

EuroVolNet Project

Links to programmes, research and resources that support volunteering in sport

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RunningSports http://www.runningsports.org	Website English	<p>Sport England have created a web site resource for sport that contains a number of excellent resources to support volunteers in sport and the voluntary sport sector in general. Through this website a number of excellent contributions have been made that are aimed to assist sports organisations to recruit, management and get the best out of volunteers.</p> <p>Examples of support materials and publications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers – General: Provides some general advice about volunteers as well as an overview of the Top Tips available on this subject. • Events – Information for Event Organisers Working with Volunteers: Tips for those supporting volunteers • Events – Information for Event Volunteers: What potential volunteers should expect when they help out at an event • Finding New Volunteers – Recruitment: The essentials of recruiting volunteers for volunteer coordinators and club managers • Health and Safety for Volunteers: Information on the legal responsibilities of clubs regarding their volunteers • Recognising and Rewarding Volunteers: Tips for recognising the contribution of volunteers and thanking them for it • Retaining Volunteers: How club managers and volunteer coordinators can make sure that volunteers are motivated and want to stay with the club • Involving Disabled People as Sports Volunteers: The benefits of, and strategies for, recruiting disabled volunteers for your clubs • Screening Volunteers: An outline of clubs' responsibility to check the background of their volunteers, and procedures for doing this • Recruiting Committee Members: Committee members help structure and set the strategy for your organisation. Learn how you can find, recruit, induct and keep your committee members. • Young People as Volunteers: Strategies for recruiting younger volunteers, and the benefits they bring to your clubs • Involving Older People as Volunteers: The benefits of, and strategies for, recruiting older volunteers for your clubs • Volunteer Support for Disabled People Participating in Sport: Provides volunteers with basic information, which will empower them in supporting disabled people to participate in sport and physical activity. • Recruiting Volunteers from Outside your Club: An excellent resource that guides organisations towards looking for people to assist them from sources outside their usual population base such as ex athletes or parents of athletes. 	http://www.runningsports.org http://www.runningsports.org/organisation_support/advocate_sign_up.htm

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Sport Scotland http://www.helpforclubs.org.uk/	Website English	<p>Sport Scotland have set up a Web Based help service for the Volunteer sport sector at http://www.helpforclubs.org.uk/</p> <p>It is a simple web site that provides tips for sports clubs on every aspect of their running day to day activities. It is aimed at the volunteer sector and also provides a limited quantity of downloadable templates for documents like Constitutions and Planning.</p> <p>The Volunteer Support section contains articles to assist clubs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Recruitment – Widening the Net • Volunteer Selection – Choosing your Team. • Retaining your volunteers – Staying on top of the League. • Involving Young Volunteers • Involving Older Volunteers. • Each resource is downloadable in PDF and are easy to read and understand. 	http://www.helpforclubs.org.uk/
Australian Sports Commission www.ausport.gov.au	Website English	<p>The Australian Sports Commission keeps a section of its website at www.ausport.gov.au dedicated to participation in sport and specifically on supporting volunteers.</p> <p>PDF documents can be downloaded free such as:</p> <p>Publications and Fact Sheets on: Orientation and training of volunteers, Recognising volunteers, Recruiting volunteers, Rights and responsibilities of volunteers, Succession Planning, Factsheet - Volunteer management</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing job descriptions for volunteers • Download Thanks certificate • Education • Occupational health and safety • Planning, recruiting and retaining volunteers • Recognising volunteers • Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers • Recruiting Volunteers • Retaining Volunteers • Volunteer Management Plan Workbook <p>These can be found specifically at: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/volunteers/resources</p> <p>A particularly useful section of this webpage are a series of case studies that add significantly to the understanding of the characteristics of sport volunteers, what they can achieve and what keeps them going.</p>	www.ausport.gov.au

