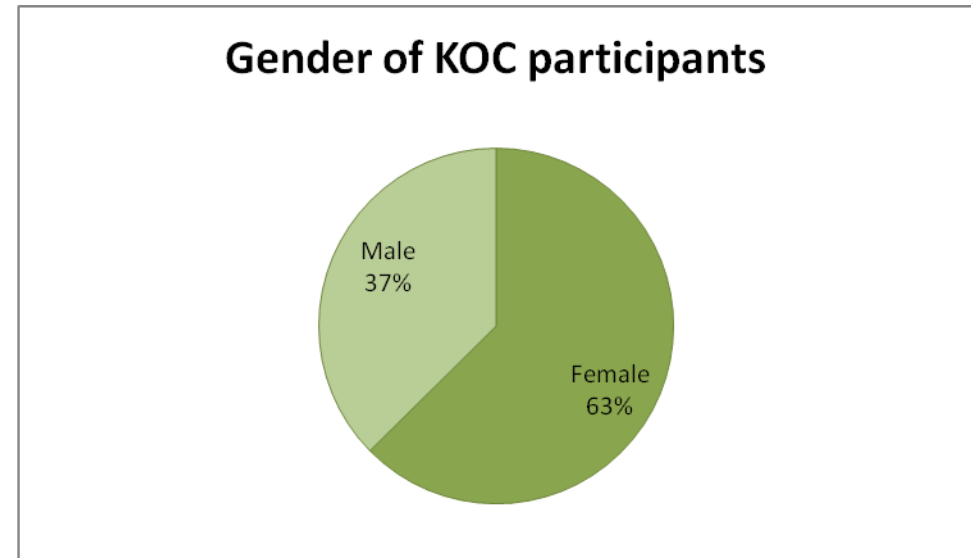
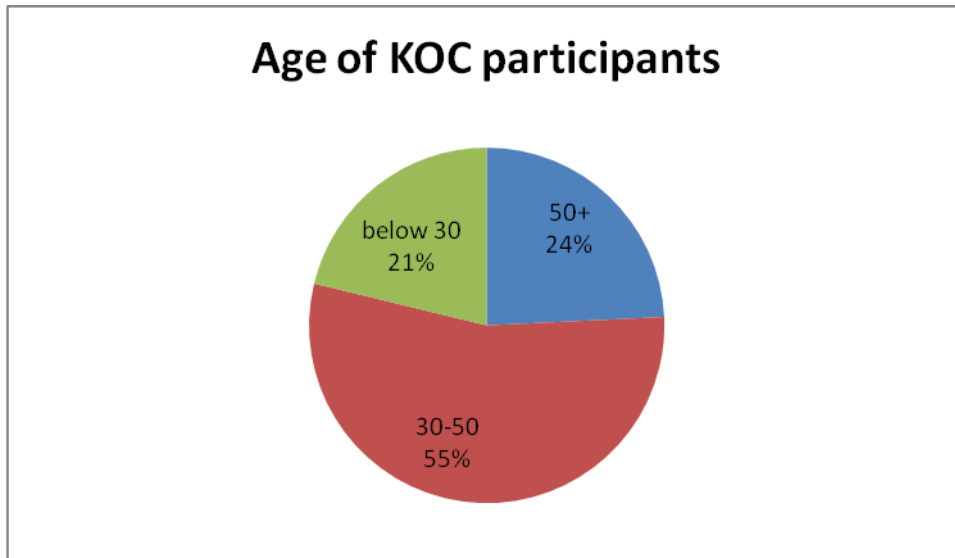


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Age of KOC participants		
50+ years old	Between 30-50 years old	below 30 years old
24 participants	54 participants	21 participants

