



The **Developing European Volunteering Strategies (DEVS) handbook** aims to assist stakeholders at any level of public policy to develop and provide the appropriate strategies required by volunteers and their organisations (such as voluntary organisations, public and private, non-profit and for-profit institutions) in order that they be the most effective possible in meeting their objectives.

The **DEVS handbook** focuses on a five step approach to volunteer strategy development at local, regional, national or European authority level. It guides policymakers and their partners in the development of strategies that will enable the engagement of volunteers in the most effective and appropriate way possible in order to meet identified policy objectives. It highlights the importance of providing an evidence base for policy by linking the strategy to the indicators through impact measurement processes, and the need for a properly supported and functioning volunteering infrastructure.

The **2011 Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (PAVE)** stresses the role of volunteers as a counterbalance to injustice and an appropriate expression of solidarity among citizens, providing much needed support contributing to economic and social-capital growth at local, regional, national or European authority level in a wide variety of policy areas such as health, education, environment, social inclusion etc. It also draws attention to the fact that the impact volunteers can have is variable and depends on the volunteering policy and strategy context in which it operates.

Stakeholders from all sectors seek policies and strategies that will enable and facilitate volunteering to remain a central feature of European society, providing citizens with suitable opportunities to engage and to take action in a spirit of solidarity with others.

13.00 Registration

13.15- 13.30 **Plenary: Opening Statements**

13.30- 14.00 **Key note:** Adriana Ruiz Restrepo (RRA Think Thank): Voluntas, Volunteering, Voluntary: On strategic thinking and capacity building in light of the “Theory of Alterity as Intention”

14.00- 14.15 **European Volunteering Strategy Update** (PAVE / Helping Hands Report / European Solidarity Corps)

14.15- 14.30 **Break**

14:30 -15:30 **Case Studies**

**National perspective:**

The Volunteer Centre in Denmark, Spanish Volunteering Platform, Volunteer Scotland

**Municipalities’ approach:**

London #EVCapital 2016, Sligo #EVCapital2017, Aarhus #EVCapital2018

15:30 - 16:00 **Break**

16.00- 18.30 **Round-robin:** the presentations will be delivered in rounds of 45 minutes & speakers will take turns to engage with every group

1) **Developing local volunteering:** Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk vzw

2) **Cross Sector Collaboration - Employee Volunteering:** Volunteer Scotland

3) **Online volunteering:** Good Network Foundation

**Parallel workshops - Volunteering Strategies in the field of:**

09.30- 11.00 **Sports:** London Sport & Sport England (UK)

**Active Ageing:** GLV / NCVO (UK)

**Culture:** Croatian Volunteer Centre Network

11.00-11.30 **Break**

11.30-13.00 **Inclusion of refugees and migrants:** BBE (Germany)

**Youth:** Pro Vobis (Romania)

**In rural areas:** Estonian Village Movement Kodukant

13.00- 13.15 **Closing Remarks**

14:00 - 16:00 **EVEN CORPORATE MEMBERS MEETING (HOSTED BY CAIXA BANK)**



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