

## **NEWSLETTER**

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# **EU Aid Volunteers**

**EU Aid Volunteers** We Care, We Act



The EU Aid Volunteers newsletter shares news, events and stories about the EU Aid Volunteers initiative with the EU Aid Volunteers network.

To share your stories, or to promote publications or public events on EU Aid Volunteers in a future edition of the newsletter, please use the platform forum or contact us at EU-AID-VOLUNTEERS@ec.europa.eu

#### News

#### **EU Aid Volunteers call for proposals 2019**

Is your organisation interested in sending or hosting EU Aid Volunteers? The "Deployment 2019" call for proposals for organisations to deploy EU Aid Volunteers will soon be published on this page. Organisations wishing to apply need to form a project consortium, meet the criteria and be certified as an EU Aid Volunteer sending or hosting organisation.



Is your organisation interested in strengthening its capacity to prepare and respond to humanitarian crises and to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative? The "Technical Assistance and Capacity Building 2019" call for proposals for humanitarian aid organisations that wish to become EU Aid Volunteers hosting or sending organisations will soon be published on this page

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#### **EU Aid Volunteers INFO Day 2019**

To find out more about the new EU Aid Volunteers calls for proposals, an INFO Day is going to take place in Brussels on 25/03/2019. You can register for the event or follow it via web streaming on this website.

Hurry up, because registration closes on 21/03/2019.

#### Volunteer deployment quide

During the "Back to Base 2018" event, current and former EU Aid volunteers wrote in a book their tips for future volunteers.

The Volunteer deployment guide reunites these tips and some provisions from the EU Aid Volunteers legislation. Its purpose is to provide volunteers with informal advice to help them make the most out of their volunteering experience.

You can download the guide on our website

#### Volunteers deployment guide. PDF EPUB\*

\*save the epub first on your computer then open it with a compatible program.





From right to left: Marleen, Karelle, EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo, Eleanor Friel and Mugeni Kayitenkore.

#### EU Aid Volunteer visit the EU Delegation in Rwanda

In February 2019, the EU Aid Volunteer Karelle and Marleen, project staff member from <u>Trócaire</u> visited the EU Delegation in Kigali (Rwanda). They were welcomed by the EU Ambassador, Mr Nicola Bellomo, Ms Eleanor Friel and Ms Mugeni Kayitenkore. Karelle is working as an EU Aid Volunteer providing agricultural capacity building and hands on technical program support to Trócaire and local partners, on integrating resilience building climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction best practices into agricultural programming.

### Stories from the field

Chiara is an EU Aid Volunteer working on Gender issues in Nepal with ADICE.

"...In this rural context the border between personal identity and community is often too thin and is difficult to find a space to define, recognize and accept oneself. The women need to turn a bit inwards, to explore their innermost core and stay with their emotions, to realise who they are, what they dream of and what they can achieve...".

Check Chiara's story here.

Read more stories from EU Aid Volunteers and participating organisations on the EU Aid Volunteers platform and discover the latest news on social media using the hashtag #EUAidVolunteers.



Chiara, EU Aid Volunteer deployed in Nepal.



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