

The topic of voluntary action has gained momentum in Europe over the past years. The European Year of Volunteering 2011 is the latest peek in the growing public awareness that our societies are better of with active citizens. The coming months will see manifold projects, activities and awareness raising campaigns to further promote, facilitate and develop voluntary action all over the continent and beyond.

This seems like a perfect moment for us to hold our breath and to ask ourselves: **Quo vadis volunteering?** Where are we and where should the journey go? What are the current trends in our sector and what is our vision for the future?

Many new features and new developments characterise the voluntary sector with the new information technologies playing an ever rising role in our daily lives; an increasing commercialisation of international voluntary service placements; the appearance of business players in the non-profit world of volunteering; with changing patterns of engagement by volunteers; and with our societies facing an economic and financial crises that may lead to unprecedented transformations to our societies and to the way the state perceives the unpaid contribution of citizens to economy and society. These and other developments have led our sector to ask questions such as: Where are the boundaries of volunteering? What are its inviolable core concepts and principles that we need to defend? What are opportunities and threats of further unleashing the potential of voluntary action to make our societies the places we want to live in? How do we shape tomorrow's volunteering and how do we empower volunteers to shape tomorrow/s society?

Our conference will, thus, strive to achieve the following objectives:

1. To provide an overview of the current trends in volunteering;
2. To facilitate a space for debate on controversies that have developed over time;
3. To identify the core concepts and inviolable values of volunteering we adhere to and that we want to safeguard;
4. To develop a vision for the decades to come of how volunteering will continue to serve as a central cornerstone in all European countries.

CEV, the European Volunteer Centre, is the European network of over 85 national, regional and local volunteer centres and volunteer development agencies in 34 countries reaching out to over 17,000 associations at the local level. As a voice for volunteering in Europe, CEV receives an operating grant of the European Commission under its Europe for Citizens programme. This Symposium is co-organised with CEV's member organisation Volunteer Development Estonia (VDE), in the framework of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Tour Relay in Estonia (April 30 to May 6); the European Culture Capital 2011 Tallinn celebrations, and the "Let's Do It Estonia" campaign on May 7th.

## CEV Symposium

# The future of volunteering: concepts, trends, visions

4th – 6th May 2011

Sokos Hotel Viru

Tallinn | Estonia



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## Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

- 19.30 *Informal dinner (at participants' own expenses)*
- 21.00 *European Culture Capital Tallinn 2011 events*

## Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

- 09.00 – 12.30 CEV General Assembly (CEV members only)
- 12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 – 14.00 Registration

14.00 – 14.15 Opening Ceremony of the conference

- **Eva Hambach**, CEV President
- **Siim Kiisler**, Ministry of Regional Affairs (Estonia)
- **John Macdonald**, Leader of the European Commission Taskforce on the EVV 2011

**14.15 – 15.45 Opening Panel: Setting the scene and presenting some core trends**

Keynote speech: **Piet Boerefijn**, Estonian Food Bank (Estonia) **"Volunteering in Estonia – latest trends"**

- **Aleksandra Krugly**, Polish Presidency, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (Poland)
- **Siim Kiisler**, Ministry of Regional Affairs (Estonia)
- **John Macdonald**, Leader of the European Commission Taskforce on the EVV 2011
- **Lester M. Salamon**, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- **Marijke Steenbergen**, Movisie (Netherlands)
- **Fiorella Capasso**, Psycho-Sociologist (Italy)

Chair: **Markus Held**, CEV Director

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 18.15 **Open Space:** Current trends in volunteering – where are the lines?

