



EYV FLOW - Issue 9 - May 2011

Welcome to the 9th EYV Flow, the EYV 2011 Alliance Newsletter. If you have any suggestion about the EYV Flow or contributions for future editions please contact the EYV 2011 Alliance secretariat. In the text or through hyperlinks you can find EYV 2011 Alliance news together with profiles of the members, a "city focus" and announcements. Please [subscribe](#) on the [EYV 2011 Alliance Web Portal](#) to receive the EYV Flow directly to your e-mail and help us to map the readership.

EYV 2011 Alliance : 38 European Networks

In April 2011, one more European network active in volunteering joined: [European Juvenile Justice Observatory – EJJO](#). The [EYV 2011 Alliance](#) currently involves [38 European networks](#) gathering over 2,000 direct member and partner organisations from all over Europe and beyond.

EYV 2011 Alliance nominated for European Citizen's Prize

At the meeting of the Chancellery of the European Citizens' Prize on 17 March, the EYV 2011 Alliance was nominated by [Marian Harkin MEP](#) for the European Citizens' Prize — CIVI EUROPAEO PRAEMIUM. [Read the Communication](#) of the European Parliament (2011/C 115/03).

EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations featured in EC "stockshots"

On the occasion of the EYV 2011 launch in Italy the Audio Visual team at the EC, EbS have made available volunteering stockshots featuring volunteers from Alliance member organizations to be used free of charge by journalists reporting on volunteering during 2011 and beyond. Further stockshots will be made available soon. [Watch the stockshots](#) and [download the script](#).



ENGSO adopts position on EC Communication on sport

In April 2011, the Executive Committee of ENGSO adopted the ENGSO statement on the [European Commission's Communication](#) "Developing the European Dimension in Sport" published on 18 January 2011. In the statement, ENGSO regrets the lack of new actions in the field of volunteering, and highlights the need for a funding programme and for including sports organisations in the implementation of the actions proposed in the Communication, among other remarks. [Read more](#).

WOSM European Region Volunteers in action

SCOUTS WOSM – European Region organised the "Volunteering in Youth NGOs: Citizens in action" event in Istanbul in Turkey from 24 to 29 March 2011. With 44 participants from 19 countries, the event provided national associations a space for discussing and sharing experiences on volunteering, as well as opportunities for partnerships. [Read more](#).



Latest Eurobarometer 73 published

The Standard Eurobarometer 73 Report, Volume 2 (EC) was published this spring. The survey was conducted between 5 May and 28 May 2010 by TNS Opinion & Social at the request of European Commission in 32 countries and territories. The last chapter of the volume 2 looks at the participation of citizens in society and voluntary work (page 167-173): Three out of ten Europeans participate actively in or do voluntary work for associations or organisations; their voluntary work concerns above all sports clubs (34%) or cultural associations (22%). When asked to state in which field they consider volunteering plays an important role, Europeans consider that solidarity and humanism are the main values underlying volunteering. [Read more](#).

EYV 2011 Tour in Nicosia and Paris

The [EYV tour in Nicosia](#) took place between 4 – 6 April and the [EYV tour in Paris](#) between 14 – 20 April 2011. Find out more about participating in the [EYV 2011 tour across the EU](#). The EYV Tour Press releases are available in our [Press Kit](#). Check the [EYV tour dates here](#) & contact the [National Coordinating Bodies](#) in each Member State to participate in the EYV 2011 Launches. The [EYV 2011 logo](#) in 23 languages and all visual elements are available.



EYV 2011 Calendar - is your event there?

On the [official EC calendar of EYV 2011](#) events users can get an overview of the many diverse events happening in the context of EYV 2011 across Europe. The calendar is hosted on the European Commission website for the Year. Volunteer organisations are invited to include their events of any kind on this calendar. Download the form [here](#) and send it to the European Commission at sn.volunteering@paueducation.com to include your events on the calendar.

EU-CoE youth partnership

The seminar "Mobility of young people - Opportunities and obstacles for cross-border volunteering for young people, particularly with fewer opportunities" is planned to be held in autumn 2011, Budapest or



EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile

Eurodiaconia Eurodiaconia is a European federation of organizations, institutions and churches providing social and health services from a Christian value base. Eurodiaconia members are serving people with needs – people with mental health needs, debt counselling needs, medical or emotional needs, housing needs and much more. Today, meeting people's needs through diaconal work is increasingly professionalized, however professional staff are complemented by what we estimate as being over 500 000 volunteers across our membership. Our focus in 2011 will be the role of volunteering in building social cohesion and we will be publishing 'a Picture of Volunteering in Diaconia' with the aim to celebrate volunteering in diaconia.