Gender of KOC participants	
Female	63%
Male	37%

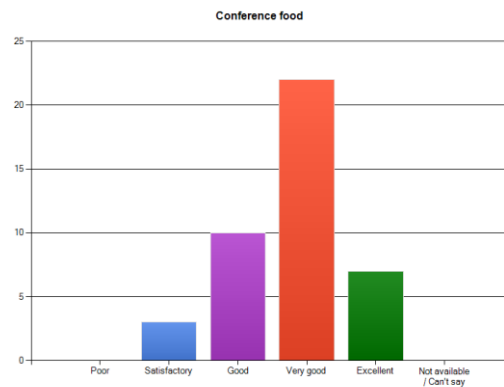
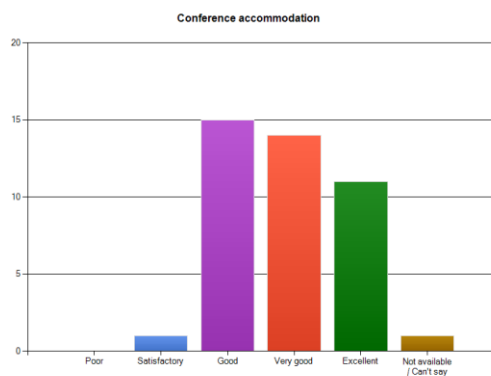
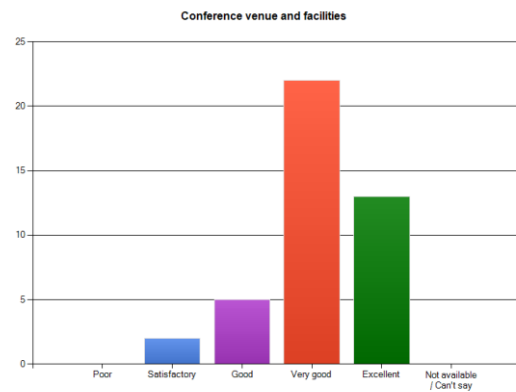
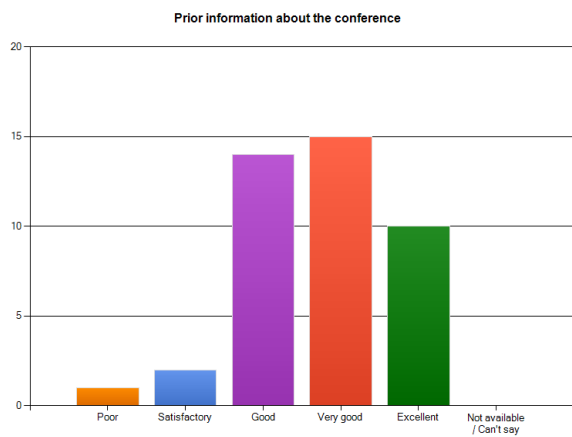
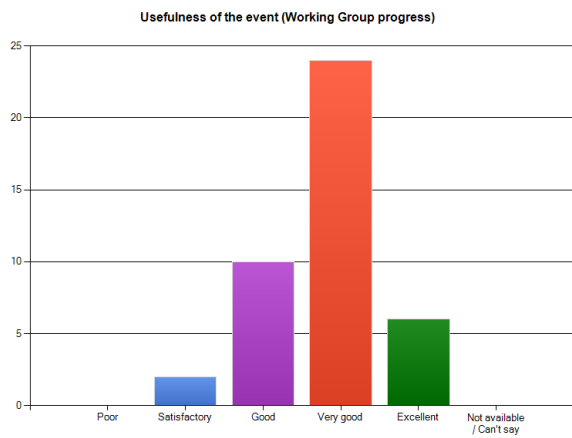


Number of EYV 2011 Alliance members participating in the WG KOC:	22 European networks active in volunteering
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Annex 2. Evaluation Reports



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COMMENTS:

1. Only Coca Cola company product available ☹

2. Very impressive organization of the whole event. Very useful and efficient meeting.

3. The food quality was really good, but we had meals standing (dinner twice and lunch once) and this is quite stressful specially on Saturday when the agenda was so packed - we don't need fancy tables but anywhere to at least sit with your food on your lap would be nice and less tiring if we want to use the time to network and talk.

4. I need to comment re one of the Moderator's/ Lead's attitude towards the Working Group.

5. There were too many standing meals one after the other; I think the working group meetings should have been prepared better in terms of meetings of the co-chairs in advance; the co-chairs meeting was of very little use in the way it was structured and most of the decisions taken there could have and should have been taken in advance; the fact that we have no specific idea on the final features of the document the WGs will produce caused a lot of confusion and uncertainty regarding how the work should be structured, what exactly is expected as the outcome of the working group - much more needed to be known and not just that we are working on a 'policy document'; the members in my WG are mostly or better said overwhelmingly from northern Europe, sharing opinions on the topic, but the reality is very different in other parts of Europe and it is not clear to me how we will be able to produce a document that embodies the variety and is meaningful for many regions of Europe and not just those represented in the working group; there were of course good things about the conference, but I chose to use this space to mention what needs improvement:) Thank you!

