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CEV announces the European Volunteering Capital 2023 Jury

- ❖ Michel Lefranc (CEV Board)
- ❖ Jan Verdée (CEV Board)
- ❖ Lena Karnalova (CEV Board)
- ❖ George Thomson (CEV Board)
- ❖ Kieran McCarthy (Cork City Councillor & EU Committee of the Regions member)
- ❖ Krzysztof Pater (EESC Rapporteur on "Volunteers . Building the Future of Europe")
- ❖ Predrag Fred Matic (MEP)
- ❖ Barbara Eglitis (Program officer SALTO European Solidarity Corps)
- ❖ Rares Craiut (Member of the Bureau of the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe)
- ❖ Begona Barbera Garcia (Iberdrola Social Projects Manager, Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN))
- ❖ Monica Lallai (Business Development for Religious and Third Sector/Non Profit Organizations Business Unit. Cattolica Assicurazioni Spa)
- ❖ Sawsan Chebli (Berlin State Secretary for Civic and International Affairs)

The four candidate municipalities for **European Volunteering Capital 2023** title are **Asti (IT), Birgu (MT), Oeiras (PT) and Trondheim (NO)**.

The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2023 was **7 June**. The information provided in the application form will count as 70% of the final score allocated to each candidate. 30% of the score will be allocated based on the video and the presentation of the candidature during the CEV Autumn Volunteering Congress 2021 on 14 September.

The jury of key personalities connected with volunteering, representing civil society, the private and for-profit sector, as well as the EU institutions, will assess the candidatures. The judging criteria are based on the recommendations in the [Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe \(PAVE\)](#) and the 5R policy priorities as identified in PAVE 5 year review "[Helping Hands](#)". How the [European Solidarity Corps](#) will be supported and promoted is also part of the criteria. The winner will be announced in **Berlin, Germany** in the week running up to **5th December** International Volunteer Day 2021.

The Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) is the European network of over 60 organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteers and volunteering in Europe, at European, national or regional level. In 2013 European Year of Citizens, **CEV launched the European Volunteering Capital Competition to promote and develop volunteering at the local level**. The first winner of the competition to be awarded the title European Volunteering Capital in 2014 was Barcelona, followed by Lisbon, 2015; London, 2016; Sligo, 2017; Aarhus, 2018; Košice, 2019; Padova 2020; Berlin 2021 and Gdansk 2022.

The Call for the European Volunteering Capital 2024 will be published in February 2022 with a deadline June 2022.

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