



### **A statement on the eve of the International Volunteer Day 2022**

As one of the European Volunteering Ambassadors 2022, I see how essential volunteering is for the society in Europe in the current circumstances. I value the impact of volunteers during the COVID19 crisis and the crises caused by the Russian aggression in Ukraine where people's lives and well-being have been in grave danger. No one can question the importance of volunteer support to health and well-being in Europe and the role of volunteers in the recovery and for the future of Europe.

Therefore, I call on the European institutions to give full support to volunteers and to proclaim the year 2025 as the European Year of Volunteers and to start immediately with adequate preparations. We need to involve Member States, volunteers-involving organisations and all the EU institutions in planning and to facilitate their cooperation. And to secure the necessary financial resources.

As a long term Scout and a volunteer for more than 33 years, I am particularly interested in improving conditions for volunteers, as they are the important force of societal changes. The European Year of Volunteers 2025 would focus exactly on them - on the people who volunteer. It would seek to explore further and better understand their motivation and their impact on health and well-being in Europe.



**Let's work together to make the  
European Year of Volunteers 2025 a reality!**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pavel Trantina'.