18.15 – 18.30 Closing of day I

18.30 Reception

20.30 *European Culture Capital Tallinn 2011 events*

## Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011

09.30 – 10.45 **Innovative practice workshops 1<sup>st</sup> round:**

**Dace Maulina, Ilze Grintale, Brīvprātīgais.lv (Latvia)**

*The role of a virtual database in the promotion and development of voluntary work*

**Else Boss & Sandra Kamerbeek, Movisie (Netherlands)**

*Perspective on changes in civil society and consequences for volunteering and support organisations*

**Roumjana Modeva, NM Women and Mothers against Violence (Bulgaria)**

*Methods for the enlargement of the volunteers' network among students and minority ethnic groups*

**Franco Vannini, Istituto Italiano della Donazione (Italy)**

*Towards a Fundraising Certificate for associations*

**Frank Schulze, Federal Agency for Technical Relief – THW (Germany)**

*E-learning training courses on quality volunteer management*

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.30 **Debates session:** parallel debates on the following topics:

**Debate 1: the new forms of volunteering**

*Volunteering versus activism: Is volunteering a conservative activity or one that transforms society?*

*Volontourism' and 'fees' for international volunteering placements – a commercialisation of volunteering and new form of 'colonialism' or new trends to follow?*

*Online Volunteering and the use of social networks: New forms of engagement or new forms of division?*

**Falko Mohrs, European Youth Forum**

**Luc Lapointe, Connexion Internationale (Canada)**

**Malcolm Quigley, VSO Ireland (Ireland)**

**Viola Krebs, ICVolunteers (Switzerland)**

**Anita Kelles, ATTAC (Finland)**

Chair: **Gordana Forcic, SMART Croatia**

**Debate 2: new tools to promote volunteering**

*Service learning at schools / university credits / civic service schemes / Volunteering for the unemployed: perfect 'tasters' for citizens or 'steered volunteering' undermining the non obligatory nature of volunteering?*

*Recognition, awards and 'return for volunteering' – necessary volunteer management tools or inducing questionable motivations?*

**Cristina Rigman, ProVobis (Romania)**

**Stephen Greene, Rock Corps**

**Robert A. Stebbins, Professor at the University of Calgary (Canada)**

**Jo Peeters, Steunpunt Scouting**

**Gelderland (Netherlands)**

Chair: **Nick Gallagher, Voluntary**

**Service Overseas (UK)**

**Debate 3: the monetary dimension**

*Volunteering versus paid professional credits: How to bridge the gap?*

*Paying 'expenses' and 'salaries' to volunteers: EVS, UNV etc - Where is the line?*

*Measuring the economic value of volunteering – a tool to raise the recognition of volunteering or monetarisation of a non-profit activity?*

**João Teixeira, Confederação Portuguesa do Voluntariado (Portugal)**

**Elise Bouvet, UNV (tbc)**

**Roumjana Modeva, NM Women and Mothers against violence**

**Filip Pazderski, Institute of Public Affairs (Poland)**

Chair: **András F. Tóth, ÖKA National Volunteer Centre (Hungary)**

12.30 – 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 – 15.00 **Innovative practice workshops 2<sup>nd</sup> round:**

**Anneli Ohvril, Let's do it (Estonia)**

*Let's Do It! Estonia! Let's Do It! World Cleanup – volunteer for environmental change*

**Casper Bo Danø, Frivilligcentre og Selvhjælp Danmark (Denmark) & Sandra Kamerbeek, MOVISIE (Netherlands)**

*New forms of engagement through new media and social networks*

**Steven Vanden Broucke, S-plus (Belgium)**

*Oogpunt 2012 – an intergenerational volunteering project*

**Marten Kaevats & Madle Lippus, New World Society (Estonia)**

*Community Tools – Bringing Neighbours Together*

**Henrique Sim-Sim, Fundação Eugénio de Almeida (Portugal)**

*"Close to Home" Volunteer Centers: an inclusion tool*

**Anna Lech & Patrycja Rokicka, Good Network Foundation (Poland)**

*E-volunteering – a new concept in the field of volunteering*

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee Break*

15.30 – 17.30 **Vision workshops**

17.30 – 18.00 **Reflective debate and closing of the CEV symposium** (Chair: **Eva Hambach, CEV President**)

19.00 *Informal dinner (at participants' own expenses)*

## Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

09.00 – 13.00

In parallel:

10.00 – 12.00

Training session and kick-off meeting of the European Volunteer Measurement project, led by the Johns Hopkins University (open to organisations interested in becoming project partners)

Visits to local volunteering projects

