

Once again we present you the CCIVS bi-annual report. As you will see going through this document, 2017-2018 has been full of activities and developments. While 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of CCIVS and invites us to look back, 2018 will also be marked as a year of reflection on the future of CCIVS. For the last 8 years we have been using the White Paper, our roadmap for the period 2010 - 2020, as a framework for our annual Plan of Action. The actions were divided in two parts: thematic actions and support measures. As we moved on with the White Paper and after the last General Assembly, we felt that we have to make a shift in the way we look at the White Paper. While the thematic actions have been on the top of our action plan for the last 6 years, we felt that it's time make a shift. We decided to focus more on the support measures and the necessity to build a strong network of IVS organisations. For this, we invested in assessing the needs of the members through the STEPS project, deepening our impact research and expanding the external representation. Our director did an excellent job as vice-president of the UNESCO NGO Liaison Committee which made us more visible in the UNESCO house.

This report intends to give you an overview of what we all (secretariat, members, board) have done those 2 years and how we have been contributing to our overall aims and objectives as outlined in the White Paper. Have a nice reading.

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CCIVS President

Community is an important aspect of human life, this is something that in the western world has for many years been disintegrating. We have created frontiers, built walls, tried to divide and conquer not only in our own regions but around the world. For those of us who have volunteered we know that it allows us to develop critical thinking, to think of solidarity and not charity, it provides an insight into another way of living, and it provides us with a sense of a global community.

For those who can dedicate their time, the vast array of offers online can now seem daunting. All too often that question of critical thinking is not present when we look for a project - how often do people consider what the organisation is, who they are, what is their impact on the ground. What does it mean to be a grassroots organisation or a humanitarian short-term intervention programme?

Recently I attended a global meeting of volunteer organisations, I could clearly see the importance of our IVS and what we do and why people should participate in the projects offered by our members. To my way of thinking, we have the correct format - of course not all of our projects are always perfect, but our value-based system is right. CCIVS works from the bottom up. Our members are the grassroots organisations, they do what they do by conviction, for the most part, they themselves are volunteers, gathering and training thousands of volunteers, they speak the languages of the local communities where they work, they know the local needs, they offer opportunities to create community.

I had the chance this year to participate in two activities where my hands touched the Earth once again and in a volunteer context - these two events changed me, they gave me the air I needed to breathe, to see clearly the path I needed to take. One was the CCIVS Bioconstruction training in Ecuador hosted by FEVI and funded by the E+ programme and the other, thanks to SCI USA, OLCERI (The Oglala Lakota Cultural & Economic Revitalization Initiative), Tiyospaye Winyan Maka and the Indigenous Wisdom and Permaculture Skills Convergence (IWPCS), was a project in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on Turtle Island. Apart from hands-on activities contributing to the development of the local project, there were many discussions and workshops. One of the major points was that of decolonisation, the debates were heartbreaking, but empowering. The days there were so intensely strong. The connections made on both events were beautiful.

To go back to the opportunities for volunteering, we need to use all the resources we have to get our message out, to ensure that people can have access to information about where to participate and engage and why this engagement is meaningful. I believe that CCIVS needs to put all energies on this now, to continue to unite the IVS movement and to ensure the message is shared and that it is heard.

I would like to end by thanking this IVS movement, one I have been part of for 15 years non stop, since my first EVS project run by CCIVS members Solidarités Jeunesses in their partner project in the South of France, La Croisée des Regards in 2003.

IVS did change my life, and as I mentioned just above it continues to do so, and for this reason I will defend our IVS movement and continue to work to encourage people to live this experience, to create community and to work together towards a peaceful and healthy world where everybody and everything enjoy the same rights.

Vicky Lovelock
CCIVS Director

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Introduction of CCIVS

C CIVS is an International non-governmental organisation engaged in the field of International Voluntary Service (IVS)

CCIVS created under the aegis of UNESCO in 1948 is a global network; it brings together more than 200 international and national organisations from all over the world which actively engage in community-based projects and include the participation of over 40.000 volunteers per year.

Key dates & relations with the United Nations

1920

The 1st International workcamp took place organised by SCI giving birth to International Voluntary Service.

1948

CCIVS was established and based at UNESCO headquarters.

CCIVS is a trans-sectoral INGO in official partnership – associate status with UNESCO and is Vice-President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (2017-18)

CCIVS maintains special consultative status with the ECOSOC and Liaison status with the FAO.

2011-2021

White Paper for International Voluntary Service (IVS) Global Strategies for Global Challenges



Actions



Networking & International Representation

CCIVS organises inter-regional projects of IVS organisations, global meetings and participates in institutional forums to defend the priorities of the IVS movement



Training & Capacity Building

CCIVS provides training for volunteers, board members, trainers and staff of IVS organisations. Our non-formal education experts provide external stakeholders with personalised external services (consultancy, training, etc.) and customised educational programmes



Communication & Campaigns

CCIVS facilitates cooperation between IVS organisations and other institutions. It centralises information, materials and tools. Global programmes campaign to raise awareness about the work of the IVS movement

CCIVS activities and programmes promote



International Voluntary Service contributes to the Implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



Timeline activities in 2017-18

PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

2017 Our Rights, Our Voices

Global Communication Campaign
1/2/2017 - 30/12/2017
Worldwide

Local Awareness Raising Activities
1/2/2017 - 30/12/2017
Worldwide

Media Training in Awareness Actions on Peace and Human Rights
18/9/2017 - 25/9/2017
Holloko, Hungary

Global Human Rights Week
16/10/2017 - 21/10/2017
Worldwide

2018 Seize the Vision - Embrace Diversity - Act for Peace

Global Communication Campaign
1/2/2018 - 30/12/2018
Worldwide

Local Awareness Raising Activities
1/2/2018 - 10/9/2018
Worldwide

Coordination meeting
21/4/2018 - 24/4/2018
Paris, France

Training for Peace Trainers
4/9/2018 - 25/9/2018
Izmir, Turkey

Global Human Rights Week
15/10/2018 - 20/10/2018
Worldwide

Digital E vent
15/10/2018 - 20/10/2018
Amiens, France

Global Communication Campaign
1/1/2017 - 1/3/2018
Worldwide

Stakeholders Forum
6/2/2017 - 11/2/2017
Paris, France

Capacity Building Training on Volunteer and Heritage Management 1
6/4/2017 - 12/4/2017
Villandraut, France

Capacity Building Training on Volunteer and Heritage Management 2
25/5/2017 - 1/6/2017
Entebbe, Uganda

27 Local Awareness Raising Actions
1/6/2017 - 31/12/2017
Worldwide

Final Meeting
22/3/2018 - 27/3/2018
Anticoli Corrado, Italy

RAISING PEACE

STEP TO CHANGE BUILD THE COMMON PATH

A Global Initiative to Empower Youth Organisations and to Valorise the Impact of Volunteering

VOLUNTEER P.A.T.H

Partnerships Actions and Tools for Heritage
2017-2018

WHV INITIATIVE

World Heritage Volunteers Initiative

IVS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE DON'T JUST SAY IT! DO IT!

