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REPRESENTATION
IN BRUSSELS



15 October 2025

13:30 - 15:30

Getting Inclusive Volunteering in Europe (#GIVE) Campaign & BEV2030 Seminar (VERA 2025)



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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2026

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1. **Introduction: IVY 2026**
2. **Stakeholders**
3. **UNV's planning**
4. **CSO participation**
5. **IVY resources**

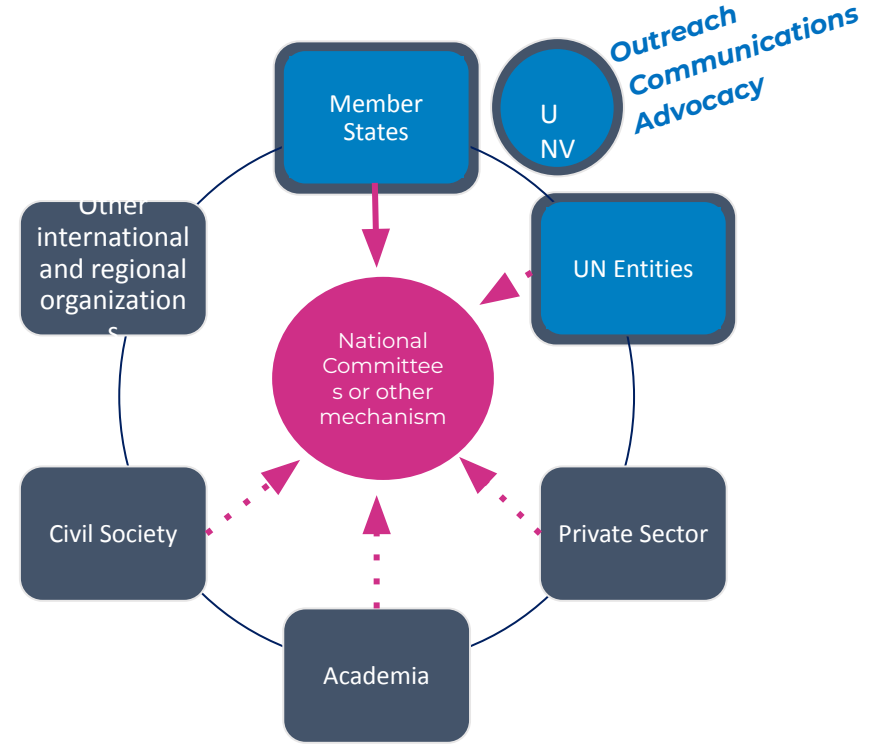


INTERNATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
YEAR 2026

Introduction | IVY 2026



Through [resolution 78/127](#), the **General Assembly**:
proclaiming **2026 the International Year of Volunteers
for Sustainable Development**"



*"invites **UNV** to facilitate the implementation of and reporting on the International Year in cooperation with **Member States and UN system organizations**"*



INTERNATIONAL
VOLUNTEER YEAR 2026

What?

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2026 the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development recognizing volunteerism as a powerful driver for achieving the 2030 Agenda.

A Global Celebration of Volunteerism

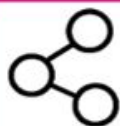
Who?

- Member States
- United Nations organizations
- Civil Society
- Private Sector
- Academia

How?

- Recognize and measure volunteers' contributions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- Integrate volunteerism into development planning
- Introduce policies that remove risks in volunteering
- Set up knowledge platforms to develop new forms of volunteering

Join the
International
Volunteer
Year!



