



Regional governments | 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.¹

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?

Map 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 Body²
- governmental partners from other countries.

¹ For more information, visit the CEV website: http://www.cev.be/133-towards_a_european_year_of_volunteering_2011-EN.html.

² 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.

Identify what is needed

The EYV 2011 needs to reach the local level and address the issues that are relevant and matter. Get in contact with your national/regional/local volunteer centre to help you identify what issues need to be addressed to support volunteering. Only your national/regional/local partners active in the field can advise you on what is needed to be developed and supported to improve volunteering.

Investigate and mobilise your means

The EYV 2011 is a moment of mobilising efforts across Europe. Investigate whether you have means to help improve volunteering, for example by investing efforts in improving the legal status of volunteers and volunteer organisations or by establishing a partnership with the local volunteer centre or CEV.

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 concert or a competition, drawing attention to the EYV 2011 in your local media or simply by visiting projects involving volunteers for example in your local hospital or school.

