

21 April 2020
14:00-15:00



Volunteering Strategies in COVID19 Crisis #VISCovid19 Webinar Report



16 metres!

CEV organised the 1st **#VISCovid19 Webinar: Volunteering Strategies in COVID19 Crisis** on 21 April. More than **70** participants from **25** countries took part in the webinar to showcase different volunteer responses meeting needs during this COVID19 crisis in Europe. Since the first day of the **COVID19** pandemic crisis, citizens have responded by adapting and launching numerous volunteer initiatives. This has demonstrated, beyond all doubt, the importance of volunteers and a vibrant and responsive civil society, reflecting the spirit of a resilient and caring community. In a context where, in many parts of Europe, volunteers, volunteer organisations and volunteering infrastructure organisations have suffered from a lack of investment and absence of public and State support in recent times, this unprecedented situation **has highlighted more than ever just how critical volunteers are to our society, especially as a key partner of local policymakers at municipality level.**

CEV calls for policymakers to “step up a gear” regarding volunteering policies and programmes. This “change of gear” should include increased focus, intensity and speed of investment and partnership development with volunteer-involving and volunteer infrastructure organisations and lead to a situation that more properly reflects the importance of the energy, expertise, and commitment of volunteers for health, well-being and solidarity in Europe, whilst avoiding the exploitation of volunteers in for-profit settings.

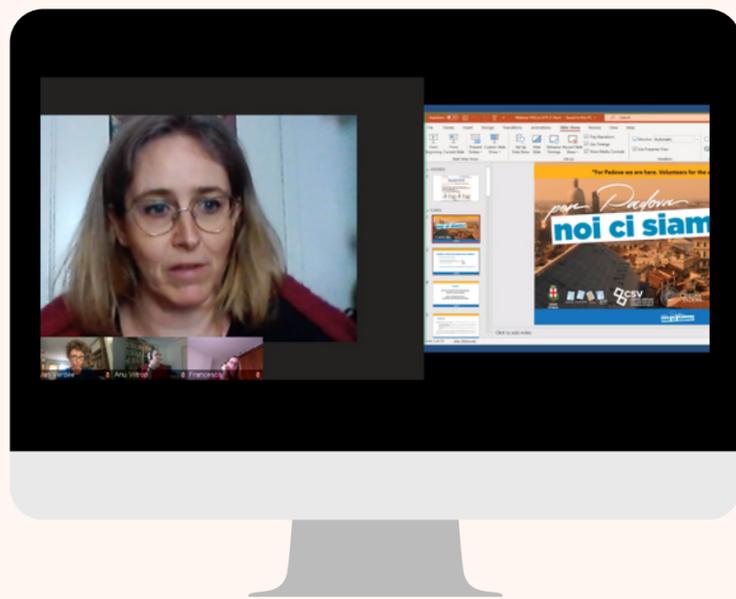
Webinar Agenda

14:00 - 14:05 Welcome & introduction - Gabriella Civico, CEV Director

14:05 - 14:55 Presentations with 10 minutes Q&A after each one

- Ilaria Ferraro - Padova (European Volunteering Capital 2020)
- Lukas Heimes - Berlin (European Volunteering Capital 2021)
- Nina Arwitz - Volunteer Ireland
- Anu Viltrop - Estonian Village Movement

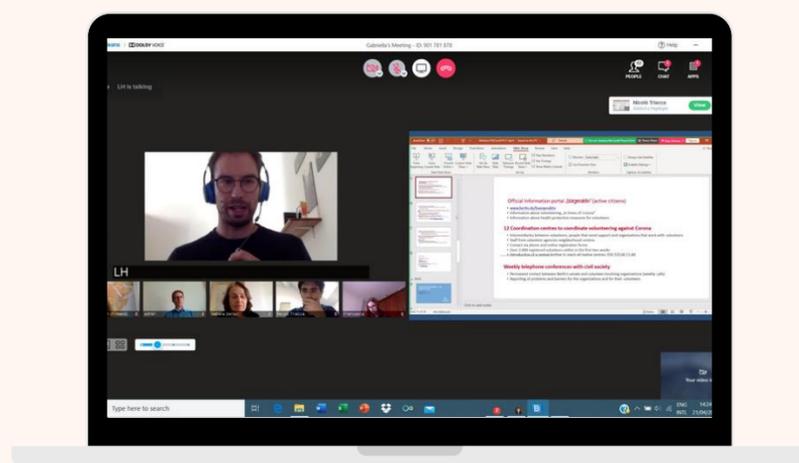
14:55 - 15:00 Closing - Lejla Šehić Relić, CEV President



*"We need to avoid that the health emergency turns into a social emergency".
Ilaria Ferraro*



*"One of the most interesting points for us is that volunteering has been in the spotlight in the past months".
Anu Viltrop*



*"We have 12 coordination centres to coordinate volunteering against Corona and over 2,000 registered volunteers within in the first two weeks."
Lukas Heimes*



Webinar Video



*"We developed a shopping protocol for volunteers entering homes and cash handling when helping vulnerable people."
Nina Arwitz*

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