



PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER CENTRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Effective and Innovative Networking and Mobilization

28 / 29 October 2006, Barcelona, Spain

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Strengthening volunteering and making it more effective are the main goals of CEV at European and its member organisations at national, regional and local levels. Networking between volunteer organisations but as well with other stakeholders is seen to be crucial in this effort, both to build capacity, to pool resources and to increase visibility and strength that single actors do not have. That is the principle reason for setting up formal networks such as CEV and national and regional volunteer networks. Mobilization of volunteers and public opinion on the other hand can be one of the most effective impacts of networks making the volunteer movement even stronger. However, there are manifold ways to organize networking and mobilization: Permanent and formal networking structures; ad hoc and informal networks; project based networking; one-off mobilization; sustainable volunteer mobilisation; all these are different ways that bring added value for specific goals.

The General Assembly aims to give an overview of effective and innovative networking and mobilization strategies throughout Europe to strengthen volunteering. What has worked? Why? Is this practice transferable? The presentations will be in the following fields:

- **Effective and innovative networking**
 - o for the promotion of volunteering
 - o to influence public policy
 - o for campaigns
 - o for projects / training, etc
 - o European / international networking

- **Effective and innovative mobilization**
 - o of volunteers (face to face / word-of-mouth propaganda; etc)
 - o of general public
 - o of media

PROGRAMME: Saturday, 28 October 2006

VENUE: "Centre d'Estudis Jurídics i Formació Especialitzada",
Centre for Law Training, calle Ausies Marc 40, Metro "Urquinaona"
Tel: +34 93. 207.31.14

09.30 – Registrations

10:00 – Opening session – Welcome

- **Christopher Spence** CEV President
- **Ricard Armengol** Director General of Community and Civic Actions from the Department of Welfare and the Family (Generalitat of Catalonia)
- **Jaume Martí Gual** President of Barcelona Voluntaria
- **Maria Assumpció Vilà Planas** President of the Federació Catalana de Voluntariat Social

10:15 – Keynote speeches, Chair: Christopher Spence, CEV President

- **Jaume Forés I Llasat** The Catalan Volunteer Council – An example of effective networking
- **Xavier Ribas** The Catalan Federation of Social Volunteering – a shared action of networking
- **Tamara Flanagan** volonteuropé – experiences of European networking
- **Ferran Cobertera Hidalgo** Red Cross Spain and ENDOV (European Network for the Development of Volunteering)
- **Robert Leigh** UNV – international networking and mobilization of the UN

11:15 – Coffee Break

11:30 – Workshop – Good practice sessions I

- Workshop 1 **"National Volunteer Week in Romania"**
PROVOBIS Romania, Cristina Nicolescu
- Workshop 2 **"Networking of Youth Volunteering Organisations using the European Voluntary Service scheme "** Barcelona Voluntaria, Lluc Martí
- Workshop 3 **"Investing in the Brand – Volunteer Centre Network/VDS Partnership Agreement"**
North Lanarkshire Volunteer Development Agency / VDS Scotland, Karl Monsen-Elvik
- Workshop 4 **"Volunteering: Compact Code of Good Practice between voluntary sector and government"**
Volunteering England, Christopher Spence and Meta Zimmeck

12:45 Coffee Break

13:00 – Workshop – Good practice sessions I - continued

14:15 Lunch

16:00 – Workshop – Good practice sessions II

- Workshop 5 **Network: Voluntary Services for all ages - consultancy with volunteer centers**
Caritas Germany, Dr. Eugen Baldas
- Workshop 6 **“BBC Breathing Places – Mobilising citizens to create nature-friendly greenspace in the UK”.**
BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) Scotland & International, David Jamieson
- Workshop 7 **Building networks** (Volunteer Centres, Pool of Trainers, Long term volunteering programme ÖTLET)
ÖKA, National Volunteer Centre, Hungary, Andras F. Toth
- Workshop 8 **“VOLT – Volunteer Organisers Linking Together”**
Volunteering Ireland, Stuart Garland
- Workshop 9 **“Local Networking of Volunteer Organisations and Migrant Organisations - Learnings of a European project”**
Aina Vera, Federació Catalana de Voluntariat Social

17:15 Coffee Break

17:30 – Workshop – Good practice sessions II – continued

18:45 Final plenary

21:00 Catalan Gala Dinner in Can Cortada restaurant – offered by the Catalan Government (busses leave from hotel at 20.30)

PROGRAMME: Sunday, 29 October 2006 (optional)

10.00

Guided Tours through Barcelona:

- 1. Mediaeval Barcelona:**
Pl. Sant Jaume, Palau de la Generalitat (home of the Catalan government), Barcelona City Hall, Cathedral, Jewish Quarter, Rambles, Roman Walls, etc.
- 2. Modernisme Barcelona:**
Passeig de Gracia, La Pedrera (Gaudí), Casa Milà (Gaudí), Modernisme interpretation centre, buildings by Puig i Cadafalch and Domènec i Muntaner, etc.
- 3. The Football Club “FC Barcelona (Barça)”**
This will consist of a visit to the club Museum, a visit to the stadium’s indoor facilities (changing rooms, press room, etc) and the Palau Blau-Grana (multi-sports facility).

All the visits will have English-speaking guides.

If you are interested in attending one of these tours, please contact cgruas@gencat.net



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