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ABOUT CEV

The **European Volunteer Centre (CEV)** is the European network of organisations dedicated to the promotion of and support to volunteers and volunteering. CEV's vision is a Europe in which volunteers are central in building a cohesive, sustainable and inclusive society based on **solidarity and active citizenship**. Our mission is to provide collaborative leadership and to create an enabling environment for volunteering in Europe.

CEV channels the collective priorities and concerns of its member organisations to the institutions of the European Union and the Council of Europe. Together with other stakeholders we exchange policy, practice and information in order to ensure effective and coherent follow up to **European Year of Volunteering 2011** and ensure its legacy through the implementation of the **Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE)** and the follow-up "**Helping Hands – Hope for Europe**" report.

CEV's 5Rs policy priorities:

Recognition / Real Value / Regulatory Framework / Resources / Refugees & Social Inclusion



#volunteering
#solidarity
#HelpingHands
#EVCapital

PARTNERSHIPS

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

Sharing knowledge through publications, social media, training courses, studies and other initiatives & events.

TRAINING

Training members and other stakeholders on volunteering-related issues, especially in the framework of the spring capacity building conferences

ADVOCACY

Advocating for supportive volunteering policies as a member of EU expert groups. Attending and presenting at hearings & consultations. Organising CEV policy conferences and providing expert assistance for the development of the European Solidarity Corps.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

EUROPEAN NETWORKS

- >Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES)
- >World Organisation of the Scout Movement in Europe (WOSM)

AUSTRIA

- >Interessensgemeinschaft Freiwilligenzentren Österreich (IGFÖ)

BELGIUM

- >Plate-forme Francophone du Volontariat
- >Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- >OSMIJEH
- >South East European Youth Network (SEEYN)

BULGARIA

- >National Alliance for Volunteer Action (NAVA)
- >Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bulgaria Association

CROATIA

- >Croatian Volunteer Development Centre

CYPRUS

- >The Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council (PVCC)

CZECHIA

- >HESTIA Centrum pro dobrovolnictví

DENMARK

- >The Danish Institute for Voluntary Effort (DIVE)
- >Frivilligcentre og Selvhjælp Danmark (FriSe)
- >FrivilligVest

ESTONIA

- >Estonian Village Movement Kodukant

FINLAND

- >Citizen Forum

FRANCE

- >France Bénévolat
- >Tous Bénévol

GERMANY

- >Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Bürgerschaftlichen Engagements (ARBES)
- >National Network for Civil Society (BBE)

GREECE

- >Ethelon

HUNGARY

- >Talentum Foundation for the Support of Volunteering
- >Volunteering Hungary - Centre of Social Innovation

IRELAND

- >Volunteer Ireland

ITALY

- >Centro Nazionale Per il Volontariato (CNV)
- >CSV Basilicata
- >CSV Friuli Venezia Giulia
- >CSVnet Lombardia
- >CSVnet
- >CSV Marche
- >CSV Sardegna Solidale
- >Centro Servizi Padova Solidale

MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERS

Organisations dedicated to the promotion of, and support to, volunteering in Europe and European, National or Regional level.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Local volunteer organisations. Volunteer-involving organisations without the promotion of volunteering as a main mission.

PARTNERS

Other stakeholders from the voluntary, business or governmental sector that subscribe to our mission and vision

WE ARE THE EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING NETWORK PROMOTING, SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING VOLUNTEERING & SOLIDARITY IN EUROPE!

LUXEMBOURG

>Agence du Bénévolat

MALTA

- >Solidarity Overseas Service (SOS Malta)
- >The National Council of Women of Malta
- >Malta Council for Voluntary Organisations

MONTENEGRO

>Mladiinfo Montenegro

THE NETHERLANDS

- >MOVISIE
- >Vereniging Nederlandse Organisaties Vrijwilligerswerk (NOV)

POLAND

>Good Network Foundation

PORTUGAL

- >Confederação Portuguesa do Voluntariado (CPV)
- >Fundação Eugénio de Almeida (FEA)
- >Banco de Voluntariado de Tavira
- >CASES

ROMANIA

- >Pro Vobis - Centrul National de Resurse pentru Voluntariat
- >VOLUM
- >Centrul de Voluntariat Reșița

RUSSIA

>Perm Center of Volunteerism Development (PCVD)

SLOVAKIA

- >CARDO National Volunteer Centre
- >Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organisations

