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“Volunteering in sport: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges”

What is at stake in Europe when dealing with volunteering? Can we imagine a European status for volunteers? How to recruit and further support volunteers? What is the social and economic impact of volunteering?

Sport and Citizenship, in partnership with the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), the partners of the EuroVolNet project and with the support of the European Commission thinks that it's now time for the floor!

Viviane REDING

Vice-president of the European Commission in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship



"The Commission is developing tools to help improve the recognition of volunteering, essentially for skills and competences that people gain outside the classroom setting."

Mercedes BRESSO

President of the Committee of the Regions



"Regional and local authorities should encourage international mobility of young people while supporting the development of new host and sending organizations."

Marian HARKIN

Chair of the EP Interest Group on Volunteering



"The European Commission adopted a Communication on Volunteering on the 20th of September. It is a first step."

Mogens KIRKEBY

President of the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)



"Our common challenge is to keep the political and organizational attention on the volunteers in the future."

Laurent THIEULE

President of Sport and Citizenship european think tank



"Those who contribute, on whatever scale, can only benefit from doing something which strengthens social cohesion by recognising each person's contribution to society and by being part of better understanding and cooperation between generations and cultures."

RAÏ

World football champion



"Brazil has never really had a culture of charities and voluntary work. We want our association to serve as an example and to help civil society to mature."

Eva HAMBACH

President of the European Volunteer Centre

"The Year should lead to a comprehensive strategy on the European level, with a clear agenda setting out to integrate volunteering in all domains of competences."



Jeannette BOUGRAB

French Secretary State in charge of community life



"A recognition of the Civic Service in higher education curricula."

Feature in our issue: Viviane Reding, Mercedes Bresso, Jeannette Bougrab, Marian Harkin, Laurent Thieule, Mogens Kirkeby, Carole Ponchon, Małgorzata Szukalska-Wrona, John Macdonald, Gabriella Civico, Raï, Thierry Zintz, Colin Miège, Eva Hambach, Ksenija Fonović, Sabrina Iacobucci, Primož Jamšek, Herbert Hartmann, Jacques Defourny, Birgitta Kervinen, Jean-Benoît Dujol, Rosarita Cuccoli + some best practices from the EuroVolNet project.

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