Volunteering to Create a Network of Knowledge through Ecological & Sustainable Practice

Kick-off Meeting

23/3/2017 - 29/3/2017
Paris, France

Strategic Training for Empowerment Processes in Africa

21/5/2017 - 26/5/2017
Accra, Ghana

Field Visit & Impact Measurement in Africa

25/5/2017 - 2/6/2017
Ghana, RDC, Uganda, Nigeria, Togo

Strategic Training for Empowerment Processes in America

6/8/2017 - 11/8/2017
San Jose, Costa Rica

Field Visit & Impact Measurement in Americas

14/8/2017 - 23/8/2017
Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, Mexico

Strategic Training for Empowerment Processes in Asia

10/8/2017 - 15/8/2017
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Field Visit & Impact Measurement in Asia

16/8/2017 - 28/8/2017
Cambodia, Korea, India, Thailand, Hong Kong

Strategic Training for Empowerment Processes in Europe

26/1/2018 - 31/1/2018
Kumanovo, FYROM

Field Visit & Impact Measurement in Europe

1/2/2018 - 10/2/2018
Macedonia, Hungary, Greece, France, Spain

Next-steps Seminar

26/6/2018 - 1/7/2018
Holloko, Hungary

Campaign 2017

1/1/2017 - 31/12/2017
Worldwide

Campaign 2018

1/1/2018 - 31/12/2018
Worldwide

International Conference & Open Forum

21/4/2018 - 25/4/2018
Paris, France

Training on Bio-Construction

8/6/2018 - 17/6/2018
Quito, Ecuador

Training on Sustainable Food Production

15/11/2018 - 24/11/2017
Kundapur, India

#IVS4PEACE

Inclusive Voluntary
Service 4 Peace

Contact Making Seminar

18 /2/2018 - 22/2/2018
Holloko, Hungary

Meeting - Project Management

21/4/2018 - 25/4/2018
Paris, France

Laboratory

14/5/2018 - 19/5/2018
Athens, Greece

Workcamps Tool testing

June 2018 - Sep 2018
France, Hungary, Greece, Belgium

SOIL 4 LIFE

Kick off Meeting

11/2018
Italy

BUILD PEACE

Building Peacebuilders Through
Integrated Formal and Non-Formal
Learning Approaches

Kick-off Meeting

6/4/2017 - 7/4/2017
Sarajevo, Bosnia

Workshop

28/6/2017 - 3/7/2017
Coventry, UK

Partnership Planning Meeting

1/2/2018 - 4/2/2018
Belgrade, Serbia

Workshop

8/7/2018 - 14/7/2018
Mugla, Turkey

VISIBILITY

REPRESENTATION AND INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS

2017

2018

NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee Meetings

2017 - 2018
France, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia

COE Seminar Cyprus Countering Violent Extremism and Youth Radicalisation

29/1/2017 - 1/2/2017
Nicosia, Cyprus

ALLIANCE - Technical Meeting 2017

2/3/2017 - 6/3/2017
Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

CCIVS Day 2017

7/3/2017
Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Peace Action Week on the rights of Migrants & Refugees and the right to citizenship

23/3/2017 - 30/3/2017
Athens, Greece

Seventh International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO on Youth

3/5/2017 - 3/5/2017
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Peace Boat

20/6/2017 - 3/7/2017
New York, USA

MediAfrica

26/6/2017 - 1/7/2017
Montendre, France

UN DPI/NGO Conference

8/2017
South Korea

IVCO Annual Conference

22/10/2017 - 25/10/2017
Seoul, South Korea

General Conference of UNESCO

30/10/2017 - 14/11/2017
Paris, France

ALLIANCE - General Assembly and Conference on Freedom of Movement

1/11/2017 - 4/11/2017
Athens, Greece

COP 23

6/11/2017 - 17/11/2017
Bonn, Germany

Tic Tac training

12/11/2017 - 18/11/2017
Brussels, Belgium

Youth Work Against Violent Radicalisation

27/11/2017 - 1/12/2017
Malta

SCI EPM

7/12/2017 - 10/12/2017
France

Eighth International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO on Climate Change

7/12/2017 - 8/12/2017
Paris, France

Peace Action Week Training Course

4/2/2018 - 11/2/2018
Hollóko, Hungary

NVDA - General Assembly and VolTra Conference on Empowering Youth Leadership for Glocal Impact