SLOVENIA

>Slovenska flantropija

SPAIN

- >Federació Catalana de Voluntariat Social
- >Fundación Hazlo posible
- >Plataforma Andaluza de Voluntariado (PAV)
- >Plataforma del Voluntariado de España (PVE)
- >Federació d'Organitzacions Catalanes de Gent Gran, Dones i Família (FOCAGG)
- >D.G. de Participación Ciudadana y Voluntariado (Junta de Andalucía)
- >Departament de Benestar Social i Família (Social Welfare and Family Department)

SWEDEN

>Forum-idéburna organisationer med social inriktning

TURKEY

- >System & Generation Association
- >SosyalBen Foundation

UNITED KINGDOM

- >Volunteer Scotland
- >NCVO





...Thank you for
your contribution
as part of the Board!

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STAFF

Gabriella Civico - Director

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(until October 2019) / Project and Training Manager
(from November 2019)

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Relations Manager (from November 2019)

Lamiae Goumri - Administration and Events Manager

Fady Alghorra - Communication Manager
(from October 2019)

Giulia Bordin - Policy and Project Officer

VOLUNTEERS

Paco Clari Cabrerizo - European Solidarity Corps
Volunteer (May 2019 - April 2020)

CEV engaged ESC volunteers on **short term placements**
as part of the Europe for Citizens “Solidalciti” project.

Chloe Limitsios, Fatma Elomrani, Maria Páez Guerrero
and **Fon Brunstead** contributed to the dissemination of
the results of the project and the success of the closing
conference.



MEP Michaela Šojdrová (EPP)
and Paco Clari Cabrerizo, CEV
European Solidarity Corps
Volunteer



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC) TRAINEES

CEV ESC trainees **Luca Lóth** and **Eleonora Andriolo** joined our team in January 2019. Eleonora finalised her traineeship in September, and Luca in December. Their contribution to CEV activities was greatly valued. They supported the team in organising events, in promoting Tandem and WISH, in desk research and general communication.

Maria Páez Guerrero was also supported by the ESC initiative, to be part of the team from September until December, and helped with organising the CEV Autumn Volunteering Congress.

Thank you!



Szilvia Kalman,
European Commission, Cristina
Rigman, CEV President and
CEV ESC trainees



Tibor Navracsics,
Commissioner for Education,
Culture, Youth and Sport, and
CEV ESC trainees



Luca Jahier, President of the
European Economic and Social
Committee (EESC)
and CEV ESC trainees

During the **European Solidarity Corps Flagship** debate held as part of **European Youth Week 2019** CEV ESC trainees met with Commissioner Navracsics and with EESC President Luca Jahier and shared about their experience as ESC trainees.

WISH

An online platform geographically displayed to enable refugees and asylum-seekers to find sources of support and assistance from the different volunteering initiatives.

TANDEM

An initiative to enable refugees, asylum-seekers and organisations learning, working and growing together.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Inclusive Volunteering Tool Kit (EN & PT)
 - Guidelines for Online Volunteering (EN & FR)
 - Voluntourism Tool Kit
- www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/publications

ERASMUS PLUS TRAINEES

Five Erasmus Plus interns from East Anglia University (UK) joined CEV in 2019, focusing on different research projects, contributing to extending and updating the volunteering infrastructure publication as well as providing additional support for the Tandem and Wish initiatives. **Alexandra Grondelski, Amber Keats, Charlotte Lowe, Dani King** and **Samuel Bruce**.

Alice Coden, Erasmus Plus trainee (University of Padova) and **Maria Páez Guerrero** Erasmus Plus trainee (University Rey Juan Carlos) also supported CEV team in carrying out research and in organising the Autumn Volunteering Congress.



PUBLICATION:
SOCIAL PRESCRIBING: THE HEALING POWER OF VOLUNTEERING?
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/publications

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PRESCRIBING:
THE HEALING
POWER OF
VOLUNTEERING**



MEP Michaela Šojdrová (EPP) CEV trainees, and ESC volunteers.





THE EQF ADVISORY GROUP

Assists the European Commission in the implementation of the EQF & follows up on the Council recommendation on the validation of non formal and informal learning.

EUROPASS ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group assists the European Commission with the implementation of the revised Europass Decision. CEV works to ensure that Europass is suitable for volunteers who want to be able to demonstrate their skills & competencies acquired whilst volunteering, including soft and transversal skills.

