

Conference Programme

Cross–Border Volunteering in the European Year of Citizens – What is it for?

"Volunteering should not be exploited as a solution to Europe's challenges but be properly valued as an expression of European values, a legitimate counterbalance to injustice and an appropriate expression of solidarity amongst its citizens" (P.A.V.E.)

Through the presentation of different thematic examples this conference will debate Cross–Border Volunteering asking:

What is it for? Promoting European Citizenship or Increasing Employability?

3-4 October 2013
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Venue: Hotel Saraj)

Thursday, 3 October 2013

Wednesday, 2 October 2013
20:00 Informal dinner (at own expense)

- 08:30 - 09:00 **CEV General Assembly**
Registration for the General Assembly (CEV members only)
- 09:00 - 12:30 CEV General Assembly
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:30 CEV General Assembly
- 14:30 - 16:30 **Balkan Focus Round Table**
- 16:30 - 17:00 **European conference**
Registration for the conference/ Setting up of the Marketplace stands/ Refreshments provided
- 17:00 - 17:30 **Welcome address:**
Adnan Husic, Assistant Minister of Education in the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Branka Malešević, Assistant Minister for Youth of the Republic of Srpska
Dr. Ranko Covic, Deputy Mayor of Sarajevo
- 17:30 - 18:30 **Keynote addresses:** "Cross-Border Volunteering in the European Year of Citizens"
Eva Hambach, CEV President
John Macdonald, European Commission, European Year of Citizens 2013 Task-force / European Volunteering Capital Jury Member
- 18:30 - 19:30 **Marketplace:** Participants present their organisations and examples of good practice.

20:00 **Reception Dinner: European Volunteering Capital 2014**
Announcement of candidate municipalities

Friday, 4 October 2013

- 09:30 - 11:00 **Plenary session: Setting the scene "Cross-Border Volunteering – What is it for?"**
- Moderator:** Gabriella Civico, CEV Director
Pedro Chavez, Video Message, European Commission, DG Education and Culture, Europass/EQF NCP manager
Nicola Bertolini, European Commission, DG Enlargement, Head of Section Unit D3
Aurelio Dugoni, Associazione Nazionale Pubbliche Assistenze (ANPAS)
Juan Angel Poyatos, CEV EVEN Senior Consultant
Oonagh Aitken, Volonteuropes
Ivona Krstevska, SEEYN
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Parallel sessions "Cross-Border Volunteering – Where and how does it happen?"

Humanitarian Aid & Development

Peter Devereux
United Nations Volunteers
Kate Cotton
VSO International
Lénaïk Le Poul
France Volontaires
Victor Velasco
Alianza por la Solidaridad
Sergi Burrull
Fundación "La Caixa"

Civil Protection

Johanna Phillips
British Red Cross
Maks Merela
Cave Rescue Service-
Speleological Association SL
Roberto Dominguez
Axencia Galega de Emerxencias
Stephanie Havekost
Samaritan International

Shared learning

Irena Topalli
Beyond Barriers Association
Albania
Jugoslav Jevdjic
Youth Communication Centre
Banja Luka
Primož Jamšek
Slovenska Filantropija
Jonathan Even-Zohar
EUROCLIO/ EUCIS-LLL
Nives Ivelja
Udruga MI Split

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Parallel session "Cross-Border Volunteering – Where and how does it happen?"

European values and building citizenship

Chrysafo Arvaniti
Alliance of European Voluntary
Service Organisations
Aitken Oonagh
on behalf of AVSO
Edit Balogh
Talentum Foundation

Reconciliation/ building communities

Domagoj Kovačić
SEEYN
Wendy Osborne
Volunteer Now
Yvonne McKenna
Volunteer Ireland
Frank Morawietz
DFJW
Nadia Karayianni
NGO Support Centre Cyprus

Gaining skills enhancing employability

Adrian Hermes
European Trade Union
Confederation (ETUC)
Giuseppe Paglione
CSV Chieti
Marc Viñas Artola
Generalitat de Catalunya
Alzbeta Mrackova
Platform of Volunteer Centres
and Organisations Slovakia
Adrian Murtagh
Volunteer Development
Scotland

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

Reflective debate on the key question of conference:

Cross-Border Volunteering In the European Year of Citizens – What is it for?
Promoting European Citizenship or Increasing Employability?

Moderator: Gabriella Civico, CEV Director

17:30 – 18:00

Closing remarks: Eva Hambach, CEV President

Saturday, 5 October 2013

10.00 – 13.00 Optional programme provided by SEEYN (Sarajevo guided tour/Visits to volunteer projects)

"...volunteering is one of the key dimensions of active citizenship and democracy, putting European values such as solidarity and non-discrimination into action..." (European Commission, 2009)

Recently a change in EU discourse can be noted in that the EU appears to be increasingly concerned with encouraging people to volunteer in order to gain skills, and increase their employability. For example, the reference to the European Voluntary Service (EVS) in the EC Communication "Youth Opportunities Initiative" (2012) rather than recalling the intercultural and solidarity dimension of the programme states that:

"...such work experience in another Member State can provide important skills and help young people enter the labour market..."

Cross-Border Volunteering: What is it for?

Conference organisers:



The European Volunteer Centre (CEV) is the European network of over 80 national, regional and local volunteer centres and volunteer support agencies across Europe working together to promote and support volunteering through advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building.

CEV member organisation, the South East European Youth Network (SEEYN) is a network of organisations from the Western Balkans, involving young people in global issues, as a means of reconciliation in the region and promotion of respect for differences among societies.

Supported by:



Sarajevo is the capital and largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, capital of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina entity and the centre of the Sarajevo Canton. Often referred to as the Jerusalem of Europe, Sarajevo is famous for its cultural and religious diversity, and centuries-long coexistence of adherents of Islam, Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Judaism. The city is the leading political, economic, social and cultural point of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and is repeatedly listed in travel guides as one of the best cities in Europe to visit.

