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### CEV announces the European Volunteering Capital 2022 Jury

- ❖ Michel Lefranc (CEV Board)
- ❖ Jan Verdée (CEV Board)
- ❖ Lena Karnalova (CEV Board)
- ❖ Kieran McCarthy (Cork City Councillor & EU Committee of the Regions member)
- ❖ Cillian Lohan (EESC Vice-President for Communications)
- ❖ Irena Joveva (MEP, Renew Europe, Volunteering Interest Group Co-Chair)
- ❖ Melanie Jacobs (Coordinator, European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre)
- ❖ 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))
- ❖ Cristina Piva (Padova Municipality Councillor for Volunteering)

The four candidate municipalities for **European Volunteering Capital 2022** title are **Gdansk (PL), Gorizia (IT), Izmir (TR), & Madrid (ES)**.

The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2022 was **8 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 2020 on 22 October.

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 Online in a Ceremony organised together with **Padova, EV Capital 2020 on 5 December**.

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 and Berlin 2021.

The Call for the European Volunteering Capital 2023 will be published in February 2021 with a deadline June 2021.

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