EXPERT GROUP ON MOBILITY YOUNG VOLUNTEERS & CROSS-BORDER SOLIDARITY

Advice and expertise provided by Expert Group members will directly support the Commission's work in the review of the 2008 Council recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union, as envisaged in the EU Youth Strategy.



THE EESC LIAISON GROUP

Provides a framework for political dialogue and cooperation between the EESC and the European organisations and networks.

DG EMPL CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP

CEV participates in the civil dialogue group to ensure that the role of volunteers and their needs are taken into account when dealing with the topic of employment and social affairs.



THE ESC ADVISORY GROUP

CEV is one of 17 experts from civil society; E+/ESC National Agencies, the European Commission; EACEA and other experts, researchers and trainers convened to provide guidance to the work of the ESC Resource Centre based in Vienna.



The coordination body for European Networks of civil society organisations. CEV Director Gabriella Civico is the treasurer.



INGOS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CEV is part of the INGOS of the Council of Europe as a way to contribute to the social pillar in the 'quadrilogue' between the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, and the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities.



This coalition aims to contribute to policy debates related to the current Erasmus+ programme revision as well as the MFF Mid Term Review and the next Generation of EU programmes.



SDG Watch Europe reaches out to CSOs (in the EU and other European countries, non EU member states) to raise awareness, promote engagement and to help build the capacity towards the implementation of the SDGs at all levels.

FINALISED in 2019

EVS REALM



Aimed at increasing the quality of the European Solidarity Corps initiative, especially the mentoring process.

LEVER UP



Development of a validation system for transversal skills and competencies acquired whilst volunteering. www.leverproject.eu

SOLIDALCITI



Aimed to build new transnational models of local volunteering development, particularly in emergency situations and in rural areas. Three national events were organised by partner organisations in Romania, Greece, Bosnia & Herzegovina and an European event in Brussels / Belgium, organised by CEV. www.solidalciti.eu

ONGOING

MAKING IT MATTER



Aims to enable the creation of methods and indicators for impact measurement that will help volunteer involving organisations to understand the key benefits of involving disadvantaged youth, and shape the most inclusive volunteer programs.

VALUES



Will help to share the crucial lessons learned while facing migrant integration challenges at local level through volunteering actions, and replicate good and proven practices in cities willing to build their capacity, through Cluster and Exchange visits.

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More details are available here:
www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/projects”

NEW started in 2019

COMPLEX TOOLBOX FOR VOLUNTEERS (CTV)

Aims to develop the skills of volunteers in preparing and managing European and international projects, to enhance their digital skills, intercultural competence, their sense of initiative and entrepreneurship.

UPGRADING VALIDATION (UPVAL)

Aims to make it easier for volunteering organisations to include "validation of skills and competences" in their volunteer policy and for volunteers to become aware of the value of validation as part of their volunteer action.

FAMILY VOLUNTEERING

Aims to introduce family volunteering as an effective, attractive, easily approachable education method, and a new form of community engagement to be explored for its future potential to generate change, on individual and societal level

VOLPRIS.EU

Aims to invest in the qualification of volunteering management in prison to have a positive Impact upon volunteers' daily work effectiveness, and therefore on reoffending rates. It will identify strategic, needs-based pathways between volunteering organisations and prisons and how to train managers in prison to support these.



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This time I’m voting!



2019 was the year of the European Parliament Elections. From 23 to 26 May EU citizens were able to vote for the 705 members that represent them in the European Parliament between 2019 and 2024. In preparation for the elections CEV made available the updated “**Vote Volunteer Vision Campaign**”, a Toolkit, translated in various languages, for CEV members and other Volunteer-Involving Organisations to discover and develop the European Parliament candidates’ opinions on volunteering with reference to the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (PAVE); the “Helping Hands EYV 2011 5-Year Review”; the CEV 5Rs Policy Priorities and CEV’s Policy Recommendations. The campaign included the opportunity for EP candidates to pledge support to establish an Intergroup on Volunteering if elected.

OUTREACH

MEP Michaela Šojdrová (EPP), MEP Irena Joveva (Renew Europe) and MEP Domenec Ruiz Devesa (S&D), hosted stakeholder meetings in March and November 2019 in the European Parliament, as co-chairs of the EP Interest Group on Volunteering.