5/2/2018 - 7/2/2018
Hong Kong, China

IBO General Assembly

8/2/2018 - 10/2/2018
The Netherlands

ALLIANCE - Technical Meeting 2018

1/3/2018 - 5/3/2018
Brno, Czech Republic

CCIVS Day 2018

6/3/2018
Brno, Czech Republic

II Day of Youth - Promoting Youth Volunteering EU-LAC

21/6/2018 - 22/6/2018
Zaragoza, Spain

UN DPI/NGO Conference

22/08/2018 - 23/08/2018
New York, USA

UN Summer Academy

30/08/2018
Bonn, Germany

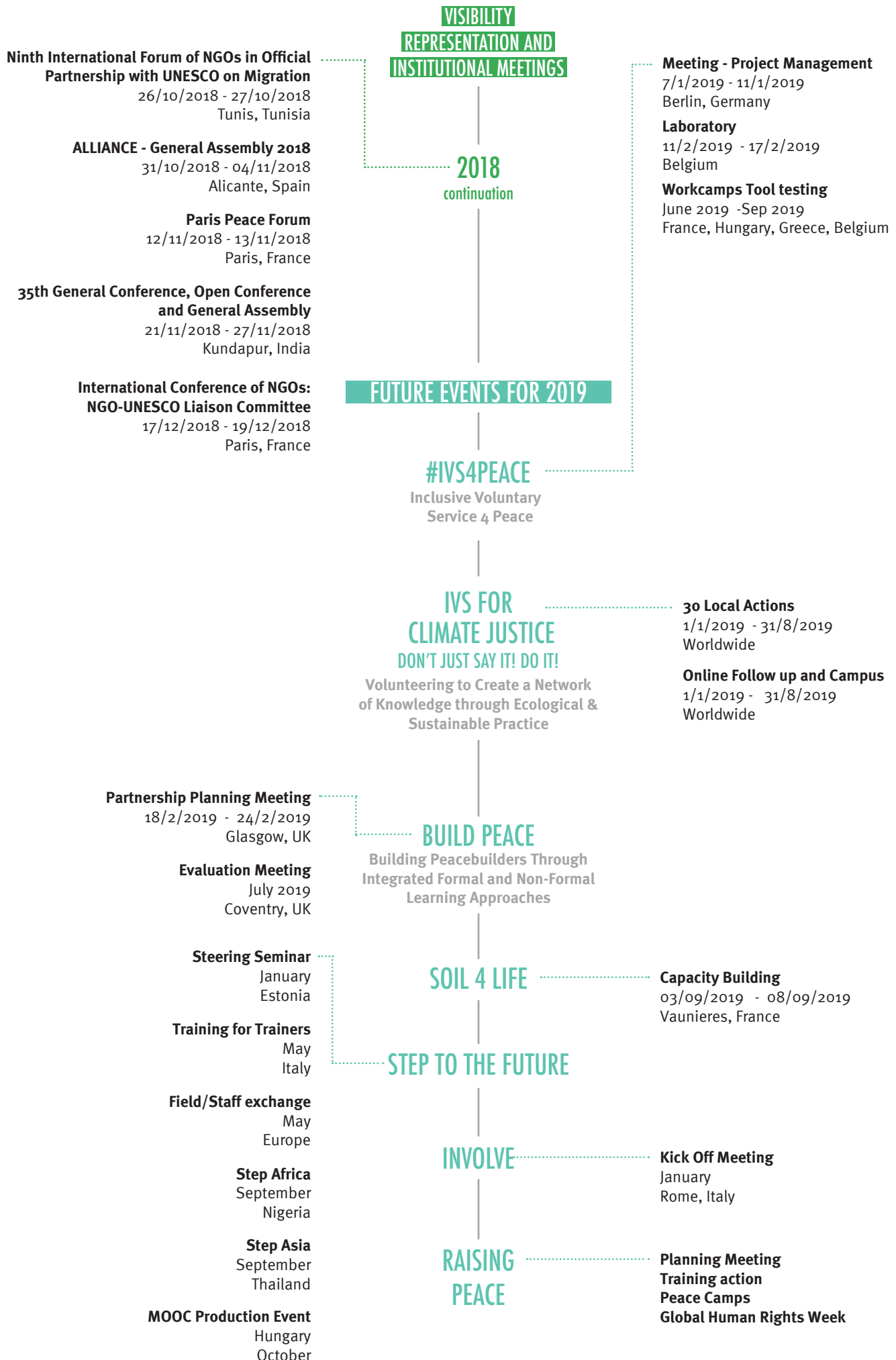
Subir al Sur Volunteer Congress

14/10/2018
Buenos Aires, Argentina

25th IAVE World Volunteering Conference

17/10/2018 - 20/10/2018
Augsberg, Germany

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The state of IVS in the world

Ever since the emergence of the first formal international voluntary service (IVS) programs during the early 20th century,¹ people of all ages have packed their bags to pursue adventure by helping others in foreign lands. Over time, however, the forms and nature of international voluntary service have shifted substantially.

The first expressions of formal IVS as small-scale workcamp movements, volunteer armies and early missionary service^{2,3} have transitioned to thousands of public, private and faith-based organizations offering diverse opportunities for service abroad. Some of these organizations operate with budgets as high as 400 million dollars annually and offer moderate stipends to volunteers.⁴ Others charge a high price-tag for volunteers yet operate on shoe-string budgets. As for their missions, some prioritize a strong focus on community development, while others offer boutique and tailored experiences primarily aimed to gratify the volunteer—often combining volunteering with tourism.

Overall, the magnitude and diversity of contemporary IVS programs makes it difficult to estimate their scale and scope. Only a handful of countries track IVS activity with any degree of accuracy, and the United States government is the only entity that tracks international volunteering at the population level. Although no reliable statistics are available that measure the prevalence of international service on a global level, the scale of IVS appears to be increasing, partly owing to the growing popularity of person-centered approaches to development and diplomacy.^{5,6} Over the last few decades, international service has expanded substantially, with the steepest growth happening in Northern countries including Germany, France, Japan, Korea, the UK and the US.

A decade worth of data from the US indicate that the most “typical” volunteer going abroad is a young woman (between the ages of 15 to 24), and a college graduate from a higher income household.⁷ The majority of these volunteers spend less than two weeks abroad, and primarily engage in tutoring or teaching, general labor and mentoring youth.⁷ Nearly half of these volunteers serve through a religious organization. While these statistics can only be generalized to the US population, they may also provide an indication of IVS trends in other Northern countries (with some noticeable exceptions such as a higher prevalence of religiosity in the US).⁸

Contemporary debates on IVS are responding to changing social patterns related to a global workforce. These changes are driving demand for a labor force that is better prepared to work in international contexts or with populations from different nations and cultures. Against this backdrop, governments from many nations in the Global North are altering funding patterns and priorities. These funding shifts tend to prioritize international service programs designed to better prepare young people—thus supporting shorter-term projects focused on the skill-development of (mostly young) volunteers.⁹

This trend has sparked a global debate about whether funding priorities may be creating a supply of international volunteers without a commensurate demand for the volunteers in host communities. This in turn has reignited wider discussions about whether funding priorities for unilateral service placements are promoting the best interests of volunteers at the expense of host communities. Some scholars have even argued that international service in this context is a new form of neocolonialism, and question the absorptive capacity of Southern countries.^{10,11} Indeed, research in low-income communities has documented that some host sites are overloaded and overburdened by international volunteers.¹²

This concern, among others, is driven by the nature of global IVS systems. Most volunteer-sending organizations are still headquartered in the Global North and facilitate the placement of volunteers in partner organizations located in the Global South.¹³ The latest data available shows that the historical pattern of “North-South” service still remains the most prevalent by far; while the majority of international volunteers come from Europe, North America, Japan, and Korea.¹⁴

As one notable exception, the United Nations Volunteer (UNV) program has applied South-South and South-North models since its creation in 1970, and 83 percent of its volunteers are currently from developing countries.¹⁵ A handful of governments in the Global South have also developed small programs to operate South-South placements, though these programs, and the number of volunteers they send abroad, remain very small.¹⁰ As another exception, member programs with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) often focus their programming on South-South and South-North volunteer exchange, rather than unilateral service placements.

10 Despite the continued rarity of South-South and South-North volunteer programs, the concept of reciprocal international exchange continues to spark much of the global dialogue on the future of international voluntary service.^{16,17} From a perspective of global equity, the norm for more reciprocal forms of IVS would ideally allow people from all countries to share their cultures, skills, and interests with each other regardless of their geographical location.



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CCIVS
70 YEARS
Coordinating Committee for
International Voluntary Service
1948-2018

2018 will mark 70 years since the creation of CCIVS! The idea was seeded in 1947 and it became reality in 1948!

The decision to create what is today the CCIVS was taken on the 23 April 1948 in the UNESCO headquarters. To celebrate this important anniversary and our continued hosting by UNESCO we organised a Forum in the UNESCO HQ in Paris on the 23 April 2018 entitled “Just Volunteers: The Transformational Power of International Voluntary Actions for Climate Justice and Freedom of Movement”. Exactly 70 years after our creation, we invited our members, partners, friends and all those who wanted to learn more about the important role of non-formal learning and international voluntary service to join us for this historical event.

It was an inspiring day that gave us the opportunity to look back at our achievements but also encouraged us to reflect on our role in today’s society. As a global network CCIVS has always been very connected to the global agenda. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which also marks its 70th anniversary, or more recently the sustainable development goals have played an important role in the development of our activities. At the occasion of the 60th anniversary of CCIVS a special booklet on the relation between volunteering and the promotion of Human Rights was edited while the 2018 conference wanted to stress the importance of volunteering for a just and sustainable world, connecting our work with the SDG’s.

We are also happy to present a special 70 year CCIVS publication which will include articles from people who have contributed a lot to CCIVS in the past as well as historical photos. A big thank you goes to Francois Ribaud and Gianni Orsini and for their work on this.