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Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC)	Website and documents English	<p>SPARC is government organisation that houses a range of resources for supporting sport development and in particular volunteers. Sport in New Zealand, as it is in Australia is highly reliant upon the Volunteer sector and a great deal of effort is applied to maximising the positive experiences of volunteers.</p> <p>From the page dedicated specifically to volunteers at http://www.sparc.org.nz/en-nz/Information-For/Volunteers/ there is a link to VolunteerNet which is a proactive service aimed at linking people who would like to volunteer in sport with organisations in need of volunteers.</p> <p>Two excellent publications are available from this page in PDF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finding and Keeping Volunteers – What the research tells us, (2006) and http://www.sparc.org.nz/Documents/sport%20development/Finding_and_Keeping_Volunteers_2006_Final.pdf - Volunteers: the heart of sport. The experiences and motivations of sport volunteers. (2007), http://www.sparc.org.nz/Documents/sport%20development/Volunteers-heart-of-sport-experiences-motivations.pdf <p>These papers are excellent pieces of work that have attempted to identify the characteristics of sport volunteers, the type of people who are attracted to volunteering and what motivates them, to be a part of the volunteer workforce in sport. They are based on extensive research in New Zealand however the context itself should not deter European readers from reading this material.</p> <p>VolunteerNet is an excellent initiative. http://www.volunteernet.org.nz/ . From this site there is a menu that leads to a range of resources to assist organisations to recruit and retain volunteers as well as examples of event handbooks that have been used to assist volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities and where they fit into the overall scheme of things.</p>	http://www.sparc.org.nz/en-nz/Information-For/Volunteers/
European Commission White Paper on Sport http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/white-paper_en.htm#2_4	Website and document All EU languages	<p>The White Paper contains a number of actions to be implemented or supported by the Commission. Together, these actions form the "Pierre de Coubertin" Action Plan which guides the Commission in its sport-related activities during the coming years.</p> <p>The White Paper has taken full advantage of the possibilities offered by the current Treaties. A mandate has been given by the European Council of June 2007 for the Intergovernmental Conference, which foresees a Treaty provision on sport. If necessary, the Commission may return to this issue and indicate further steps in the context of a new Treaty provision.</p> <p>The Commission organised a conference to present the White Paper to sport stakeholders in the autumn of 2007. Its findings were presented to EU Sport Ministers by the end of 2007. The White Paper was also presented to the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.</p>	http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/white-paper_en.htm#2_4

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The International Platform on Sport and Development http://www.sportanddev.org	Website English	<p>The International Platform on Sport and Development http://www.sportanddev.org/</p> <p>This website is funded by a number of international sports agencies dedicated to the promotion of sport and sport for development. Originally a United Nations initiative it is now supported largely by organisations the work directly in the sport for development area and contains a number of excellent tools for assisting organisations and their volunteers to effectively deliver quality sport programs.</p>	http://www.sportanddev.org
Sport and Recreation Alliance http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/	Website and documents	<p>Sport and Recreation Alliance http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/</p> <p>The Sport and Recreation Alliance is the new name for CCPR or the Central Council of Physical Recreation. The members of the Sport and Recreation Alliance are the governing bodies of sport and recreation. Their job is to run their sport or activity, promote participation and set the rules and conditions under which it takes place.</p> <p>The aim of this organisation is to make that job as easy as possible and represent the views of members to people who make decisions by promoting the interests of sport and recreation. In addition to supporting the work of its members, the web site has a specific section that addresses the needs of volunteers: http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/smart-sport/people/volunteers . There are some good case studies embedded in this area with some links to work being done in the UK including handbooks and tips for recruitment and retention of volunteers.</p>	<p>http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/</p> <p>http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/smart-sport/people/volunteers</p>
The Higher Education Academy http://www.heacademy.ac.uk	Website and documents	<p>The Higher Education Academy http://www.heacademy.ac.uk</p> <p>The Higher Education Academy is a UK based organisation that supports higher education. In its resources section, there is an excellent Guide entitled: "Resource Guide in Volunteers in Sport and Leisure", which can be downloaded in PDF http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/hlst/documents/resource_guides/volunteers_in_sport_and_leisure.pdf</p> <p>The document provides numerous links to research and resources pertaining to the volunteer sport sector in the UK. Although many of the references might be considered dated, being around 10 years old the research contained within should not be discounted. A number of excellent web references are also provided, most of which are covered in this document.</p>	http://www.heacademy.ac.uk