59 INDIVIDUAL MEPS FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGROUP ON VOLUNTEERING & SOLIDARITY



EVENTS

- CEV organised a **Peer Learning Activity on Validation of skills and competencies acquired through volunteering** in the context of the European Qualifications Framework Advisory Group on 22 - 23 January 2019, in partnership with the European Youth Forum, the Lifelong Learning Platform and the European Commission (DG EMPL),
- On 6 and 7 June 2019 CEV hosted the **"EU Aid Volunteers Seminar"** in Brussels. The seminar was held as part of the project led by MPDL, "EU Aid Volunteers: MPDL deployment of volunteers for Peace Building and Women Rights", within the framework of the EU Aid Volunteers programme, with the support of representatives of the European Commission from EACEA and DGs ECHO & EAC, and the contribution of testimonies from sending organisations and EU Aid volunteers.



- The **EESC Civil Society Days** took place on 12 - 13 June in Brussels engaging over 300 participants representing over 100 different organisations. "Sustainable Democracy in Europe" was the overarching topic. CEV partnered with the Union of European Federalists and ECAS to deliver the workshop "E-democracy, citizens' advocacy power and alternative forms of active participation".
- The **Solid(arity) Volunteering** conference held in Brussels on 18 June 2019, was the Closing Conference, of the Europe for Citizens project SolidalCiti - Solidarity Alliance for Citizen Engagement across Europe. It focused on: volunteering and migrants; volunteering in times of crisis; volunteering and youth, gathering 138 participants from 20 European countries.

STUDY VISITS

CEV welcomed 65 volunteers, students and staff members from various universities in Europe and from volunteer-involving organisations, for short-term study visits. The aim of the visits was to discover how volunteering is perceived at the EU level, what opportunities and funding programmes support solidarity actions and how can young people get involved.

The study visits were organised by TGS Eurogroup, CSV Lazio, and Out of the Box International.



CAPACITY BUILDING CONFERENCE 30- 31 MAY 2019 **BUDAPEST**

CEV's annual **capacity building conference** "**Volunteering in the Social Sector in Europe - SoVol international conference**", took place in Budapest, Hungary.

The event was jointly organized by **ÖKA-Volunteering Hungary, Pro Vobis, Movisie, the Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organizations Slovakia, the Association for Civil Society Development SMART, and the Volunteer Centre Warsaw** in the framework of the SoVol strategic partnership project.

The aim of the Erasmus Plus co-funded conference was to build bridges between volunteering sector and the social sector, to expose volunteer organisations and social sector leaders to a vibrant learning experience that promotes best practices, innovative thinking, and awareness of possible cooperation.

OUTREACH



Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Gabriella Civico, CEV Director and F. Tóth András, ÖKA-Volunteering Hungary



2019 AUTUMN VOLUNTEERING CONGRESS

LEVER UP Final International Conference

On 20 November, LEVER UP project partners organised the Erasmus Plus LEVER UP International Conference **"LEVERing Up Transversal competences for increasing mobility and employability across Europe"**.

Gathering more than 70 participants from across Europe the conference presented the final outcomes of the project and three workshops enabled participants to go deeper into different aspects. The LEVER UP Movie was presented and it is available for dissemination in different languages (IT, EN, ES, PL and NL). A LEVER UP Brochure outlining the main features of the project is also available. Koen Nomden European Commission (DG EMPL) gave a presentation about the current EC policy frameworks for Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning.

OUTREACH



Koen Nomden - Team leader
"Transparency and
Recognition of Skills and
Qualifications", DG
EMPL, European Commission



2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 21 November more than **33 delegates** from **51 CEV member organisations** discussed and approved the 2018 activity and financial reports; voted for the 2020 activity plan and budget; approved a new policy about Volunteering and Social Prescribing; elected a new President and 4 new members of the Board; and approved a new Post 2020 Strategic Plan:

Strategic Priority 1: European policies & programmes, together with the European social environment, inspires, encourages and supports quality volunteering.

Strategic Priority 2: Individuals and organisations that are active in the volunteering and civil society sphere share, learn and are inspired from one another in the framework of CEV.

Strategic Priority 3: The value of quality volunteering as an expression of Solidarity and European values is understood, supported and celebrated.

Strategic Priority 4: CEV is a well-run and effective organisation.



EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL COMPETITION

In 2013 European Year of Citizens, CEV launched the **European Volunteering Capital Competition** to promote and develop volunteering at the local level & ensure the European dimension. The #EVCapital is a Europe-wide, open competition that aims to promote volunteering at the local level by giving recognition to municipalities that support and strengthen partnerships with volunteer centres and volunteer-involving organisations and celebrate and promote volunteering and the impact made by volunteers.