We will close the celebration year with a big party during the GA in November in Kundapur, India.



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Brief background and objectives

There had been no common statistics of IVS (International Voluntary Service) so far possibly due to some technical reasons (e.g., different categories by each network, double/ triple affiliation of some NGOs in the networks), lack of the data collection in some networks and lack of the global initiatives, by which IVS movement had badly missed potential external recognition and internal evaluation.

To break through this situation, the creation of the Global Statistics of IVS was agreed in principle at the GMIVS (Global Meeting of IVS networks) in February 2013 and then, the detailed methodologies such as common definitions and categories were agreed in November 2013. The main objectives are;

- » Use for external presentation as the global movement of IVS and get more recognition/ cooperation
- » Analyze trends and situations of our movement internally to further improve/ develop ourselves
- » Decrease unnecessary administrative work NGOs belonging to more than one network

By the great cooperation of 5 networks (ALLIANCE, CCIYS, ICYE, NVDA and SCI), the first global statistics for 2013 were finalized and presented in November 2015. As it requires a lot of exhaustive work from each network staff, it was decided to make the second one for 2016 that was finalized for this report.

Some technical clarifications

A. Target NGOs are the members/branches of above mentioned 5 networks, plus the Partners/Guests of ALLIANCE and Groups/ Partners/ Contacts of SCI. As those “plus” NGOs are not obliged to submit the statistics to anywhere, we only depend on their voluntary sharing that was done only. We have also included the numbers of their presented as many as possible of Short Term Volunteering (STV) projects.

B. Figures should include all the realized IVS projects/ exchange (not including cancelled ones) STARTED between 2016 Jan. 1st and Dec. 31st, including the special projects with the governments/ universities such as EVS, French Civic Service, German Weltwaerts, etc.

IVS projects organized

Number of the projects in 2016 (by regions/ types)

- » 5,111 projects were organized in 90 countries by 204 NGOs. STV occupies 65%, MTV 16% , LTV 19%.
- » 49% of all projects were in Europe, 31% in Asia, 12% in Africa and 9% in Americas.
- » 59% of STV were in Europe while 48% of MTV were in Asia.
- » 78% were STV in Europe and 60% in Asia, 53% in Africa while in Americas, LTV occupies 52%.

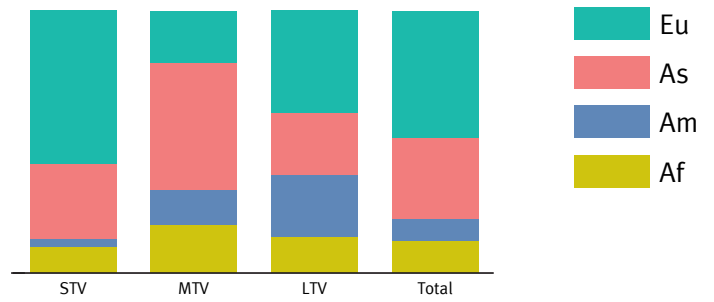
	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	3,302	823	986	5,111
Africa	325	150	134	609
Americas	103	110	233	446
Asia	935	397	234	1,566
Europe	1,939	166	385	2,490
Cultural	695	136	57	888
Developmental	770	65	24	859
Educational	539	234	221	994
Environmental	960	90	41	1,091
Human Rights	208	67	21	296
Others	111	64	88	263
(sub total)	3,283	656	452	4,391

* STV = -1 month, MTV = 1-6 months, LTV = 6 months-

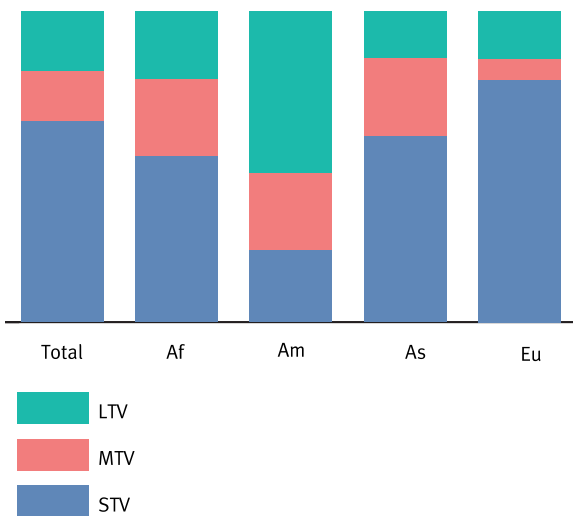
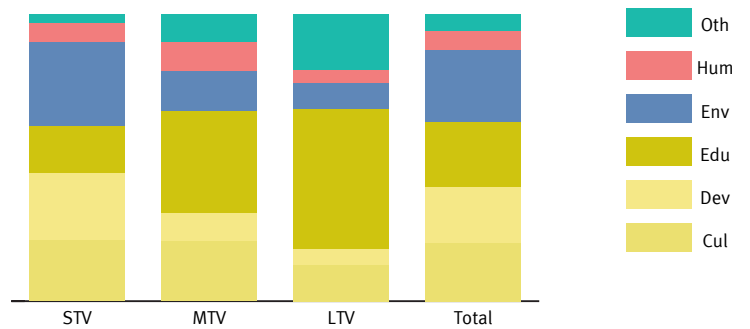
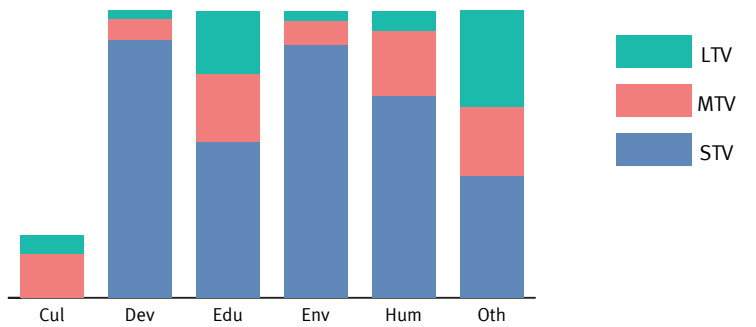
* Total of Themes is less than grand total since some NGOs have not clarified it.

* Oceania is included in Asia.

Rate B	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Africa	10%	18%	14%	12%
Americas	3%	13%	24%	9%
Asia	28%	48%	24%	31%
Europe	59%	20%	39%	49%
Cultural	21%	21%	13%	20%
Developmental	23%	10%	5%	20%
Educational	16%	36%	49%	23%
Environmental	29%	14%	9%	25%
Human Rights	6%	10%	5%	7%
Others	3%	10%	19%	6%



Rate A	STV	MTV	LTV
Total	65%	16%	19%
Africa	53%	25%	22%
Americas	23%	25%	52%
Asia	60%	25%	15%
Europe	78%	7%	15%
Cultural	78%	15%	6%
Developmental	90%	8%	3%
Educational	54%	24%	22%
Environmental	88%	8%	4%
Human Rights	70%	23%	7%
Others	42%	24%	33%



Change from 2013 and countries ranking

Projects were 9% increased from 2013 (STV/ LTV increased 14%/ 42% while MTV decreased 25%).

