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CEV  
Symposium

Volunteering for stronger  
societies through innovation  
and cross-sector collaboration

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Danish Parliament  
Copenhagen  
Denmark

Interpretation  
will be provided from  
English into Italian and  
from English into Spanish  
during plenary sessions.

## WE09 MAY 2012

- 09:00 - 12:30 **CEV General Assembly Meeting** (CEV Members only)
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:30 - 14:00 **Registration**
- 14:00 - 14:15 **Opening ceremony of the conference**  
Eva Hambach - CEV President  
Finn Mortensen - Chairman, The National Knowledge & Development Centre of Volunteering in Denmark  
Pavel Trantina - Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- 14:15 - 14:40 **Keynote addresses**  
Karen Hækkerup - Danish Minister of Social Affairs and Integration  
Christel Schaldemose - Member of the European Parliament
- 14:40 - 15:40 **Plenary Debate: How to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration for long term impact of voluntary action?**  
John Macdonald - European Commission  
Terkel Andersen - Director of The National Council for Volunteering (Denmark)  
Marco Boaria - Resource and Development Unit Coordinator ALDA (Italy)  
Marian Juste - Fundación Telefonica (Spain)  
Hervé Sérieyx - President of the Evaluation and Prospective Committee of France Bénévolat (France)  
**Group Photo**
- 15:40 - 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 - 18:00 **World café**
- 18:15 - 20:30 **Marketplace and partnership corner: bring along your tools and raise visibility about your volunteering landscape!** (Showcasing initiatives in different countries)

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- 08:30 – 12:30 **Workshops** and **lunch** at on-site visits
- Workshop I **Voluntary and private company collaboration**  
This workshop will focus on the collaboration between companies and voluntary organisations, and will present good practices and experiences with a focus on new tools and ideas to set up cross-sector projects.
- Workshop II **Voluntary and public sector collaboration**  
This workshop will explore collaboration between local municipalities/institutions and voluntary organisations, and will present practice and experience on possibilities and challenges that collaboration brings.
- Workshop III **Social Ventures2200 a cross-sector partnership in practice**  
Socialventures2200 is a social enterprise in the heart of Copenhagen aiming at enhancing inclusion and employment through social entrepreneurship. The focus will be on both cross-sector partnership and social entrepreneurship.
- Workshop IV **Service Learning and collaboration between NGOs and schools/colleges/universities**  
Several European countries have implemented a Service Learning program, which overall is an initiative where students, during their high school period, participate in a program to learn about civic engagement and voluntary work. The workshop will identify stakeholders, will explore opportunities for successful cooperation and will raise awareness about the need for more European exchange on service learning initiatives.
- Workshop V **Academic research and the voluntary sector: Innovating volunteering through academic studies**  
This workshop will tackle ways in which researchers, practitioners, and policy makers throughout Europe can work more closely together to ensure that research on volunteering is of the greatest possible benefit. It will also explore the demand for a European-wide network of researchers focusing on volunteering.
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Transfer to the Folketing** (The National Parliament of Denmark)
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Question-deliberate-share** Reporting on the workshops and local projects in the plenary
- 15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee break**
- 15:15 - 16:00 **Reflective debate: What is the next step for me in order to develop collaboration?**  
Organisations that work *with* volunteers and organisations that work *for* volunteering: how to best address the need for partnerships?
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Closing of the CEV Symposium**  
Eva Hambach - CEV President
- 18:30 **Reception and boat trip** on the canals of Copenhagen

The voluntary sector has seen many developments recently, and gained a well deserved place on the public agenda through the European Year of Volunteering 2011. However, there is still a long journey ahead for volunteers and organisations that support them to achieve the aim of their efforts: better communities, stronger societies. It is therefore crucial to build partnerships between different sectors, to approach the growing interdependence between the state, business sector and civil society with innovative ideas, and to increase collaboration among different actors in the decision making arena.

In its 23rd Multi-Stakeholders Symposium CEV - the European Volunteer Centre will address the need for increased collaboration through innovative action between voluntary, private and public sectors. Building collaboration for solid societies through volunteering means being able to respond to questions such as:

*How can partnerships between agents from different backgrounds be increased?*

*What tools are available to enhance the quality of such partnerships?*

*How can we gain new resources and competences through cross-sectoral collaboration?*

*What can be considered good collective action from the point of view of voluntary organisations, private companies, municipalities and local governments?*

*What is missing to make innovative cross-sector collaboration possible?*

The objectives we are looking forward to achieving in this conference are the following:

- 1 To provide a highly participatory and interactive space for debates, partnership building and expertise exchange;
- 2 To identify and explore the best use of tools enhancing cross-sector cooperation;
- 3 To develop action points for innovation and quality engagement in the voluntary field and society as a whole.

CEV - the European Volunteer Centre is the European network of nearly 100 national, regional and local volunteer centres and volunteer support agencies across Europe, which work together to support and promote voluntary activity. Through our network we reach out to over 17,000 volunteer organisations, associations and other voluntary and community groups. This Symposium is organised in partnership with CEV's member organisation **The National Knowledge & Development Centre of Volunteering in Denmark** in the framework of the Danish Presidency of the European Union.

**Venue** The Symposium will take place at The Danish Parliament, the Folketing, which is located in Christiansborg Palace on the Castle Islet, "Slotsholmen", a small island in Copenhagen harbor in the heart of the city.



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