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1. About CEV

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CEV is a network of over 80 national, regional and local volunteer centres & volunteer support agencies across Europe.

CEV full members are national and regional support centres for volunteering and organisations exercising the role of a national or regional support centre for volunteering in European countries. Full members must be not-for profit and non-governmental organisations.

Associate members are volunteer involving organisations or organisations that promote and develop volunteering in a specialised field or a specific type of volunteering. Associate members act on a local, regional, national or international level.

All members must be legal entities under the law of their respective countries and must subscribe to the aims of the European Volunteer Centre and commit to actively supporting its vision and mission as well as the implementation of its strategic plan. CEV does not have individual members.

CEV is supported in its work by a Board of Directors and by a Secretariat team based in Brussels.

Partnership with CEV is open to any stakeholder that is willing to support CEV and its mission to contribute to the creation of an enabling political, social and economic environment for volunteering in Europe and where the full potential of volunteering can be realised.

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CEV Secretariat



**22 years
supporting
volunteering in
Europe**

The CEV Secretariat is located at the heart of the “European district” in Brussels and co-ordinates CEV’s activities by:

- **Developing partnerships** with EU and other institutions at different levels, civil society organisations as a member of various Alliances, and with other volunteering stakeholders.
- **Sharing knowledge** through research, publications, social media, training courses and other events.
- **Training members and other stakeholders** on volunteering related issues.
- **Advocating for supportive volunteering policies** as a member of EU expert groups, attending and presenting at various hearings and consultations and organising CEV policy conferences.

CEV Outreach

CEV Study Visits



CEV hosted study visits from partner organisations in Europe and offered information about volunteering policies, programmes and practice in the EU.

2014 CEV Members Study Visit took place in Brussels on 9 -12 December. The project involved 8 representatives from Italian CSVnet (Coordinamento Nazionale dei Centri di Servizio per il Volontariato) member organisations (CSVs) from different regions (Lombardia, Piemonte, Sicily, Veneto and Emilia Romagna).

Participants, accompanied by CEV staff, had the chance to visit the main European Institutions, to connect with EU Officials and MEPs, as well as to get in contact with representatives of civil society organisations. They were also introduced to CEV's activities and engagement in promoting volunteering across Europe.

Networks

Whilst a network itself CEV also makes active involvement in European level and international networks a priority. CEV is a member of: EESC Liaison Group for European Civil Society/ Expert Group on the Mobility of Young Volunteers/ European Qualifications Framework Advisory Group/ European Alliance for Volunteering/ Europe Plus / European Year of Citizens Alliance/ Civil Society Europe/ The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, Impact2030.

Advocacy

The creation of an enabling environment for volunteering in Europe is a priority for CEV. CEV staff and volunteers work with policy makers to create more effective evidence-based policies for volunteering. The need for co-ordinated EU policies and the comparative measurement of volunteering is continually highlighted since volunteering is directly relevant for several EU policy fields: Recognition and validation of informal and non-formal learning, EU Aid Volunteers, Erasmus +, Citizenship, Citizen's Dialogue, Health and Well-being, Active Ageing, Life-Long Learning, Corporate Social Responsibility, Economic Growth, Neighbourhood policies, Work-Life balance etc.



Projects

CEV partnered with other civil society organisations in different European level projects focussing on issues related to volunteering: NetAge, Roads to Recognition and Demotics. CEV used its capacity for outreach and dissemination to increase the impact and valorisation of the projects.

NetAge project aims at strengthening the development capabilities of the Adriatic regions involved and the demographic process focusing on innovative social and health services to favour active ageing and independent living of elderly.

Roads to Recognition project sustains the development of support for volunteering organisations in terms of methods and tools of skills recognition acquired through volunteering.

Democratically Correct (Demotics) project aims to promote youth awareness of EU citizenship rights through preparing young people to actively participate in society whether this be through direct action such as volunteering or engagement with representative democracy processes, for example the 2014 European Parliament elections.



2. CEV Events

Capacity Building Conference
Funding volunteering through the new
EU programmes: What are the options?
27-28 March 2014 | Brussels, Belgium



2014 marked the start of a new multi annual financial framework for the EU. This coincided with the launch of several new and amended EU funding programmes for civil society organisation (CSOs). CEV organised its spring **Capacity Building Conference in Brussels** tackling the issue of how to fund volunteering using the new EU programmes and was facilitated by 'Out of the Box International' using non-formal methodologies. Over 80 participants from 20 countries took part in the event that also included a reception organised in the framework of Barcelona European Volunteering Capital 2014. A volunteering funding guide was produced as an outcome of the event and is available on the CEV website.



CEV General Assembly and Policy Conference: VIEWSS Volunteering in European Welfare & Social Services

2-3 October 2014 | Turin, Italy

It is often said that Europe is at a crossroads and in particular with regard to the European Social Model. Europe is certainly at a historical junction but it manifests more like a box junction than a simple crossroads.

Just as traffic lights and mutual respect from drivers are needed to keep the traffic at box junctions flowing then governmental policy and inter-sector respect are needed if welfare and social services in Europe are to remain efficient, effective and fit for purpose.