Africa/ Asia increased 77%/ 26% while Americas/ Europe decreased 14%/ 1%.

	2013	2016
STV	62%	65%
MTV	23%	16%
LTV	15%	19%
Africa	7%	12%
Americas	11%	9%
Asia	27%	31%
Europe	54%	49%
Cultural	14%	20%
Developmental	24%	20%
Educational	22%	23%
Environmental	27%	25%
Human Rights	9%	7%
Others	4%	6%

	2016	
1	France	759
2	Germany	400
3	India	332
4	Japan	271
5	Iceland	202
6	Kenya	197
7	Vietnam	188
8	Italy	187
9	Spain	149
10	Indonesia	143

Examples of the projects in each theme

Cultural (Cultural Heritage and Diversity)

- » Protecting cultural heritages
- » Organizing festivals, concerts
- » Performing play against discrimination
- » Archaeology
- » Drawing arts on the wall

Developmental (Development, Poverty and Health)

- » Construction of school, toilets, clinic, play grounds, roads
- » Converting a farm into the youth center
- » Improving sanitary conditions, health
- » Collecting and sending bicycles to India
- » Disaster relief, rehabilitation of the area
- » Non organic farming

Educational (Education, Active Participation, Social Inclusion)

- » Teaching English in the school
- » Playing with the kids in summer camps
- » Educational actions (for environmental, cultures, human rights, health, peace, etc.)

Environmental (Environment and Sustainability)

- » Cleaning the sea, lake, rivers,
- » Planting trees, maintenance of forests
- » Protecting animals and plants
- » Creating eco-villages/ Organic farming

Human Rights (Peace and Human Rights)

- » Project with disadvantaged people.
- » Gardening, farming, playing with in the orphanage
- » Maintaining home for mentally challenged (disabled)
- » Empowering refugees, indigenous people, single women, HIV positive

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	2013	2016	Change
Total	4,680	5,111	109%
STV	2,895	3,302	114%
MTV	1,095	823	75%
LTV	690	986	143%
Africa	344	609	177%
Americas	519	446	86%
Asia	1,244	1,566	126%
Europe	2,526	2,490	99%
Cultural	365	888	243%
Developmental	629	859	137%
Educational	587	994	169%
Environmental	707	1,091	154%
Human Rights	232	296	128%
Others	102	263	258%

* 86% of projects in 2016 clarified the themes while it was only 56% for 2013, so it does not make sense to see the change of numbers.

* Number per country in 2013 is not available since the MTV and LTV were calculated only in total for European ALLIANCE members

Volunteers exchanged

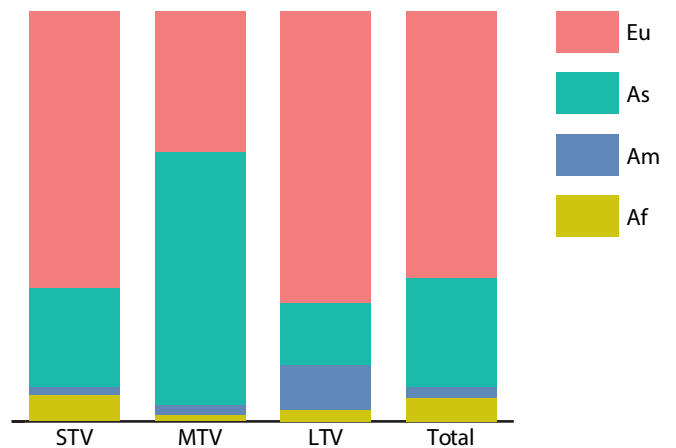
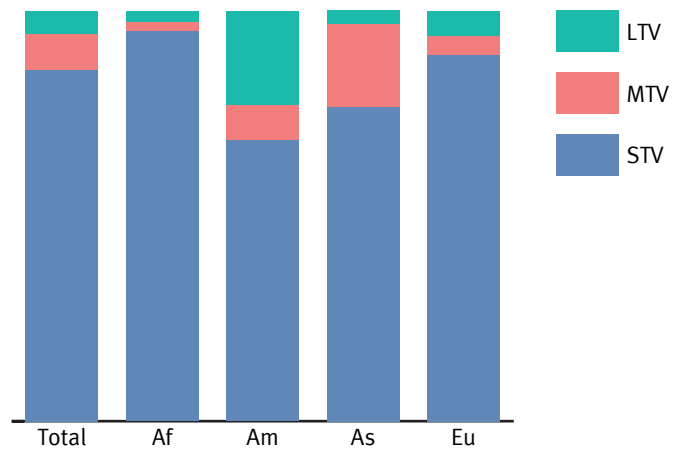
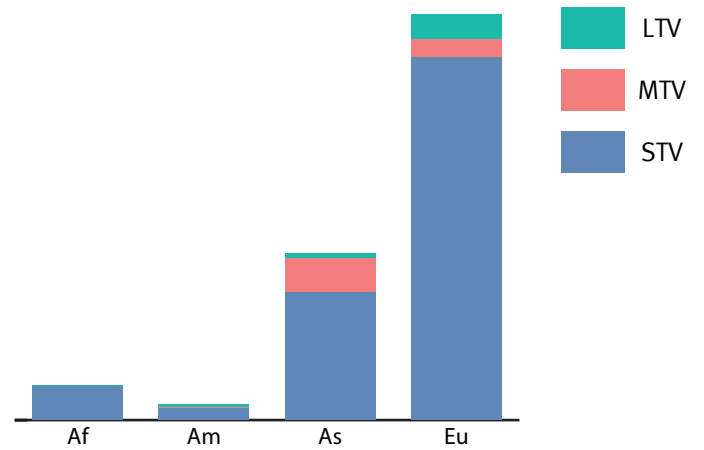
30,266 volunteers joined in which STV occupies 86%, MTV 9% and LTV 6%.

65% of all volunteers were from Europe, 27% from Asia, 6% from Africa and 3% from Americas.

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Africa	6%	1%	3%	6%
Americas	2%	3%	11%	3%
Asia	24%	62%	15%	27%
Europe	68%	34%	71%	65%

	STV	MTV	LTV
Total	86%	9%	6%
Africa	95%	2%	3%
Americas	68%	9%	23%
Asia	77%	20%	3%
Europe	89%	5%	6%

	STV	MTV	LTV	Total
Total	25,917	2,655	1,694	30,266
Africa	1,629	38	48	1,715
Americas	544	68	183	795
Asia	6,199	1,635	257	8,091
Europe	17,545	914	1,206	19,665



Change from 2013 and countries ranking (incl. Incoming)

Volunteers were 18% increased from 2013 (STV/ MTV increased 18%/ 72% while LTV decreased 17%)

	2013	2016		2013	2016	Change
STV	86%	86%	Total	25,604	30,266	118%
MTV	6%	9%	STV	22,010	25,917	118%
LTV	8%	6%	MTV	1,542	2,655	172%
Africa	1%	6%	LTV	2,052	1,694	83%
Americas	4%	3%	Africa	327	1,715	524%
Asia	23%	27%	Americas	1,054	795	75%
Europe	71%	65%	Asia	5,920	8,091	137%
			Europe	18,303	19,665	107%

	Grand total		Outgoing vols.		National vols.		Incoming vols.	
1	France	9033	France	2,420	France	3,816	Germany	2,825
2	Germany	4630	Spain	2,137	Vietnam	1,809	France	2,797
3	Spain	3890	Korea	1,704	Japan	595	Vietnam	1,307
4	Vietnam	3213	Italy	1,579	Spain	523	Italy	1,243
5	Italy	3008	Germany	1,437	Tunisia	420	Spain	1,230
6	Japan	2736	Japan	1,305	Germany	368	Japan	836
7	Korea	1909	Russia	956	Kenya	271	Nepal	697
8	Russia	1155	Turkey	807	Taiwan	262	Thailand	618
9	China	1144	China	772	China	230	Estonia	529
10	Belgium	925	Denmark	552	Morocco	225	India	499

There is not much difference between Outgoing and National volunteers. For both, around 60% is female, 80% is age 18-20 and 70% is student. National has more volunteers age -17 and unemployed than Outgoing.