Red Cross / EU Office Bureau Croix-Rouge / UE and promote s the interests of the European Union National Red Cross Societies and of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. National Red Cross Societies in the EU provide, amongst other things, transport to patients and first aid courses, ensure self-sufficiency in blood, promote road safety, support vulnerable people in need or excluded, play a key role providing counselling and health care to refugees, carry out local and international relief and rehabilitation operations, provide help and psychological support to disaster victims. The provision of services is strictly needs based, responding to the specific demands of vulnerable groups in a local community. Volunteers and voluntary work are thereby at the heart of all service provision. Red Cross volunteers are well trained and recruited in all age groups and from within the local community.

EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Groningen, The Netherlands: Theatre by and for volunteers in Groningen - Located in the North of The Netherlands, Groningen has around 190,000 inhabitants. The community art theatre foundation "Stichting Kolder& Ko", the Volunteer Center "Stiel" and other volunteer organisations initiated a joined action to create a theatre production on volunteering. Prepared especially for the European Year of Volunteering by volunteers and for volunteers, the production will show small pieces on different volunteering issues in the city.



Theatre workshops and auditions for volunteers from different organisations are organised to involve and select participants into all aspects of the production: costumes, sets, music, dances, acting (see [Flyer](#) in Dutch). The "Noordergoud Gala" production will be presented early December 2011 during the annual volunteer festival organised in Groningen.

[Call for collaboration](#): send videos/films to Stichting Kolder&Ko before 1st June 2011! The final production will include videos sent from several volunteer associations in Europe.

Announcements

EYV 2011 Alliance European Policy Agenda on Volunteering: [read the report](#) from the 2nd Working Group meeting and contribute to the debate - give [your input here](#) until May 10th.

May 4-6: CEV Symposium "The future of volunteering: Profiles, Dimensions, Trends" in Tallinn, Estonia.

May 9: EUCIS-LLL Annual conference on the "Role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training" in Krakow, Poland.

May 23: EESCC public hearing "Volunteering infrastructure and quality of volunteering", Brussels, Belgium. [Read more](#).

May 23-24: EC 2nd Thematic Conference for EYV 2011 "Volunteers: the difference they make and the challenges they face". [Read more](#).

June 8-9: VALUE project – Volunteering and LLL in Universities in Europe – final conference in Ankara, Turkey. [Read more](#).

Aug 31st- Sept 3: [European University for Voluntary Service](#), 31st Aug– 3rd Sept 2011, University of Basel, Switzerland.

September 3-5: 64th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO conference "Sustainable Societies; Responsive Citizens" Bonn, Germany. [Read more](#).

September 6-10: The [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) will organise the [2nd Youth Convention on Volunteering](#) in Brussels, Belgium

September 22-23: The [EUCALID](#) Annual Conference will be in Naples, Italy

Strasbourg. In the context of the European Year of Volunteering 2011, the seminar aims at contributing to the horizontal priority of the recommendation on mobility of young volunteers. It will also be part of the follow-up of the seminar on volunteering of young people with fewer opportunities, organised in 2005. The group of participants - about 25- will mostly consist of policy makers, youth workers, young people, and researchers. The planning phase for this seminar starts from 16 May 2011.

3rd EU Day on Solidarity between Generations.

On 29th April 2011, a number of events celebrated the 3rd EU Day on Solidarity between Generations. In Berlin as part of the PR Campaign of the EU Project "[Intergeneraciones](#)", a special promotion day was organised together by the National Service Agency of Intergenerational Practice in Germany (Projektbüro "Dialog der Generationen") together with the Kreisau Initiative Berlin e.V. Academics, practitioners and politicians discussed the topic "Connecting Generations Across Europe". [Read Press Release.](#)


In Brussels, a first version of the future [website](#) of the European Year 2012 was launched during the high level conference "[Towards the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations \(2012\)](#)" taking place on the 29th April. The EY2012 Coalition presented a [leaflet](#) on the EU Year 2012 at the conference. One of the main objectives identified by the coalition is to promote active ageing in the community including through active citizenship, volunteering and caring.


September 27: [EESC](#) public hearings on Legal framework for volunteering, Brussels, Belgium

October 20-23: 20th annual [Volonteuropa Conference](#), "[Make a difference by volunteering](#)" Edinburgh, UK.

October 20-23: [CEV](#) Symposium - "Volunteering and Active Citizenship - two sides of the same coin?" Berlin, Germany

European commission:


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 There is still time to host a [Relay Reporter](#)! The 27 EYV 2011 Volunteer Journalist Relay will visit each member state in turn, check the deadline for your country and [apply here](#).

Research & reports:


"Volunteering across Europe. Organisations, promotion, participation"
27 country reports published between 2006-2011, SPES – Volunteer Support Centre of the Lazio region. [Read more.](#)


"Cooking, Caring and Volunteering: Unpaid Work Around the World",
Miranda, V., OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers, No. 116, OECD Publishing, 2011. [Read the paper.](#)

 Who was the main motivation for you to be a volunteer? [Vote here!](#) _____
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Commit! Say thank you to a volunteer by registering their hours [here](#) as part of the EYV 2011 [Volunteer Commitments Total](#).

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