



### [European Volunteering Capital 2020 Call for Candidates](#)

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CEV launches the seventh edition of the European Volunteer Capital competition. The award is chosen from the applicant municipalities by an international jury of experts. The experts assess the ways in which the municipality demonstrates their support to volunteers and their efforts in relation to the CEV 5R policy priorities and the EYV 2011 PAVE recommendations. How the municipality intends to engage with the European Solidarity Corps is also taken into account.

The information provided in the online form linked at the end of this document will count as 70% of the final score allocated to each candidate municipality. 30% of the score will be allocated based on the presentation of the candidature during the Candidates Reception organised by CEV on 25th October 2018 in Brussels (BE).

**NB: The application form is online and in a new format as compared with previous editions.**

#### **Important Steps:**

12th February 2018	Open call for applications
29th June 2018	Deadline for applications
2 July 2018	Candidates announcement on social media
July / August 2018	Appointment of the Jury & preparation of the presentation of candidatures reception.
25th October 2018	Presentation of Candidatures as part of the CEV Volunteering Congress in Brussels, Belgium. All details about this event will be communicated in summer 2018.
December 2018	Announcement of the European Volunteering Capital 2020 Winner (exact date & venue tbc)

The [Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe \(PAVE\)](#) document in various languages is available on the CEV website here. If the language needed is not there please enquire with the CEV office. The [“Helping Hands” EYV2011 5 Year Policy Review detailing the 5R policy priorities](#) is also available.

The application form needs to be completed in English with information on volunteering policy and practice in your municipality. The sections reflect the CEV 5R policy priority fields.

- **Recognition:** The learning achieved by volunteers needs to be properly recognised and accredited when desired. The roadmap for the implementation of the recommendation on the recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning should be fully implemented.
- **Real Value:** The evidence base for volunteering policies should be improved whereby the contribution of volunteering to the economy and social cohesion and convergence be measured and better understood.
- **Regulatory Framework:** Europe still requires a co-ordinated volunteering policy with a single contact point in the EU institutions. Local volunteering strategies need to be rewarded when they are well developed in line with PAVE recommendations, and supported to improve when they are not in order to continue to ensure quality volunteering standards.
- **Resources:** Volunteers and their organisations, including infrastructure organisations providing advice, support and training for volunteering, deserve to be properly funded and supported, including through employee volunteering.
- **Refugees:** Just as when PAVE was written there was a specific context of the economic crisis, at the time of the PAVE 5 year review, the fact that volunteers are the backbone to the support being offered to people seeking sanctuary in Europe also gives a specific focus. It is a current example, and visible symbol, of the importance of volunteers and the way that they embody European values, contribute to resilience, and are available to offer flexible and pragmatic solutions to shared challenges.

You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with them as it will assist in making your application. You are also encouraged to liaise with relevant stakeholders in preparing your application such as Volunteer Centres.

Please distinguish between support and / or situation that exists only in your municipality or when it is the case nationally or regionally.

**NB:** Only information provided directly in the form will be taken into account by the Jury. Other information provided via hyperlinks or other email attachments will not be considered for the purpose of the application.

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#### **Good to know:**

Municipalities that have been awarded the title of “European Volunteer Capital” cannot apply for the next 5 years after having received this recognition.

The jury appointed by the CEV secretariat acts in full autonomy. Jury members with any conflict of interest in judging will not evaluate these candidates. The decision of the Jury awarding the European Volunteering Capital for 2020 will be announced on or near 5 December 2018- the International Volunteer Day.

The [Call for Applications for the 2021 Competition](#) will be published in February 2019.

The winning municipality will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with CEV reflecting the agreed framework for cooperation for the year the title is awarded.

All candidate municipalities will receive a certificate of candidacy presented in Brussels to an appropriate representative during July 2018.

## Guidelines for Submission of the Application Form European Volunteer Capital 2020

**Objectives:** The European Volunteering Capital Competition 2020 aims to promote volunteering at local level by giving recognition to municipalities which support and strengthen partnerships with volunteer centres and volunteer involving organisations in their communities in implementing the CEV 5R policy priorities for volunteering and the recommendations of the Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE). The winning municipality will be granted the title of “European Volunteering Capital 2020” and will be promoted as such during 2019 and 2020 throughout Europe and beyond.

**Deadline:** 29 June 2018

**Submission:** Online followed by confirmation email to be sent to [gabriella.civico@cev.be](mailto:gabriella.civico@cev.be)

**Eligibility:** Municipalities of any size from a member state of the Council of Europe.

### Attachments required for the online form:

1. Scanned signature of the legal representative.
2. Scan of the official stamp of the municipality (where available)
3. Proof of payment: An application fee of EUR 500 should be paid by every candidate municipality and the proof of payment should be attached. Details are:

<b>Please use the reference:</b>	“name of Municipality” V. Capital Application
<b>Account Holder:</b>	CEV, Rue d’Edimbourg 26, 1050, Bruxelles, Belgium
<b>Bank:</b>	BNP Paribas Fortis
<b>Account Number IBAN:</b>	BE83210007455615
<b>SWIFT:</b>	GEBABEBB

## Candidate European Volunteering Capital 2020 Competition [ONLINE FORM](#)

**Jury:** For an up to date list of jury members please follow the link:

<https://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/ev-capital> .

**Candidates Announcement:** Candidate municipalities will be announced in July 2018

**Decision:** Jury decision will be announced on or near 5 December 2018 International Volunteer Day.

### Useful Resources:

- The [PAVE communication Tool Kit](#)
- The [Volunteering Infrastructure in Europe](#);
- The [“Helping Hands” EYV2011](#), 5 Year Policy Review detailing the 5R policy priorities;
- The [Developing European Volunteering Strategies \(DEVS\) Report](#).

**Questions:** [gabriella.civico@cev.be](mailto:gabriella.civico@cev.be)