
PRESS RELEASE | Brussels, 10 December 2022 | European Volunteering Capital 2024 WINNER

CEV is pleased to announce that **Trento, Italy**, has been awarded the title of
European Volunteering Capital 2024

In choosing **Trento as the European Volunteering Capital 2024** the jury have noted their exceptional credibility to be the European Volunteering Capital 2024 and highlight that the city is an excellent candidate and scored very highly on all aspects of the criteria based on the Blueprint for Volunteering 2030 (BEV2030). They also stress that their innovative video captured succinctly so many qualities, values & spirit of volunteering in the city that can set an example across Europe.

The jury also commends Lviv as a candidate and wants to express admiration for the strength that Lviv has shown with their candidacy and strong support for the volunteering efforts of citizens who mitigate the terrible consequences of war in such a variety of ways. The jury re-affirms the determination of the community of European Volunteering Capitals and Candidates (EVCCC), as well as the whole CEV network of members and partners, to support Lviv in achieving our common goals to strengthen local volunteering infrastructure and honour volunteering as an expression of solidarity and civic engagement in building resilience and promoting peace.

The jury feedback on the EVCapital Candidates 2024 is available at this link:

<https://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/evcapital2024> .

CEV launched the European Volunteering Capital Competition to strengthen, inspire and celebrate volunteering and the impact made by volunteers at the local level by giving recognition to municipalities that support and strengthen volunteering, especially through partnerships with stakeholders from different sectors such as volunteer centres, volunteer-involving organisations and the for-profit sector.

The judging criteria are the extent of their strategies, policies, and programmes in connection to the Blueprint for European Volunteering 2030 and to the CEV Volunteering Policy Statements. Evidence about their engagement with, and support for, the European Solidarity Corps when the applicant comes from an eligible programme country is also required. Applicants are also asked to indicate if they are signatories of the Integrating Cities Charter.

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: Michel Lefranc (CEV Board), Jan Verdée (CEV Board), Lena Karnalova (CEV Board), George Thomson (CEV Board), Kieran McCarthy (Cork City Councillor & EU Committee of the Regions member), Krzysztof Pater (EESC Member, Rapporteur Opinion "Volunteering - Citizens Building the Future of Europe"), Maria Walsh (MEP, EPP Volunteering Interest Group member), Barbara Eglitis (Coordinator, European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre), Piotr Sadowski (Member of the Standing Committee the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe), Begona Barbera Garcia (Iberdrola Social Projects Manager, Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN), Monika Chabior (Gdansk - EV Capital 2022 Vice Mayor).

The previous winners are: Trondheim 2023 - Gdansk 2022 - Berlin 2021 - Padova 2020 - Košice 2019 - Aarhus 2018 - Sligo 2017 - London 2016 - Lisbon 2015 - Barcelona 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 European, national or regional level. Through our network we work together to ensure that: the value of quality volunteering as an expression of Solidarity and European values is understood, supported and celebrated; policies & programmes, together with the European social environment, inspires, encourages and supports quality European Volunteering; Individuals and organisations that are active in the volunteering and civil society sphere share, learn and are inspired from one another in the framework of CEV . 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.