Strengthen
networks



Display
IVY logo



Conduct
research



Develop
media content



Host
events



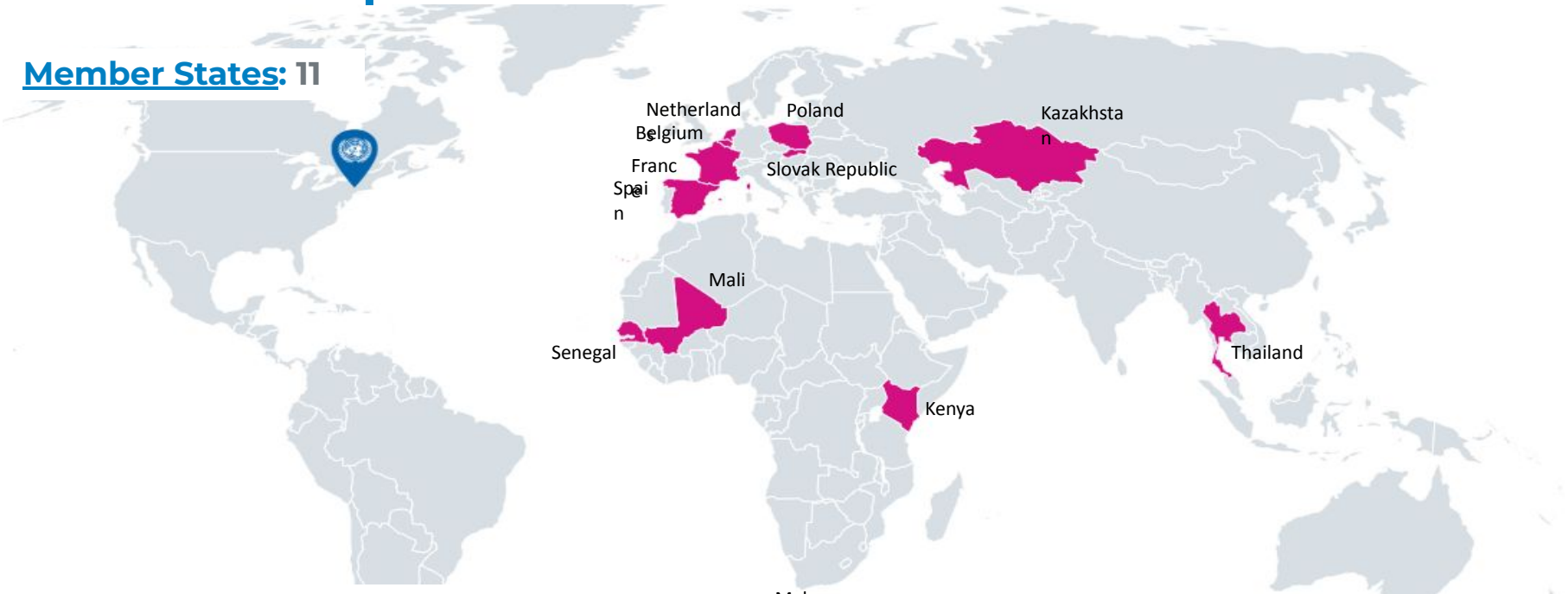
Recognize
volunteers

Scan
to know
more:



Stakeholders | IVY 2026

Member States: 11



United Nations entities: 34



Others: Civil Society



Academia



And more



UNV's Planning - IVY 2026



UNV supports IVY 2026 through an HQ-based Secretariat and six Regional Coordinators with a focus on **outreach, communications and advocacy**



2024

Preliminary Planning



2025

Preparation



2026

Implementation



2027

Evaluation

Outreach to and exchanges with Member States, UN entities, civil society and others

Preparation of the Knowledge Portal on IVY 2026

IVY 2026 logo creation through global competition

Publication of stakeholders' activities and events on the Knowledge Portal on IVY 2026

Preparation and dissemination of communications materials, factsheets and toolkits, including on Trello

Opening of IVY 2026
(official event in New York)
5 Dec 2025



Mid-year event
TBC

Closing of IVY 2026
(official event in New York)
5 Dec 2026



Reporting to the UN General Assembly at its 82nd session



LEARN ABOUT IVY 2026

Study the Resolution:

[UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/78/127](#)

Monitor the IVY Knowledge Portal:

<https://knowledge.unv.org/international-volunteer-year>

PLAN YOUR IVY 2026

Create your campaign to promote the importance of volunteering

Call on Governments to

- Establish National Committees or other coordination mechanisms at the national level, and
- Develop National Action Plans together with all relevant stakeholders
- Help fund IVY activities

