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CEV announces the European Volunteering Capital 2026 Jury

- ❖ **Michel Lefranc** (CEV Board)
- ❖ **Jan Verdée** (CEV Board)
- ❖ **Daniele Antonozzi** (CEV Board)
- ❖ **Tine Radinja** (Mayor of Škofja Loka, Slovenia & EU Committee of the Regions member)
- ❖ **Giulia Barbucci** (EESC Member, Rapporteur Opinion "Volunteering - Citizens Building the Future of Europe")
- ❖ **Marc Angel** (MEP)
- ❖ **Barbara Eglitis** (European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre)
- ❖ **Piotr Sadowski** (Vice-President of the Standing Committee the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe)
- ❖ **Begona Barbera Garcia** (Iberdrola Social Projects Manager, Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN))
- ❖ **Sabrina Redolfi** (Municipality of Trento, Director of Welfare and Social Cohesion Department)

The three candidate municipalities for the European **Volunteering Capital 2026** title are **Ballina, Maia, Rzeszów**.

The deadline for applications for the European Volunteering Capital 2026 was **June 3rd 2024**. 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 EVCCC network meeting and EV Capital 2026 Candidates Presentation event **on September 10th 2024 in Brussels**.

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 candidates. The judging criteria is based on their strategies, policies, and programmes in connection to the Blueprint for European Volunteering 2030 and to the CEV Volunteering Policy Statements. Evidence about their engagement with, and support for, the European Solidarity Corps when the applicant comes from an EU member state is also required. Applicants are also asked to indicate if they are signatories of the Integrating Cities Charter.

The winner will be announced in Trento, Italy **on November 29th 2024**.

The [Centre for European Volunteering \(CEV\)](http://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org) 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. Our **mission** is to provide **collaborative leadership** to create an enabling environment for **volunteering** in Europe. Through our network we work together to promote and support volunteering through advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building & training. In this way we reach out to the many thousands of volunteers and volunteer organisations in Europe as a source of support bringing the European dimension to their work.

The Call for the European Volunteering Capital 2027 will be published in February 2025 with a deadline June 2025.