The CEV VIEWSS conference aimed to confront the question of how actors from different sectors: public and private for-profit and not-for-profit should work together in order to meet the needs of vulnerable people and which policy frameworks need to be established by the state governments for it to happen in such a way as to keep the “traffic flowing” and the welfare state functional. When the traffic lights are not working or respect for other drivers is absent – a box junction becomes gridlocked. Europe’s welfare and social services cannot afford to become gridlocked and leave vulnerable people without the essential services they need. During the VIEWSS conference participants pledged to work together with actors from all sectors concerned with welfare and social service delivery to help European policymakers keep the junction open- assisting and allowing vulnerable people when passing through difficult times and to reach a more included societal status where their rights are respected and needs are met.

150 participants shared evidence from more than 25 countries and discussed 5 sub- topics: 1. Welfare Models and Sector Relations; 2. Contracted Service provision by civil society organisations; 3. Instrumentalisation of volunteering; 4. legal issues and quality standards; 5. Work-Life balance and social care, and created recommendations for the CEV policy document on “Volunteering in European Welfare and Social Services”.

3. European Volunteering Capital Competition

Barcelona
#EVCapital 2014



In 2013 European Year of Citizens, CEV launched the European Volunteering Capital Competition to promote and develop volunteering at the local level.



The 2014 European Volunteering Capital Candidates were:
Barcelona (ES), Guimarães(PT), Laval(FR) and Rennes(FR).

The official opening ceremony for the European Volunteering Capital 2014 took place on 3 March in Barcelona. Thematic events were organised in Barcelona and a monthly newsletter was issued to tackle topics connected to volunteering to recognise and celebrate volunteers' contribution.

Lisbon
#EVCapital 2015



For the 2015 European Volunteering Capital competition, three municipalities presented their candidatures: **Basel** (Switzerland), **Lisbon** (Portugal) and **Naples** (Italy).



The jury evaluated the candidatures of the three cities and ranked the level of implementation of the recommendations in PAVE (Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe) at municipality level. The announcement of the candidates was done in the framework of the CEV VIEWSS Conference in Turin (Italy).

Lisbon, the winner of the European Volunteering Capital 2015 was announced on 4 December 2014 in Barcelona. The city of Barcelona held the title of European Volunteering Capital in 2014 and organised a ceremony in the city hall, in the framework of the International Volunteer Day celebrations. The 2015 candidate municipalities participated in the ceremony, together with CEV, volunteers and volunteer involving organisations and representatives from Barcelona city council.

4. Vote Volunteer Vision



VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING
INFRASTRUCTURE
SKILLS RECOGNITION
INTERGROUP
OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERING
NEW EU PROGRAMMES

CEV launched the **Vote Volunteer Vision** campaign in preparation of the **2014 European Parliament Elections**. The campaign aimed to:

- Support volunteer organisations in their advocacy work at national level by providing tools to be used in the interaction with the 2014 European Parliament election candidates.
- Raise awareness about the role of MEPs in strengthening the volunteer infrastructure in Europe.
- Draw attention to the need for an Intergroup on Volunteering in the European Parliament
- Initiate future possible co-operation between MEPs and other volunteering stakeholders.
- Encourage citizens to vote and make decisions on their choice of candidates on the basis of EU issues that matter to them.

A toolkit to help volunteer centres and volunteer-involving organisations ask the European Parliament candidates **“What is your volunteer vision?”** was prepared. Candidates were invited to express their views on different volunteering policy areas (value of volunteering, volunteering infrastructure, skills recognition, overseas volunteering & new EU programmes) and asked to sign a pledge to support the creation of an European Parliament Intergroup on volunteering.

5. Volunteers Remembering WWI



2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the start of **World War I**. Volunteers across Europe play a huge contribution in remembering the victims of war and reminding us of the importance of sustained peace in Europe.

Volunteers also contributed greatly during the war itself to relieve the suffering of citizens on all sides in the conflict. In recognition of these volunteers CEV invited individual volunteers & volunteer groups to share information on the CEV website about actions they implemented to remember **World War I**.



6. EVEN: #CEVEVEN

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING EUROPEAN NETWORK

The **Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN)** currently has 10 corporate members (Fundación Telefonica, Intel, FASVOL, Fundación Repsol, IBERDROLA, ArcelorMittal, IBM, The Moody's Foundation, Cooperatie VGS, Kellogg's and 43 volunteer involving organisations in membership.

Established by the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) in 2013, EVEN aims to increase the number of employers and volunteer-involving organisations with the capacity & willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering and give greater visibility to these initiatives.

Capacity building events both online and face-to-face enable affiliate members to increase their competencies and knowledge about employee volunteering. EVEN events also give members the opportunity to share experiences and have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering projects.

Employee Volunteering European Network EVEN Objectives:

- **Increase the numbers** of employers and volunteer involving organisations with the capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering.
- **Give recognition and credibility** to entities from all sectors that are able to implement good quality employee volunteering projects.
- **Share experiences and new developments** on a regular basis and have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering.
- **Enable affiliate members to increase their competencies** in employee volunteering by participating in EVEN training courses.

EVENTS

March 2014: **Roundtable on new EU volunteering funding programmes Brussels (BE)**

April 2014: **EVEN Meeting Madrid (ES)**

May 2014: **Webinar: EV Online Volunteering**

May 2014: **EVEN Meeting Countrywide Event Double Pleasure Project, Utrecht (NL)**

Founding Members



Corporate Members



Finances

Operating costs - 217 643,13 Euros

Income: 55% EU Grant
29% Membership contributions
16% Other income



Expenditure: 74% Staff costs
20% Overheads
6% Events



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