



A statement on the eve of the International Volunteer Day 2023

Dear citizens,

Some of you already know me, but many others do not, and I wanted to take this opportunity to address you and share a few words.

For many years, volunteering has been an experience that has contributed to my personal development.

At present, I hold responsibilities within the government of Spain in the field of migration policy. As a child of immigrants who came to Spain, I strive to contribute to the development of our current society and to embrace the diversity of its citizens in whatever way I can.

We must contribute through our volunteering to prevent our societies from crumbling. We need to act together towards strengthening our societies, creating environments where equality and coexistence can flourish without any problems.

My volunteering experiences have also helped me raise awareness within institutions about the need to firmly support policies that consolidate diversity and equality.

As a European Volunteering Ambassador this year, I have strived to garner support from institutions at both the national and European levels, as well as from numerous civil organisations for a comprehensive European Civic Engagement and Volunteering Strategy as well as to have 2025 declared as the European Year of Volunteers.

With these words, I want to thank you for your support, your daily engagement and actions, and above all, encourage you to continue advocating towards legislation that contributes to and dignifies the efforts of all volunteers.

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Warm regards from Madrid.



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

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