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THINK FUTURE, VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

Two years, five countries, one hundred senior volunteers taking part in a two-weeks exchange, hosted by fellow volunteers of more than sixty local volunteer organisations – to exchange best practices and to promote community engagement and active ageing.

The senior volunteer exchange programmes were part of a European experience for all senior citizens. New activities on the local level derived from these exchanges, as well as a new awareness for senior volunteering that developed in Central and Eastern Europe.

The project produced various practical outcomes: addressing questions on how to organise senior volunteer exchanges for voluntary organisations and preparing recommendations for institutions explaining policy development and asking for funding in support of voluntary involvement of the elderly.

Because, when thinking about the future of our ageing Europe, we need to think about supporting active citizenship of seniors, in all countries and from all walks of life.

Coordinating organisation:



**Volunteering Support
Centre for Rome and
the Lazio region**

supports voluntary
organisations and
promotes active civic
engagement.

Policy adviser:



**CEV - The European
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The voice of volunteering in
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Bruxelles,
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Room No. PHS 4B001,
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recommendations from the
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of 100 senior volunteers

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19 November 2009
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09:00 Registration and welcoming coffee

09:30 **Opening panel: Why volunteering is important to the EU**
RENZO RAZZANO, SPES - Centro per il Volontariato del Lazio, President
MARIAN HARKIN, Member of the European Parliament
EVA HAMBACH, Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk vzw

09:45 **Challenges and opportunities of ageing European societies: motivations and results of the ENEA action**
KRZYSZTOF ISZKOWSKI, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

10:00 **The state of play of volunteering in Europe: what is there for seniors**
MARKUS HELD, CEV - The European Volunteer Centre, Director

Chair: RENZO RAZZANO, SPES President

11:00 **Social, linguistic and cultural barriers: The role of facilitators and beyond**
RAMONA DRAGOMIR, Pro Vobis Centrul National de Voluntariat (Romania)

The voice of volunteers: My home is your home and Europe is our home
ILONA VENDELNE TESZLER (Hungary)

11:45 **Beyond the exchanges: promotion, policy development, microprojects**
ALZBETA MRACKOVA, C.A.R.D.O. (Slovakia)

The voice of volunteers: Think future, volunteer now
CORINA BODEA (Romania)

12:00 Participants - protagonists: Questions from the audience

Chair: KSENIJA FONOVIĆ, SPES, Project Manager

MOTIVATIONS, BARRIERS, SOLUTIONS, RESULTS: THE EXPERIENCE OF THINK FUTURE, VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

10:15 **Project background, objectives and activities**
KSENIJA FONOVIĆ, SPES (Italy)

The voice of volunteers: Personal experience, general value
MILENA BEGUS (Slovenia)
ALEXANDRU CUCU (Romania)

10:30 **Senior volunteer exchanges: preparation, groups, practical tips**
DUSI KUMER, Slovenska Filantropija (Slovenia)

The voice of volunteers: So many seeds in every exchange
HELENA NAGYOVA (Slovakia)

10:45 **Partnerships: European, national and local networking**
ZSOFIA TORNOCZI, ÖKA - Önkéntes Központ Alapítvány (Hungary)

The voice of volunteers: Open doors, open minds
MIRELLA CASANICA (Italy)

12:30 Buffet lunch and
THINK FUTURE, VOLUNTEER TOGETHER open space and networking time

THE WAY FORWARD - VOLUNTEERING FOR ACTIVE AGEING Policy recommendations and suggestions from participants

14:30 **Panel debate with:**
ELENA KOLMANOVA, Unity of Seniors, Slovakia
ALFREDO RE, Municipality of Rome, Italy
JEAN-MARC DELIZEE, Belgian Secretary of State for Social Affairs
KARL ERIK OLSSON, AGE - The European Older People's Platform
JEAN LAMBERT, Member of the European Parliament

16:00 **Closing remarks: from ENEA project results to new EU policies**
KRZYSZTOF ISZKOWSKI, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

16:10 **Towards 2011 European Year of Volunteering: What support for senior volunteering**
RENZO RAZZANO, SPES President

Chair: EVA HAMBACH, Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk vzw

16:20 Farewell coffee and open space