SHARE YOUR PLANS

Share your activities and events on the

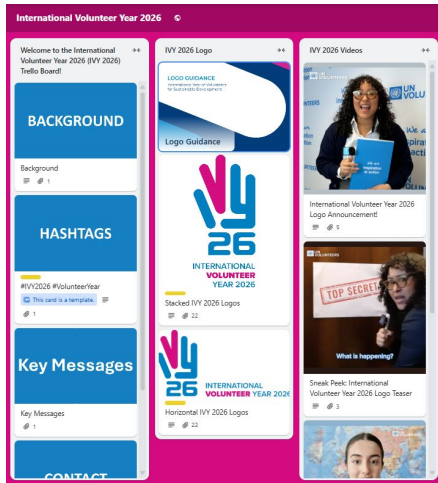
Knowledge Portal:

<https://knowledge.unv.org/international-volunteer-year>



Trello Board

Communications Materials
Yours to Use and Share!



Knowledge Portal

IVY 2026 Info Repository
for external partners



#IVY2026
#VolunteerYear

Contact IVY
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54 Co-Sponsors of A/RES/78/127 - IVY 2026



- **African States (8):** Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, **Kenya***, Morocco, Rwanda, and Tunisia.
- **Asia-Pacific States (14):** Cyprus, Fiji, Iraq, Jordan, **Kazakhstan***, **Kiribati***, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Singapore, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, and Uzbekistan.
- **Eastern European States (16):** **Armenia***, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
- **Latin America and Caribbean States (5):** **Bolivia***, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- **Western European and other States (11):** Belgium, Finland, France, **Germany***, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Türkiye.

***= Core Group facilitating the resolution**

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Unequal opportunities for volunteering

Fourth Civic Engagement
Report Germany



The federal government's mandate to the commission



1. corporate volunteering
2. demography
3. digitalization and youth
4. unequal opportunities for volunteering

