
REPORT
MEP Volunteer Job Shadowing
MEP Michal Wiezik



Throughout the year VERA activities are supported by an increasing collaboration with the European Parliament. Meetings of the **European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group** are planned throughout 2024. MEPs get closer to the volunteering field by job shadowing a volunteer during a normal day of activities. By wearing the shoes of volunteers, MEPs involved will be better suited to support, advocate and value volunteering in their daily work at the European Parliament.

Volunteer Katarina Slovakova from the Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organisations spent the day at the European Parliament on **21 February 2024** with MEP Michal Wiezik (RENEW Europe Group). Katarina had the opportunity to attend the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Petitions and students' study visit from Slovakia. We have made a short interview with Katarina, you can find it [here](#).

On **26 March 2024**, **MEP Michal Wiezik (RENEW Europe Group)** went to the Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organisations in Banská Bystrica (SK) and spent a day volunteering. MEP Wiezik participated in a discussion on how the EU can contribute to the implementation of green measures at the local level. Over 30 people from the city of Banská Bystrica, most of whom are involved in informal groups focused on improving the environment in the city, attended the discussion. MEP Wiezik outlined the details of the Green Deal, its positives, limitations, and its impact on the daily lives of communities. He emphasised the importance of volunteer activities in climate and environmental protection and expressed interest in connecting the topic of volunteering with his expertise in ecology.