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Youth in Action program: European Voluntary Service	Website Documents Program	<p>Youth in Action program: European Voluntary Service</p> <p>The Youth in Action program offers young Europeans the chance to make a real difference to the world – and to their own lives – through the European Voluntary Service.</p> <p>The European Voluntary Service (EVS) provides young Europeans with the unique chance to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary activities in a foreign country within or outside the EU. In this way, it seeks to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, thus contributing to reinforcing social cohesion in the European Union and to promoting young people's active citizenship.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/european-voluntary-service_en.htm</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/youth/orphans/doc/evs_awards_brochure.pdf</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/european-voluntary-service_en.htm</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/youth/orphans/doc/evs_awards_brochure.pdf</p>
EYV 2011 Alliance Website http://www.eyv2011.eu/	Website English	This is a main portal for volunteer-involving organisations and volunteers throughout Europe to share and inform on issues relating to EYV 2011.	<p>http://www.eyv2011.eu/</p> <p>Report: http://www.eyv2011.eu/images/stories/pdf/eyv2011alliance_finalreport.pdf</p>
EYV 2011 webpage on the Europa Portal www.europa.eu/volunteering	Website Documents	<p>This website complements the EYV 2011 webpage on the Europa Portal managed by the European Commission www.europa.eu/volunteering .</p> <p>The European Year of Volunteering was both a celebration and a challenge. It was a celebration of the commitment of millions of people in Europe who work in their communities during their free time without being paid – for example in schools, hospitals, and sports clubs, protecting the environment, providing social services and helping people in other countries. Their efforts and those of the many thousands of volunteering organisations make a huge difference to our lives in countless ways. The world would be much worse off without volunteers! The EYV was also a challenge to the three-quarters of the European population who do not do any volunteering.</p>	www.europa.eu/volunteering
The Europe for Citizens program	Website Documents Program	<p>The European Union is made of its citizens and for its citizens! With this in mind, the Europe for Citizens Programme is funding projects and activities aimed at getting the EU's 500 million inhabitants to play a greater part in the development of the EU.</p> <p>By funding schemes and activities in which citizens can participate, the Programme is promoting Europe's shared history and values, and fostering a sense of ownership for how the EU develops.</p> <p>Projects funded under the Programme are run by local authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), think tanks, trade unions, universities or others. Projects bring people together to talk about the EU integration, policies and values, enhance mutual understanding between them, boost their awareness of the societal impact of EU policies and encourage them to participate in shaping the future of the EU.</p>	http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/

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"Volunteering Infrastructure in Europe"	Brochure	<p>The European Volunteer Centre (CEV) launched the "Volunteering Infrastructure in Europe" publication during the Spring 2012 CEV General Assembly in Copenhagen (9 May)</p> <p>The publication comprises details about the physical structures, support mechanisms, human resources, knowledge, research and sustainable funding, made available to support volunteers and volunteer organisations in 29 European countries.</p> <p>"This publication intends to serve as a living resource documenting and recording the development of the volunteering infrastructure across Europe" remarked Eva Hambach, CEV President.</p> <p>It includes a foreword by John Macdonald, Head of the Task Force for the European Year of Volunteering 2011, European Commission, and chapters on Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Collecting all the data was made possible by the expertise and availability of professionals in the volunteering sector, CEV members and partner organisations.</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/news-events/news/16052012_en.htm</p> <p>Document: http://cev.be/data/File/Volunteering%20infrastructure%20in%20Europe.pdf</p>
Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering: Recognising and Promoting Crossborder Voluntary Activities in the EU.	Website and document In all EU Languages	<p>The European Commission announced plans to further improve recognition and promotion of volunteering in the EU.</p> <p>In a key political achievement of the European Year of Volunteering 2011, the Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering, the Commission outlines a range of measures that will help foster voluntary activities in the EU, including the creation of a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps and the development of a 'European Skills Passport'.</p>	<p>http://europa.eu/volunteering/en/content/commission-adopts-communication-eu-policies-and-volunteering</p> <p>Document: http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1311_en.pdf</p>
The Role of voluntary activities in social policy – Council of the European Union	Document	<p>On 3 October 2011, the Council of the European Union, in its 3114th meeting on Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs adopted Conclusions on The role of voluntary activities in social policy. This document represents another milestone in the EU level policy support to the volunteering sector, as it both acknowledges the importance of volunteering and brings recommendations to EU Member States and the European Commission.</p> <p>Concrete actions recommended by the Council include: supporting civil society organisations as development agencies for volunteering at all levels, carrying out research and research and studies on volunteering, including the use of the ILO Manual to measure volunteering in Europe, recognising skills acquired through volunteering through instruments at European level (European Skills Passport and integrating volunteering in "future EU programmes on social policy, education, youth, citizenship, culture and sport".</p>	<p>Document: http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/126411.pdf</p>