	OUT	NAT	Total		Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe
Female	60%	55%	58%	Cultural	15%	4%	10%	29%
Male	40%	45%	42%	Developmental	13%	8%	17%	23%
Age -17	8%	11%	9%	Educational	14%	16%	39%	15%
Age 18-30	79%	79%	79%	Environmental	25%	28%	27%	24%
Age 31-50	12%	9%	11%	Human Rights	10%	3%	6%	7%
Age 51-	0%	0%	0%	Others	24%	40%	1%	2%
Students	71%	72%	72%	Female	33%	59%	62%	59%
Employed	19%	14%	17%	Male	67%	41%	38%	41%
Unemployed	5%	9%	6%	Age -17	4%	7%	5%	12%
Others	5%	5%	5%	Age 18-30	80%	83%	83%	75%
				Age 31-50	12%	9%	11%	11%
				Age 51-	3%	1%	1%	2%
				Students	59%	63%	75%	71%
				Employed	18%	21%	18%	16%
				Unemployed	22%	6%	4%	6%
				Others	2%	10%	2%	7%

Data by regions (Out+Nat)

NGOs and countries of the data source

	Country		(Valid)		NGO		(Valid)		Rate	
	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016
Total	104	110	88	90	232	264	212	204	91%	77%
Africa	24	26	16	17	39	48	36	29	82%	60%
Americas	13	15	12	11	29	31	71	19	86%	61%
Asia	23	25	21	21	48	61	50	51	96%	84%
Europe	44	44	39	41	116	124	109	105	93%	85%
ALLIANCE	-	-	-	-	50	50	50	50	100%	100%
CCIVS	-	-	-	-	165	171	147	151	89%	88%
ICYE	-	-	-	-	35	40	35	39	100%	98%
NVDA	-	-	-	-	27	30	27	29	100%	97%
SCI	-	-	-	-	46	44	42	42	91%	95%
Non belonging	-	-	-	-	37	70	31	24	84%	34%

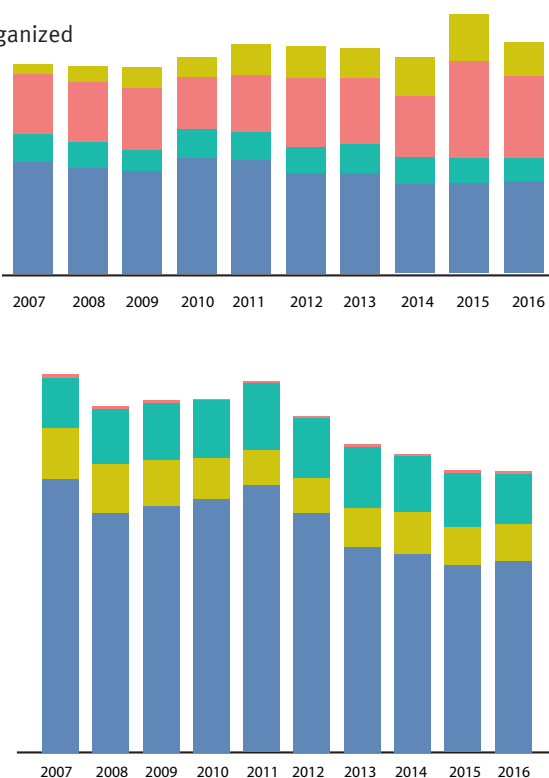
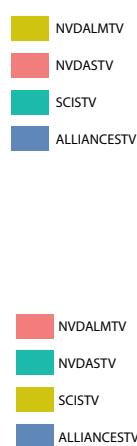
Africa				Americas				Asia			
Burkina Faso	UFJ	RD Congo	ADCD	Argentina	SaS	Ecuador	CHI FEVI VASE	Australia	IVP	Nepal	FFN ICYE SCInp VIN
Cote d'Ivoire	DUNIA	Senegal	LE	Bolivia	ICYE	Honduras	ICYE	Bangladesh	BWCA SCIbd	New Zealand	ICYE
Ghana	ICYE VOLU	South Africa	ICYE SAV	Brazil	ABIC	Mexico	NAT SIIJUVE VIMEX VIVE	Cambodia	CYA	Palestine	IPYL ZAJEL
Kenya	CIVS GVDA ICYE KVDA	Tanzania	ICYE UV	Canada	CJ	Peru	BVBP GA	China	CSE DWC SV SCIhk VT MNCYA	Philippines	GIED IGEEI
Lesotho	LWA	Togo	AST FAGAD	Colombia	ICYE	USA	SCLus UP VFP	India	FSL ICDE RUCHI SCIin SMILE	Singapore	GVC
Mauritius	SVImu	Tunisia	ATAV	Costa Rica	ACI			Indonesia	DJ GREAT IIVC IVP	South Korea	ICYE IWO KNCU SCIkr
Morocco	CJM CSM	Uganda	UPA UVDA UVP					Japan	CIEE ICYE NICE SCIjp	Sri Lanka	GV4GF SCIlk
Mozambique	AJOV AJUDE	Zimbabwe	ZWA					Jordan	SCI	Taiwan	ICYE VYA
Nigeria	ICYE VWAN							Malaysia	MOVE SCIma	Thailand	DALAA VSA
								Mongolia	MCE	Vietnam	CSDS SJV VPV
								Myanmar	COM		

