



## Civil society organisations | involvement in EYV 2011

2011 is the European Year of Volunteering (EYV 2011)! The European Volunteer Centre (CEV) is

- a European network of over 80 national and regional volunteer centres and volunteer development agencies
- an active member of the EYV 2011 Alliance (network of currently 28 European networks active in volunteering) and official host of the EYV 2011 Alliance Secretariat.<sup>1</sup>

CEV calls for involvement of all stakeholders in the EYV 2011 and play an active role in making the Year a success with long-lasting impacts. You have the opportunity to get involved in the EYV 2011 too! How?

### Find your partners and build partnerships

The EYV 2011 is a collective effort. Your partners for the Year are many. Above all, do not hesitate to consult

- national and regional volunteer centres and civil society organisations involving volunteers or CEV
- National Coordinating Body<sup>2</sup>
- your decision makers for partnership.

<sup>1</sup> For more information, visit the CEV website: [http://www.cev.be/133-towards\\_a\\_european\\_year\\_of\\_volunteering\\_2011-EN.html](http://www.cev.be/133-towards_a_european_year_of_volunteering_2011-EN.html).

<sup>2</sup> National Coordinating Bodies (NCBs) are designated in each EU Member State to be responsible for the planning, coordination and organisation of events and activities in its territory together with volunteering organisations and coordinate with Community level activities during 2011. For the full list of NCBs, visit the European Commission website: [http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/annexes-citizenship/doc1069\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/annexes-citizenship/doc1069_en.htm).

### Get active where most needed

The EYV 2011 needs to reach the local level and address the issues that are relevant and that matter. Map carefully what is needed in your local community and develop your voluntary opportunities and projects accordingly to address these needs and challenges.<sup>3</sup> Design your advocacy towards the decision-makers with clear recommendations for actions to improve volunteering in your country.

### Mobilise your means

The EYV 2011 is a moment of mobilising efforts across Europe. Investigate whether you have means to invest into more and better quality voluntary activities, for example by introducing or improving volunteer assessment and recognition tools.

### Commit to the EYV 2011 visibility

The EYV 2011 will be remembered. For you it is a unique opportunity to celebrate, reward and make visible volunteers' effort through, for example organising a volunteer award or drawing attention to the EYV 2011 in your newsletter or local media



<sup>3</sup> For funding opportunities, refer to an overview of relevant EU programmes at CEV website: [http://www.cev.be/109-eu\\_funding\\_opportunities-EN.html](http://www.cev.be/109-eu_funding_opportunities-EN.html).