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EUCIS-LLL key messages on the European Year 2011 on Volunteering	Website Document	<p>EUCIS-LLL key messages on the European Year 2011 on Volunteering</p> <p>The value of volunteering is to be an expression of active citizenship that enriches democracy and contributes to develop solidarity and social cohesion, a value which is not only in great need in the current economic and social climate, but also one upon which the European Union has been built. The EU should capitalize on the outputs of the European Year 2011 on Volunteering and impulse better recognition, promotion and facilitation of volunteering in order to realize its full potential</p>	<p>http://www.eucis-lll.eu/pages/index.php/positions/citizenship</p> <p>Document: http://www.eucis-lll.eu/pages/images/stories/active-citizenship/position-volunteering-e-t.pdf</p>
EUROPEAN CHARTER ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF VOLUNTEERS	Document	<p>The value of volunteering needs full recognition as creator of a sense of European identity and active citizenship, contribution to public good, human and social capital. Further it is a source of economic growth, a pathway to integration and employment, a positive outcome in itself and a mechanism for improving cohesion and is reducing economic, social and environmental inequalities.</p> <p>The charter promotes the role of participatory organizations, which means that volunteers active in the organization have access to decision-making processes and are therefore actively taking part in the organizations life, as the main providers for volunteering. Simultaneously the charter recognises the diversity of volunteering activities, different types of volunteering providers and volunteering without volunteering providers.</p> <p>The European Charter of the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers creates a common understanding of the definition of volunteers, volunteering activities and volunteering providers from the local to the European level and provides a common set of basic rights for volunteers and volunteering providers. Further the Charter serves as an appeal for designing and updating policies related to volunteering on all levels, refraining from addressing concrete implementation mechanisms or identifying right bearers, but focusing on defining and stating the rights and responsibilities of volunteers.</p>	<p>Document: http://www.europolitics.info/pdf/gratuit_en/299434-en.pdf</p>
EU Study on Volunteering	Website Document All EU Languages	<p>A study on volunteering in the EU, is carried out by GHK for the European Commission in the course of 2009.</p> <p>The study includes a Sector Study on Volunteering in Sport (starting on page 171), as well as 27 national fiches describing the situation regarding volunteering in sport in the EU Member States. An Executive Summary of the study is available in English, in German and French.</p> <p>This Executive Summary contains the key findings of a Study on Volunteering in the EU contracted by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to GHK and managed by the Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission. The aim of this study was to help the Commission consider ways in which the voluntary sector could be further promoted at EU level and the extent to which volunteering could help the EU in achieving its wider strategic objectives set out in for example the Social Agenda and the Lisbon Strategy.</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/eu-study-on-volunteering_en.htm</p> <p>Document EN: http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/pdf/doc1018_en.pdf</p>

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The Aarhus Declaration on Voluntary Work in Sport	Document	<p>The Ministers responsible for sport in the 15 Member States of the European Union assembled on 21-22 November 2003 in Aarhus and accepted The Aarhus Declaration on Voluntary Work in Sport.</p> <p>The Ministers, recalling the values of voluntary sport and reaffirming the principle of autonomy of voluntary sport organisations, encourage all parties concerned to respect these principles and to strengthen the relations between public governments at all levels and voluntary sports organisations, in order to safeguard the specific characteristics of sport as stated in the Nice Declaration.</p>	http://ec.europa.eu/sport/library/documents/b21/doc292_en.pdf
JOINT DECLARATION BY THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL of 5 May 2003 on 'the social value of sport for young people'	Document	<p>THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STRESSING the social and health significance of sport for young people, both male and female, and its role in forging identity and bringing people together as affirmed in the declaration on the social importance of sport annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam; • RECALLING that the Declaration on the specific characteristics of sport and its social function in Europe, annexed to the Presidency conclusions of the Nice European Council meeting (7, 8 and 9 December 2000), requests 'the Community institutions and the Member States to continue examining their policies, in compliance with the Treaty and in accordance with their respective powers, in the light of these general principles';.... •CONSIDER also that voluntary activities in sport should be fostered, with the participation and active contribution of all bodies concerned, especially of the volunteer youth sports associations and organisations 	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2003/c_134/c_13420_030607en00050005.pdf
Volunteering in Sport Promoting and securing volunteering in sport - Focus on management support in sports clubs	Project Activities Documents	<p>EU 2010 Preparatory Action in Sport project</p> <p>The goal of this project was to create a transnational project that fosters exchanges of best practices regarding legal, fiscal, administrative, funding-related and other relevant aspects of managing voluntary sports clubs within the EU by voluntary board members. These voluntary board members not only have to manage the organization, they also have to do volunteer management of the other volunteers (trainers, occasional volunteers,...). The exchange of these best practices led to new ideas, new tools and new initiatives to support these volunteers.</p> <p>By doing so, partners were able to change the declining interest of European citizens to engage volunteer activities. By offering management and administrative support to board members of sports clubs and acknowledging their indispensable efforts, the profession of becoming a volunteer board member should be upgraded.</p>	http://www.volunteeringinsport.eu/the-project