Europe					
Albania	PVN	Greece	CIA ELIX SCIgr	Serbia	VCV YRS
Armenia	HUJ	Hungary	EGY UTIL	Slovakia	INEXs KERIC
Austria	GREN SCIat	Iceland	AUS SEEDS WF	Slovenia	SCIsl
Azerbaijan	BF	Ireland	VSI	Romania	SCIro
Belarus	LYVS SCIby	Italy	CG IBOit IG JOINT LEG LUN SCIit YAPit	Russia	AYA DGV GDC LASTO MT PZ SFERA SOD W4U
Belgium	CBB JAVVA SCIbe VIAbE	Kosovo	GAI	Spain	AFAIJ DA SCImd SVIes COCAT SCIct
Bulgaria	CVS	Kyrgyzstan	LS	Sweden	IAL PWS
Croatia	VAK VCZ	Latvia	YFS	Switzerland	ICYE SCIch WS
Czech	CONEV DUHA INEXc	Lithuania	DEI	Turkey	GEN GSM
Denmark	ICYE MS	Macedonia	CID	UK	CONuk ICYE IVSuk UNA VAP XS
Estonia	EST	Moldova	AVI	Ukraine	ALT FORUM SVIT
Finland	ALL ICYE KVT ANEC	Netherlands	SIW VIAnl	204 NGOs in 90 countries. Those with green color are the ones which have not submitted the data and the coordinator has inserted only the number of STV projects organized according to their annual plan.	
France	CBF CONC JR REMP SCIfr SJ	Norway	ID		
Georgia	LYVG	Poland	FIYE SCIpl		
Germany	IBG ICJA IJGD NIG OH PRO SCIde VJF	Portugal	IPJ		

Other data and conclusions

Many of you may wonder to see these statistics since you may have heard for many times in these years of the serious decrease of volunteers especially from Europe. Right, we actually cannot judge the facts only by simply comparing two figures of 2013 and 2016 since there is some difference of the NGOs contributing the data and the statics are never perfect in spite of all the best efforts in each stakeholder due to mis-counting/typing, different ways of understanding to the common definition (even if it is quite clear), etc.

So, I also introduce the total numbers of the IVS projects and Outgoing volunteers for the last 10 years organized/ sent by the member NGOs of ALLIANCE, NVDA and SCI, the 3 largest IVS networks besides CCIVS;



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Projects	2,821	2,789	2,777	2,913	3,092	3,057	3,030	2,917	3,489	3,108
Outgoing	27,640	25,265	25,710	25,811	27,155	24,609	22,515	21,805	20,579	20,551

Here, you can see the trend that the numbers of the projects are quite stable in total, but the volunteers have been decreasing quite rapidly since 2011 especially European ones.

However, this data has also some limit to find the real situation by the following reasons;

- » This does not include LMTV of ALLIANCE/ SCI, National vols., etc. due to unavailability of the data.
- » This data includes only the members of 3 networks, not their partner NGOs and the ones of other networks.
- » There are some double counting due to some double membership. Thus, some figures are approximate.

However, many part of the data collection should be revolutionary easier and more precise in the near future when all the targeted IVS NGOs will use any of the global databases/ placement tools under the condition that they unify the items/ definitions and are connected to each other to share the data, while there will be still some manual work remained for the figures of National vols. (if they don't apply through those tools), etc.

A huge thank you to SHINICHIRO KAIZAWA (Kai) for working on these statistics!

Needless to say, the most important thing is to maximize the positive impact toward a peaceful, fair and sustainable world, so we have to avoid a situation to have more numbers of worse impact/ less quality projects and volunteers experience when we will make strategic actions to promote our activities even though it is very important to reach more people and communities to work together for the common future.

There is still much space to improve/ develop these statistics such as having more different kind of data (e.g., flow of regional/ inter-regional exchange), including more figures from the partner (non-member) NGOs of the network or possibly, inviting more networks to join, having a more efficient and appropriate way of data collection and edition, etc. for which we should work together more strongly.

Finally, I appreciate all the people and organizations which have greatly contributed, especially Giovanna/ Serena (ALLIANCE), Salvatore (ICYE), Julie/ Ben (NVDA), Paolo/ Sara (SCI) and Vicky (CCIVS).

Hopefully, this can be actively and widely utilized by you by presenting on your website and your potential partners/ members, using as a part of analyzing the situations for the strategic planning and organizing a quiz...!



PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The past two years have enriched the CCIVS portfolio with a set of programmes and activities for the movement itself. One of the main trends is that the projects of the last two years tend to focus more on environment and sustainability. This was fuelled not only by worldwide concerns related to the environment and its degrading status, but also to the strength that CCIVS got both from the passion of its staff and its member organisations specialised in working on this particular topic, “IVS for Climate Justice” and “Soil4Life” being clear illustrations of this.

Generally speaking, CCIVS managed to stay on track with its traditional programmes, the Raising Peace Campaign and the World Heritage Volunteers, and also to advance and, in some cases, to conclude some of the long-term projects initiated in the previous years (e.g. PATH, Steps, BuildPeace, etc.).

If this managed to stir your curiosity, then please find a comfortable spot and enjoy the details of these programmes and activities in the upcoming lines of this report.

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The White Paper of International Voluntary Service 2011-2021 (WP), created as a result of a long-term participatory process, contains the vision and global strategies of the international voluntary service movement. Every CCIVS biannual Plan of Action (PoA) is based on this document.

During the General Assembly held in November 2016, the analysis of the results achieved in regards with the WP confirmed the commitment of CCIVS members to focus on projects in the topic of Human Rights and Peace, following the positive results achieved through the Raising Peace Campaigns over the last years.

The Raising Peace Campaign aims at strengthening and improving the visibility of the role of the International Voluntary Service movement in the construction of Peace and Human Rights, through raising awareness, training activists and making advocacy and networking.

» Raising Peace Camps

In 2017, 45 Raising Peace Camps took place all around the world. The aim of these camps is to raise on the rights that we all have, how to defend them, to identify when they are not respected and contribute to change these situations of injustice.

www.ccivs.org/raisingpeacecamps

» Decentralised Peace Action Weeks Events and Projects

8 training sessions and youth exchanges organised by ELIX (Greece), FSL (India), ICJA (Germany), Legambiente (Italy), IWO (Korea) and YAP (Italy) aiming to strengthen the skills of peacebuilding and raise awareness through non-formal education tools.

» Global Human Rights Weeks 16 – 21 October

The Global Human Rights Week (GHRW) provided visibility on the challenges related to Peace and Human Rights worldwide, focusing on the actions implemented by the IVS movement on these specific topics. The initiatives share common goals: to cast a spotlight on the current situations of Human Rights, to encourage grassroots activism and to promote social change.

“Human Rights are YOUR rights! Raise your voice and join the Global Human Rights Week 16-21 Oct! #OurRightsOurVoices” marked the official launch of the GHRW, this message was collectively shared on social media on the 16 October.

During the GHRW, 8 events were organised by CCIVS members and partners in Asia, Africa and Europe, namely COCAT (Catalunya), FCC (Morocco), FSL (India), IPYL (Palestine), Legambiente (Italy) and VIN (Nepal).

In terms of visibility and online promotion, every day of the GHRW was focused on a different topic:

- » Rights of migrant and refugee peoples; freedom of movement and universal civil rights;
- » Rights to food & housing, and to a sustainable life with dignity;
- » Rights related to gender, sexuality & personal bodily autonomy;
- » Right to live in peace, at local, regional and international level;
- » Right to participate: how citizens need to be involved in issues of human rights & peace.