6. The first day seemed very long and packed (given that I had left home in the middle of the night before...) so in that sense there could have been one more short break in the first session.

The air was unbelievably bad in the building. I don't know whether there would be anything to do against that, but at least everyone out and opening the windows once a day would have been good. Otherwise everything went smoothly and I am already looking forward to the second meeting.

7. Buffet style food is often limited for non-meat eaters.

8. Information was good, but it should have been in one or max. two e-mails, because otherwise it is hard to find the recent one and stay updated; 2) overall the place was very good, but some of the rooms were too small for the group and there was even lack of chairs, in the main venue there was too hot and lack of air;

9. A good start, necessary for the rest of the meetings.

10. Thanks you did a great job, especially solving the "Austrian" problem, :-)

11. The microphone sound level for speakers in the plenary sessions was very poor

Annex 4. The WG KoC Exhibition Space.

WG 5 Value of Volunteering WG2 Legal Framework of volunteering



The exhibition on WG topics stimulated debate, discussion and information sharing. Each exhibition panel had 3 sections:

“I would like to know more about...”

“I would like to share.....”

“I would like to ask....”

WG1 Quality of volunteering



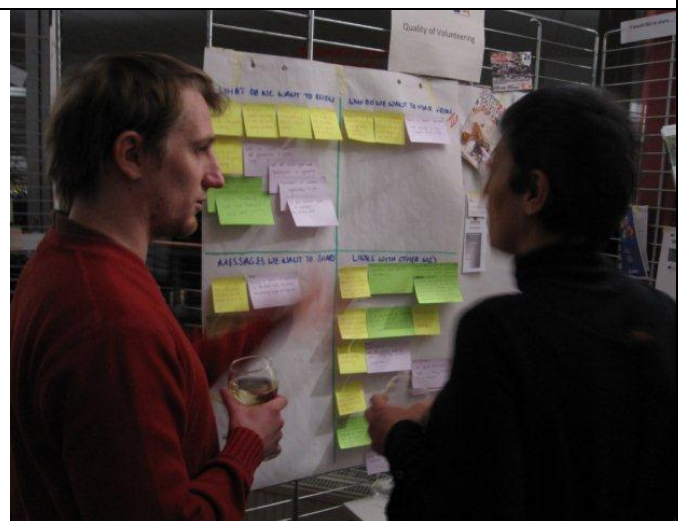
WG 4 Recognising volunteering



WG6 Employee volunteering, WG3 Volunteering infrastructure

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Annex 6. Full-list of Working Group Members

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Anne	Dupont	ISGF - International Scout and Guide Fellowship
Anne Marie Boile	Nielsen	AVSO - The Association of Voluntary Service Organisations
Anni	Siltanen	European Youth Forum (YFJ)
Christian	Glenat	ESAN - European Social Action Network
Claudia	Taylor-East	CEV - European Volunteer Centre
Elise	Drouet	WOSM - World Organisation of the Scout Movement - European Region
Erja-Riitta	Reinikainen	Red Cross/EU Office
Gretel Maria	Cabrera Galich	Solidar
Isabel	Beuchel	Eurodiaconia
Jeremie	Chomette	CVA - Conservation Volunteers Alliance
Marcos	Ramirez Berceo	Solidar
Margarida	Fernandes	Volonteuropa
Midge	Coombs	WAGGGS - The Europe Region - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
Olivier	Flury	Volonteuropa
Priit	Vene	ENGSO - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation
Robert	Broughton	Johanniter
Vaida	Kaduskeviciute	Red Cross/EU Office

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Mathias	Ingelbeen	AEGEE - European Students' Forum
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Gordana	Forcic	CEV - European Volunteer Center
Jugoslav	Jevdjic	Volonteuropa
Niels Cristian	Levin Hansen	ENGSO - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation
Poul	Broberg	ENGSO - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation
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Gennie	Franklin	ENGAGE
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JUAN	POYATOS	CEV - European Volunteer Center
Kristiina	Kangas	ENGSO - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation
Marion	Schumann	Volonteuropa
Roisin	Murphy	Volonteuropa
Clemens	Unterbergen	Eurodiaconia
Xenia	Koutentaki	The Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations

Nb: Co-Chairs indicated in bold. Participants in the same working group from the same organisation are Co-Nominees and share WG responsibilities and participation.

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