All **European municipalities of any size can participate**. The candidates submit a written application, a video and present their candidacies in person to the CEV membership and other volunteering stakeholders, in a dedicated session as part of the annual CEV Volunteering Congress.

The **winning municipality is announced in December close to the UN's International Volunteer Day**, at a ceremony hosted by CEV and the incumbent EVCapital. The title is used in order to strengthen, inspire and celebrate VOLUNTEERING and SOLIDARITY at local, national, regional and EU level.



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WINNERS

?
2022

BERLIN
2021

PADOVA
2020

KOSICE
2019

AARHUS
2018

SLIGO
2017

LONDON
2016

LISBON
2015

BARCELONA
2014

EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL COMPETITION



The 'Good Trolley-bus' traveled through the city each Sunday during 2019 promoting the activities of different volunteering organisations in Košice.

A study visit to the #EVCapital 2019 – Košice took place between 15 - 17 September. 18 representatives of the **European Volunteering Capital Candidates Community (#EVCCC)** from Aarhus; Berlin (EVCapital Candidate 2021); Cascais; Lisbon; Padova; Ringkøbing-Skjern; Stirling; & Strovolos (EVCapital Candidate 2021) visited Košice, together with representatives from the Portuguese and Croatian Employee Volunteering Networks and Vipava (Slovenia), to learn about volunteering in Košice and Košice Region.

#EVCapital 2019, Košice, together with other members of the **EVCC Community**, and supported by CEV, hosted a participatory lab "**Solidarity and Volunteering - European Rights and Values from the bottom up**" on 8 October in the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, during #EURegionsWeek. Participants discussed and debated how the EU could be brought closer to the Citizens through Volunteering and Solidarity. The Košice Self-Governing Region hosted a networking cocktail with traditional music and food.



Jaroslav Polaček, Mayor Košice, Rastislav Trnka, President, Košice Self-Governing Region, Slovakia



#EVCAPITAL





Strengthening, Inspiring & Celebrating Volunteering

KOŠICE 2019

The 96th **International Peace Marathon** was organised on 6 October in Košice. The smooth running of the sport event, attended by 14 500 runners from 62 countries, was ensured by volunteers who supported the organizational process, handed out the refreshment stands, helped at the registration desk and at the information centres to provide information, support athletes and visitors alike.

The **Closing Ceremony for EVCapital 2019** took place in Kosice on 9 December. As well as sharing all the memories of the year and plans for the future, the evening was the occasion for the **Slovakian Volunteer of the Year Awards**. Supported by CEV member CARDO, Slovak Aid, the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation, T-Systems Slovakia, US Steel and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic; the ceremony was an important occasion to recognise and reward volunteers not only in Kosice, but from across Slovakia.



Lucia Gurbálová, the Vice-Mayor of Košice, attended the CEV Capacity Building Conference in Budapest where she met with Tibor Navracscs, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Christina Rigman, CEV President and Gabriella Civico, CEV Director



#EVCAPITAL



EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL COMPETITION **PADOVA 2020**

Padova is one of the few Italian cities with a Councillor responsible for volunteering. There is a Municipal regulation of associations that explains the modality of how an organisation can engage with, and participate in, the Municipality's life. Associations are invited to take part in various debates with different stakeholders on specific topics in order to seek ways to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Padova. The municipality activated "**Padova Partecipa**" a framework for citizens and organisations to contribute with advice and suggestions to improve the city. It has also created the so called "Community Work", networks of citizens, organisations and public offices to study and implement new actions to identify and solve social challenges in 8 city-districts. The municipality supports organisations through providing funds for their activities in the community and through the allocation of spaces, structures and other in-kind support for their events. The municipality also helps organisations through the periodical issuance of calls for proposals for their projects. With last call, called "**City of Ideas**", presented at the beginning of 2018, the Municipality financed 73 projects with a total of €264.000.



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EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL COMPETITION **BERLIN 2021**

Two municipalities candidate to be the 2021 #EVCapital. Berlin was announced as the winner on 5 December, the International Volunteer Day. In choosing **Berlin as the European Volunteering Capital 2021** the jury have recognised that following many years of investment and collaboration with volunteering organisations there is a well-developed and sophisticated volunteering infrastructure in the city. This means that there are mechanisms and processes available to all volunteers and their organisations through which they can receive the necessary support and training, ensuring an even greater impact in the community as a result of their efforts.