statistics



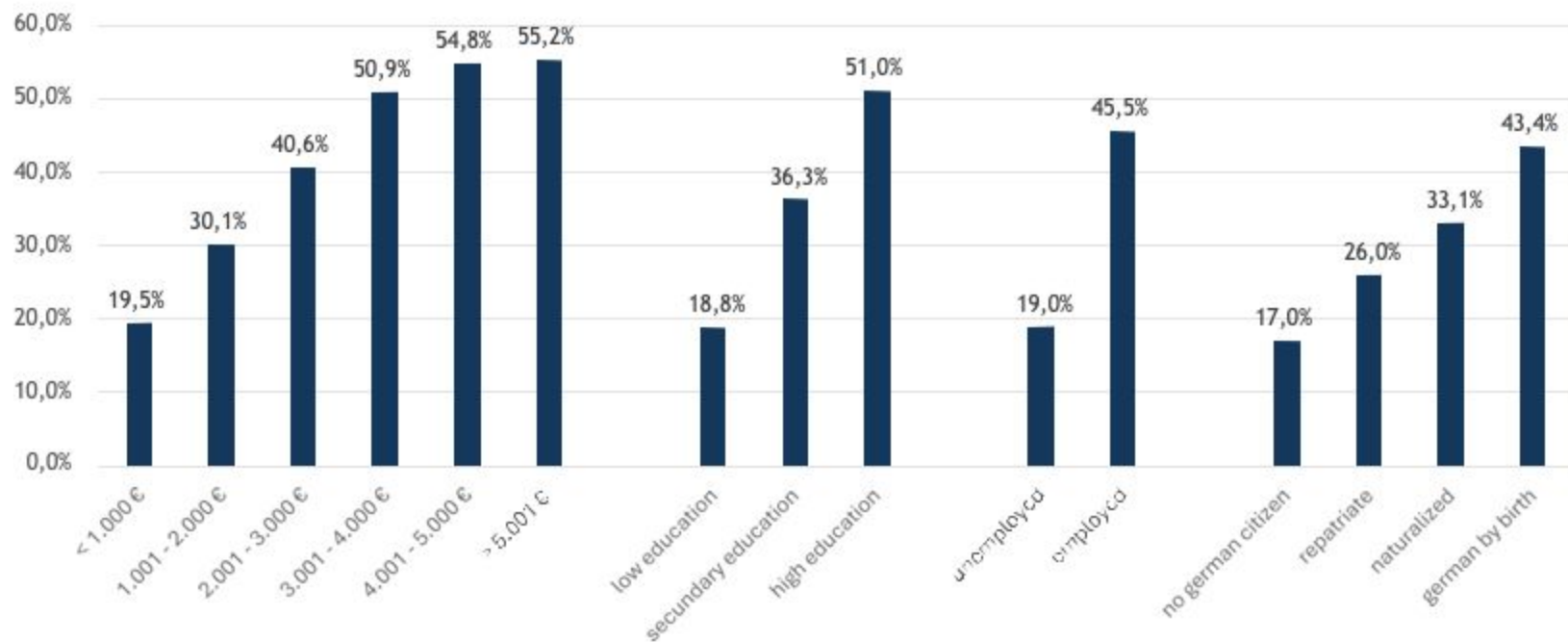
rate of volunteering 2016

income,

education,

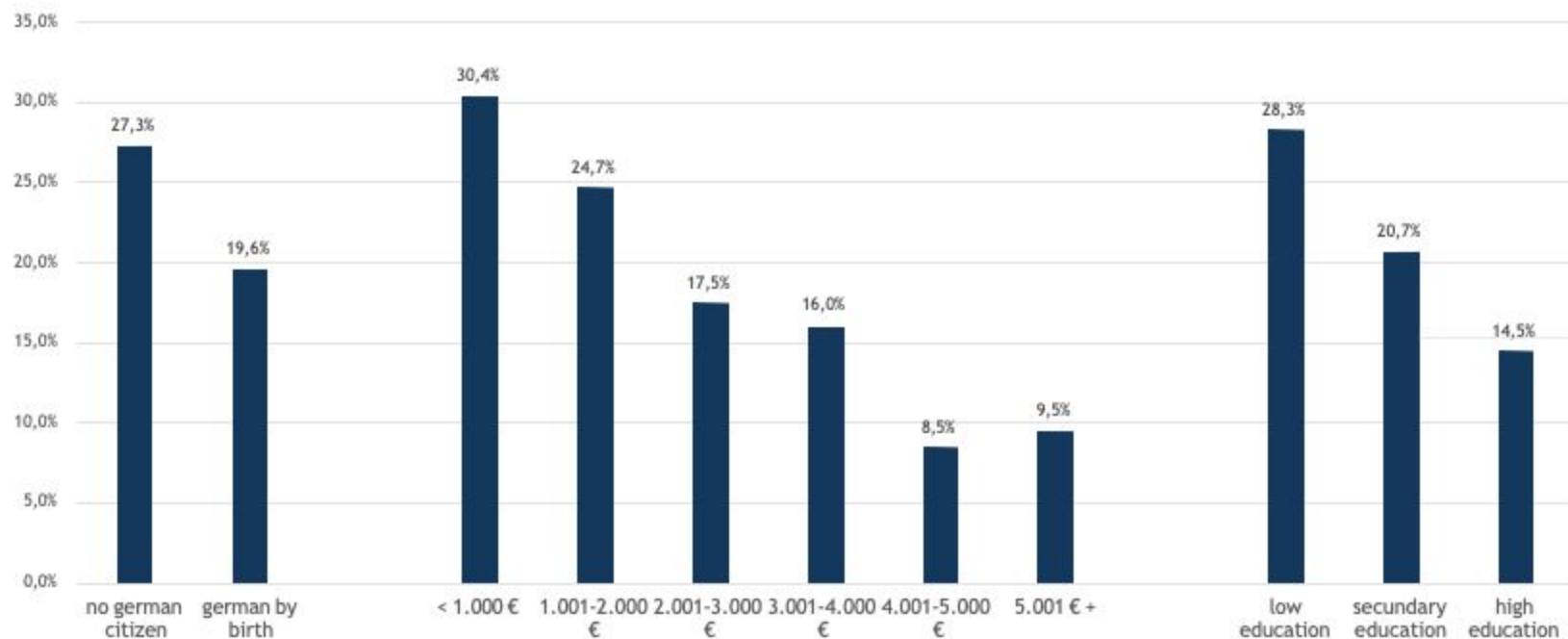
employment,

citizenship



source: special analysis of the 2019 German Survey on Volunteering for the Fourth Civic Engagement Report The percentage is based on all non-engaged persons aged 14 and over who live in Germany.

reason for non-volunteering: “was rejected”



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concepts and argumentation



Why is inequality in volunteering a problem?



volunteering is a way to participate in democracy

underrepresented groups have fewer chances to shape society according to their interests

access is...