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Training 4 Volunteers, DOSB Leadership Academy	Project Activities Documents	<p>EU 2010 Preparatory Action in Sport project</p> <p>Training for Volunteers is funded by the 2010 Preparatory Action on Sport of the European Commission. A network of experts from nine Member States researched volunteering in sport and try to broaden existing perspectives on education and training in the sector.</p> <p>In short the analysis focused on two research questions: How can the individual be empowered to meet the requirements and increasing quality standards of the sports organisation and how should instruments of human resource management be applied within voluntary sports organisations to make volunteering in sport a valuable and attractive experience for the individual?</p> <p>The T4V Project is led by the Leadership Academy of the German Olympic Sports Confederation and conducted from 01 January 2011 till 30 June 2012</p> <p>Main project aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the current situation of education and training and the more comprehensive aspects of human resources development for volunteers in sports <p>Main project outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive framework for Human Resources Development for Volunteers (HRDV) including the individual, organisational and societal level; • Guidelines and models of good practice to improve human resource development programmes for volunteers; • A follow-up structure to monitor and promote HRDV in sport in Europe; • Mapping of the supply and priority setting of HRDV within the sphere of sports organisations and within the social and political environment. 	http://www.t4v.eu/
European Cities for Volunteering in Sport ACES - European Capitals of Sport Association	Project Activities Documents	<p>EU 2010 Preparatory Action in Sport project</p> <p>Main project aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the experience in supporting volunteering of the cities and towns of the ACES network in order to define best practices and to disseminate them at European level. <p>Main project outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of schemes and national policies, funding and general structures promoting and supporting volunteering in the countries represented in the project; • Best practise guide that includes indicators to assess and benchmark the impact of national and local policies and actions on volunteering at local level; • Policy recommendations for the promotion and support of volunteering. 	www.aces-europa.eu

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Volunteering in EU Policies and its Interrelation with the Policy of Member States – a Comparison of Approaches in the UK and Germany	Theses - Partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of M.A. in Intercultural Communication and European Studies by Annett Wiedermann	<p>The thesis examines formal documents political processes at EU level and their relevance for the Member States. The thesis also takes a look at processes influencing the level of volunteering of two Member States, Germany and the United Kingdom. These countries were selected because they show similarities regarding geographical size and number of citizens and both are Member States of the EU for a long time.</p> <p>That was assumed as good foundation for the comparative approach of the thesis. The thesis is structured in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first chapter explores the concepts and fields of volunteering and its incorporation within the category welfare system. The social origins theory of Salamon / Anheier is referred to here, which explain patterns of volunteering and welfare systems in a cross-national study. • In the second chapter a review of what has developed to date in the field of volunteering within European policy is presented. The chapter introduces and analyzes EU documents, which show some significance to volunteering. Finally, on the basis of these documents the main characteristics about volunteering in the European context are summarized. • Chapter three consists of the actual comparison of political developments to volunteering in Germany and the UK. An overview is given of the historical, political and social framework of volunteering. Moreover, this chapter looks at present key influences and recent developments. At last, in accordance with these facts, volunteering policy of both countries is compared. 	http://www.cev.be/data/File/AnnettWiedermannMAThesis.pdf
Volunteering of Young People in Europe (2012) by the Youth Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the Field of Youth	Document	This Report is a Summary Report. It has been developed as a mapping study. It equally aims to provide analytical overview of the situation of young people and of national policies in regard of volunteering. The Report is based on the information given in the information templates (national reports), which have been prepared by the national correspondents of the European Knowledge Centre of Youth Policies (EKCY) of the partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth (EU-CoE youth partnership).	http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/documents/EKCY/P/Youth_Policy/docs/Voluntary/Research/Summary_report/VOLUNTEERING_OF_YOUNG_PEOPLE_IN_EUROPE.pdf
The State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011: Universal Values for Global Wellbeing A publication from United Nations Volunteer (UNV) Programme	Document	<p>The State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011: Universal Values for Global Wellbeing A publication from United Nations Volunteer (UNV) Programme</p> <p>Volunteering across Europe: organisations, promotion, participation:</p> <p>Volume I: Spain, France, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Italy (2005) Volume II: Belgium, Lithuania, Slovakia (2008) Volume III: Greece, Hungary, Austria, Denmark, Cyprus (2009) Volume IV: Finland, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Luxembourg (2010) by SPES, Italy</p> <p>This publication focuses on volunteering landscape, volunteering infrastructure and the legal environment of volunteering.</p>	http://www.unv.org/fileadmin/docdb/pdf/2011/SWVR/English/SWVR2011_full.pdf