The jury considers that the efforts of **Strovolos** municipality to support and develop volunteering in the city also deserves high recognition. The creation of the “Office for Volunteerism and Active Citizenship” (OVAC) that operates within the national framework for volunteering in Cyprus, established by the National Commissioner for Volunteering, shows great promise and should serve as inspiration, not only for other municipalities in Cyprus, but also across Europe.

#EVCAPITAL



Jury:

- Cristina Rigman, CEV President
- Isabel Caño, EESC Vice-President
- Lucia Gurbaľová, Košice Deputy Mayor, European Volunteering Capital 2019
- Matteo Bianchi, Committee of the Regions
- Mary Ann Hennessey, Council of Europe
- Domenec Ruiz Devesa MEP
- Begoña Barberá García, Iberdrola Social Projects Manager, EVEN
- Jutta Koenig-Georgiades, European Commission Europe for Citizens Programme

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING EUROPEAN NETWORK (EVEN)

The **Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN)** was established by the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) in 2013. EVEN aims to increase the number of employers and volunteer-involving organisations with the capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering and give greater visibility to these initiatives.

Capacity building events both online and face-to-face and dedicated publications aim to increase competencies and knowledge about Employee Volunteering. EVEN and CEV events also give members the opportunity to share experiences and have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering projects.

Benefits of EVEN Network membership:

- increase capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering.
- increase competencies in employee volunteering by participating in EVEN training courses.
- gain recognition and credibility for the implementation of good quality employee volunteering projects.
- have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering & share experiences and new developments on a regular basis.

#CEVEVEN



FOUNDING MEMBERS:

Telefonica

FUNDACIÓN



ACTIVITIES EVEN

CEV supported the Moody's Foundation to implement its **Employee Volunteering Programme "Team Up"** throughout 2019 in Belgium, Cyprus, France, Italy, Netherlands, Lithuania, Slovakia, Russian Federation, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates. The Moody's Team Up programme engaged 316 volunteers in different activities and with diverse NGOs to deliver much needed community impact.



CEV also supported Telefonica in implementing its **International Volunteering Day 2019** in Germany, to provide hundreds of volunteering opportunities across several German cities, and Repsol, organising its Volunteering Day in Belgium, Switzerland and The Netherlands, fostering cooperation between the business and the not-for-profit sector and responding to the needs of local communities.



EVEN Online Training Courses were also made available to CSOs and companies.

CEV EVEN Corporate Member Iberdrola was a member of the 2021 European Volunteering Capital Competition Jury.



FINANCES

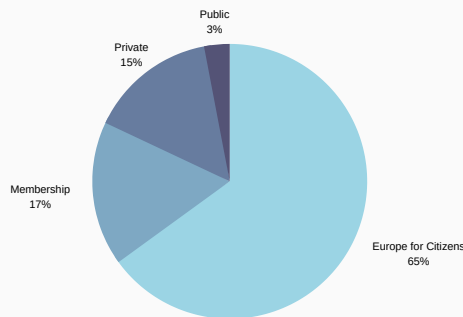
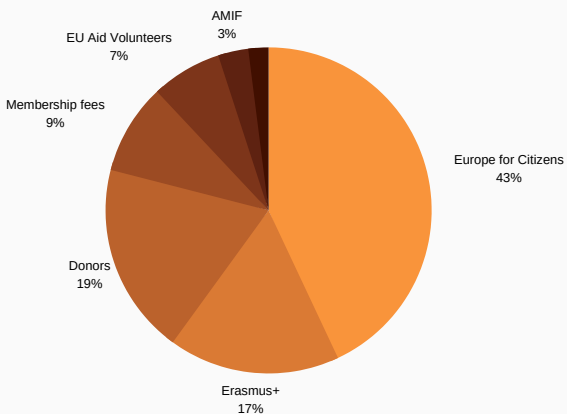


CEV is grateful for the financial contributions of the membership, the Europe for Citizens programme, Erasmus+, EVEN members, other donors, and the vital in-kind support from the Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the European Union, and Kosice Region and Municipality.

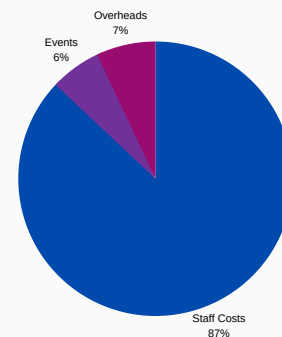
Overall Budget: €374,160.04

Europe for Citizens Operating Grant: €200,848.00

Income



Expenditure





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