... not only a first step into volunteering

... to every new task and new position

... to defend one's position in a discussion

thresholds



- for everyone
- unnoticed by some, a major hurdle for others
- depend on social status
- not easy to eliminate
- arise in an unequal society

volunteering in an unequal society



financial resources

→ volunteering requires financial resources

volunteering in an unequal society



time autonomy

→ volunteering requires being available at specific times

volunteering in an unequal society

racism, classism, and ableism

assumptions about typical volunteers

... and those who are not invited to volunteer



volunteering in an unequal society



lack of representation

- issues are devaluated as minority issues
- volunteers think they are the only ones with specific experiences

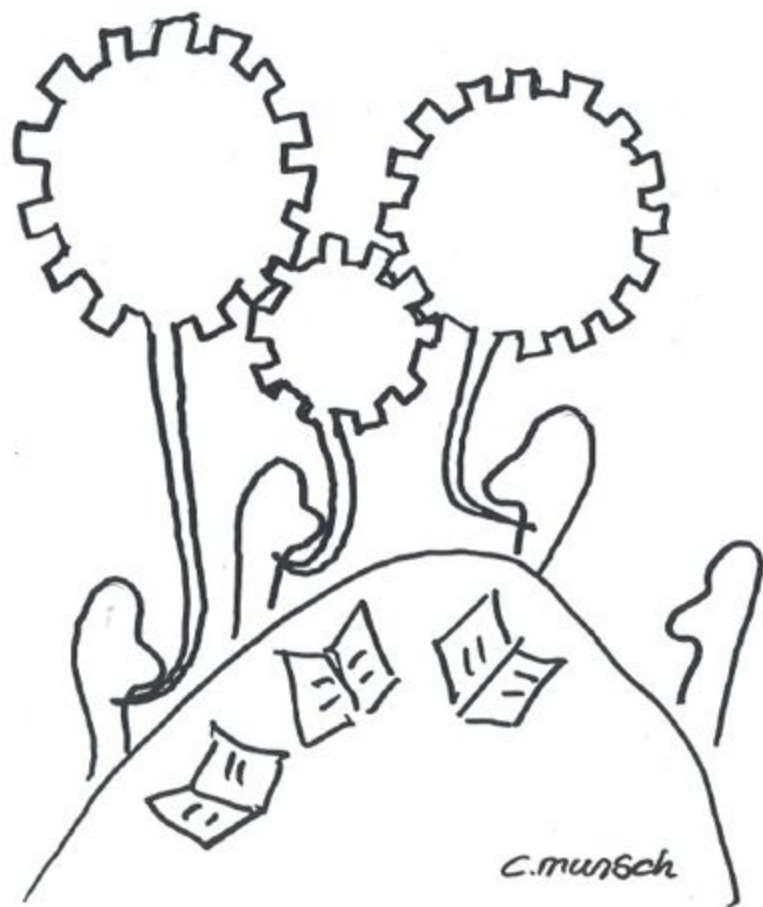
volunteering in an unequal society



ways of speaking

not all contributions are valued

→ keeping silent



privilege



... what people who are
not affected by discrimination
“do not perceive as privilege,
but as a matter of course, as normality.”

(Wachendorfer 2001, S. 93)

thresholds



financial resources

time autonomy

discrimination

ways of speaking

politically motivated violence

space

representation

digitalisation

legal requirements

bureaucracy

funding

invisibility of informal

volunteering

difficulty of criticising

**The report
english version**



The background of the slide features a light blue globe with a pattern of puzzle pieces. Some pieces are solid light blue, while others are white with blue outlines. The puzzle pieces are arranged in a way that suggests a global or interconnected theme.

Thank you for your attention

www.vierter-engagementbericht.de

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EU SURVEY

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERV_2021-2027

Reference of the project (project number): 101194233

Type of activity: Mutual learning

Title of the event: GIVE Seminar (VERA 2025)

Duration of the event in days: 0.3

Did the event take place physically or was it online?: Offline



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