

The **European Volunteer Centre (Centre européen du volontariat, CEV)** is the European network of over 80 national, regional and local volunteer centres and volunteer support agencies across Europe. Through our network **we work together to promote and support volunteering through advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building & training**. In this way we reach out to the many thousands of volunteers & volunteer organisations that see volunteer centres as source of support, bringing the European dimension to their work.

CEV channels the collective priorities & concerns of its member organisations to the institutions of the European Union and the Council of Europe and together with other European networks active in volunteering we exchange policy, practice and information in order to ensure effective and coherent follow up to European Year of Volunteering 2011 and ensure its legacy through the implementation of the Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE).

CEV's vision is a Europe in which volunteering is central in building a cohesive and inclusive society based on solidarity and active citizenship. Our mission is to contribute to the creation of an enabling political, social and economic environment in Europe where the full potential of volunteering can be realised.



Study Visits -your window to Brussels

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You want to connect...

Build partnerships for future projects and generate innovative ideas for volunteer activities, increasing the outreach and impact of volunteering.

participate & learn...

Be informed about EU policies and programmes for volunteering as well as about volunteering in other European countries, building capacity for best practice European projects.

Lead...

Enable volunteers' voices to be heard at the EU level and inform the policy-makers about their concerns, strengthening effectiveness at the national & local levels in volunteering policy development.

The cost for a study visit for a minimum group of 6 people is 1000 euros per person.

How to fund it:

1. From your own organisation's operating budget.
2. A dedicated Erasmus Plus Key Action 1 funding in case the participants are staff of your organisation and you are recognised as a education, training and/ or youth organisation by your National Agency.
3. Include it as a learning activity in an Erasmus Plus Key Action 2 project.
4. Ask companies or foundations to sponsor the participants as part of their support to building your capacity as an organisation.

CEV commits to:

- >Organising a programme of visits & workshops for 4 days.
- >Issuing certificates of participation for all participants.
- >Accompanying and supporting the group for the whole duration.
- >Arranging travel and accommodation for 4 nights.
- >Arranging 7 meals (5 lunches and 2 dinners) for participants.