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Involving International Online Volunteers: Factors for Success, Organizational Benefits, and New Views of Community	Document - Research	<p>In conjunction with the Institute for Volunteering Research's November 2005 conference, "Volunteering Research: Frontiers and Horizons," this research was undertaken to assess current common practices among organizations successfully involving international online volunteers; to explore the role online volunteering may play in building a more cohesive global community; and to assess the relationship between involving online volunteers and building organizational capacities.</p> <p>This document offers a brief history and overview of online volunteering practice and details survey results regarding organizations that involved the Outstanding Online Volunteers of 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 at www.onlinevolunteer.org.</p> <p>Key Words: online volunteers, virtual volunteerism, virtual volunteers</p>	http://www.cev.be/data/File/Online_volunteering_research.pdf
VOLUNTEERING AND PARTICIPATION ON THE AGENDA Survey in volunteering policies and partnerships in the EU	Document	<p>The publication consists of two distinct parts. The first part analyses the results obtained from the survey. The second part of the publication provides an overview of volunteering in all EU member states on a national level.</p> <p>The purpose of the research was to explore the current state of volunteering policies and partnerships – and thus also the state of volunteering in general – within the European Union. The goal was to develop a general picture to provide a somewhat coherent basis for analysis.</p>	http://www.cev.be/data/File/Abstract_State_of_Arts.pdf
Research report: Volunteerism Laws and Policies since 2001 United Nations Volunteers, Bonn, Germany (2010)	Document	UNV commissioned this global research study to consider trends and lessons in the development of supportive volunteerism policies and legislation. An overall review was conducted in seven regions, complemented by country-specific case studies in each region. The study analyses considerations in drafting and implementing volunteerism laws and policies, and highlights the need to tailor them to specific local, national and regional contexts.	http://www.cev.be/data/File/Volunteerism%20laws%20and%20policies%20-%20June%202010.pdf
Volunteer impact assessment toolkit	Document - toolkit	Volunteer impact assessment toolkit (2004) by Institute for Volunteering Research, UK This toolkit gathers developed a number of tools to measure the impact of volunteering on all key stakeholders -namely, the volunteers, the organisation, the beneficiaries and the wider community.	http://www.volunteering.org.uk/
Employee Volunteering Community Interest Company	Website	<p>Employee Volunteering Community Interest Company (EV CiC) is an innovative, not-for-profit organisation that runs volunteering programmes in the UK that deliver continuous, measurable results.</p> <p>Smart companies are adopting employee volunteering to deliver their training and Corporate Responsibility (CR) obligations. EV CiC can deliver your existing team and learning needs at lower cost and with less staff time whilst bringing tangible benefits to the community.</p> <p>However, EV CiC goes much further and provides a means of translating good intention into something more than simple 'good works.' The rewards to people in the community, staff volunteers and for company welfare are long-term and appreciable</p>	http://www.employeevolunteering.co.uk/

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The Volunteer Passport Scheme		<p>The Volunteer Passport Scheme (2009) by France Bénévolat International</p> <p>The Volunteer Passport Scheme is designed to accompany the volunteer throughout his volunteering career by listing experiences and skills learned through volunteering in different organisations and thus linking the volunteer and volunteering organisations</p>	http://www.cev.be/data/File/THE_VOLUNTEER_PASSPORT%20SCHEME_EN.pdf
The “Legal Status of Volunteers in Europe” research study	Document	<p>The “Legal Status of Volunteers in Europe” research study was carried out jointly by the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and the Association of Voluntary Service Organisations (AVSO).</p> <p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a comprehensive overview of the current legal position of individuals engaged in voluntary activities and volunteer programmes across Europe; • Raise the profile of voluntary activities and the barriers that hinder its further development; • Provide examples of good practice in national legislation, policies and programmes; • Support the adoption and implementation of national and E.U. policies that aim to remove practical obstacles to engagement in domestic voluntary activities and international volunteer programmes and exchanges 	http://www.cev.be/67-legal_status_of_volunteers_country_reports-EN.html