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Besides the promotion of peace actions, leaders and representatives of IVS networks and grassroots organisations were invited to share their reflections on the current situation of human rights.

www.ccivs.org/globalhumanrightsweek

HUMAN RIGHTS



» Training Course on Media applied to Peace and Human Rights

The “Training Course on Media applied to Peace and Human Rights” took place in Holloko – Hungary from the 18th to the 25th of September 2017. “m.Education: Ready, Set... Peace Action! – Media Education in Awareness Actions on Peace and Human Rights” is a multi-activity project that foresees this first training, local activities implemented by the partners and a final meeting “Ready, Set... Peace Action! – Digital Event” in Paris. This project aims to use innovative tools to raise awareness on the topics of Peace and Human Rights through media and more specifically with blog.

Participants from Baladna, CCAB, FCC, IYPL, SCI Hellas, Leaders of Life, SCI Catalunya, SCI Italia, Solidarites Jeunesses and CCIVS gathered in the Creative Space of our member organisation EGYESEK (Hungary). This training was meant not only to provide skills to design digital productions with contents on peace and human rights but also to allow participants to understand the different challenges related to human rights.

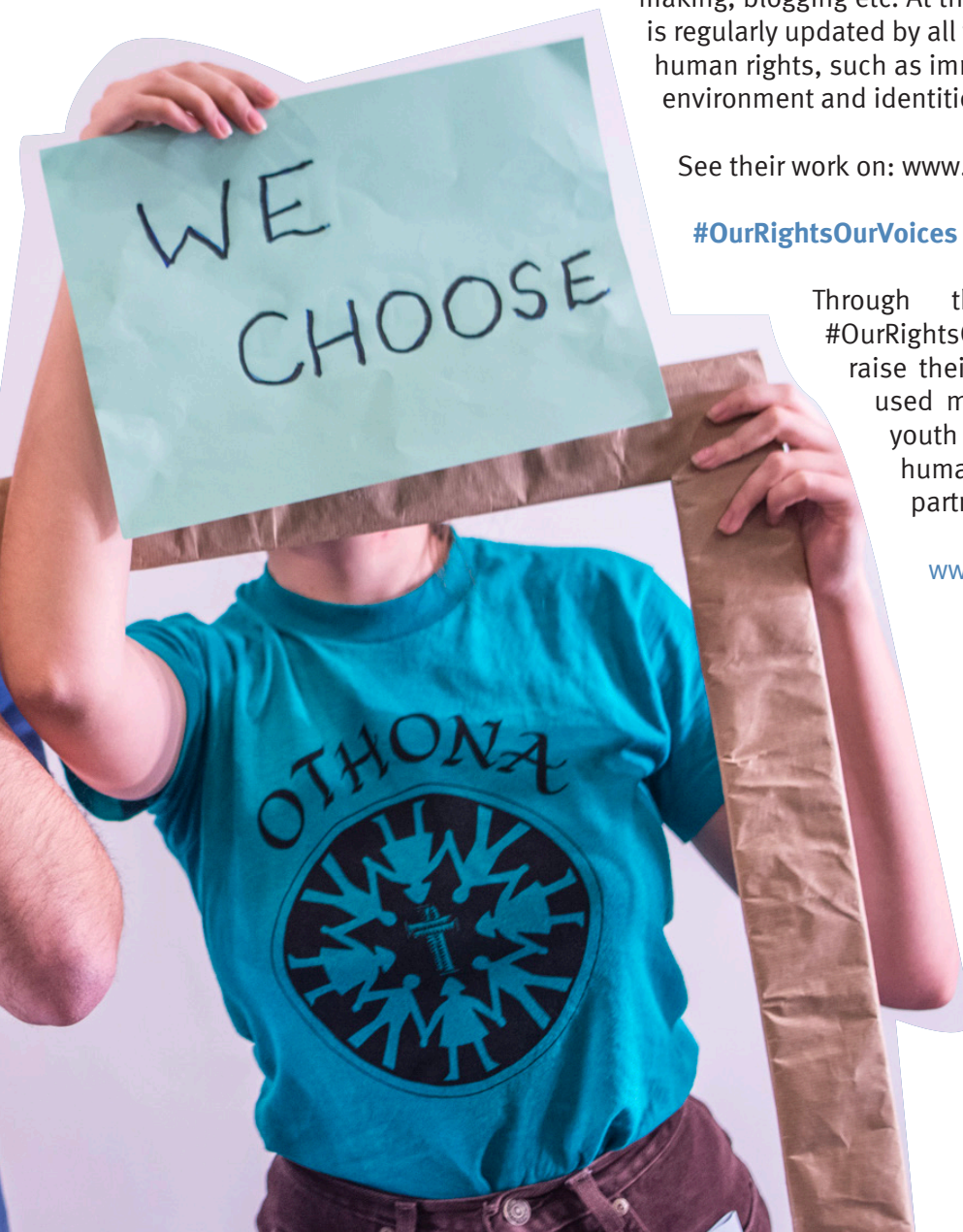
During this training, participants attended discussion sessions and talked about human rights, current human rights abuses and local situations within the countries represented in this training. They also participated in workshops about media and digital creations: photography, video-making, blogging etc. At the end, they created a common blog that is regularly updated by all the participants about specific topics on human rights, such as immigration and refugees, women’s rights, environment and identities.

See their work on: www.readysetpeaceaction.wordpress.com

#OurRightsOurVoices

Through the format of photobooth, the #OurRightsOurVoices encourage the public to raise their voices for human rights, it has been used many times as a side event during the youth camps or training courses on peace and human rights education by our members and partners.

www.ccivs.org/ourrightsourvoices



» Network Coordination Meeting

From April 21 to April 25, representatives from different IVS organisations and networks participated in the Network Coordination Meeting in Paris. The main purpose of the meeting focused on developing a strategy for the Raising Peace Campaign (RPC) for the next two years based on the previous experience, the current challenges and future plans.

In addition, the representatives had a meeting with Simona Costanzo-Sow, Course Coordinator with the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development and former Director of CCIVS. It was an inspiring meeting during which we were given advice on how we can strengthen the cooperation and partnership with external stakeholders. We also had many discussions and debates about the RPC and what our strategic plan should be.

» Raising Peace Camps

In 2018, there were 42 Raising Peace Camps all around the world, focusing on migrant and refugee rights, freedom of movement, and universal civil rights; access to food & housing and to a sustainable and dignified life; gender rights, sexual and personal bodily autonomy; to live in peace at a local, regional, and international level; to participation, ensuring citizens can freely be involved in human rights and peace issues.

The Raising Peace Campaign aims to enhance the visibility of these projects and their impact as a global movement of International Voluntary Service.

» Training of Peace Trainers on Peace and Human Rights Education: “Seeding Peace”

ToT Seeding Peace was held from 7 - 13 September 2018 in Afacan Gençlik Evi, Yenisekran, Izmir, Turkey and hosted by Gençtur. The training was framed into the “Empowerment” strategy of the Raising Peace Programme and was co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and the European Youth Foundation.

The first idea of the Training of Trainers came up during a CCIVS Conference on Anti-Radicalisation, where CCIVS members considered that the best way to work on this issue was to continue to put emphasis on the inclusion of young people at risk of social exclusion in their local communities. For this reason, the members requested the network to further develop the CCIVS Pool of Trainers and to train young activists in peace and human rights education so that they may then transfer what they have learnt into their local context.

The main aim of this activity was, then, to empower young activists in Human Rights and Peace education competencies necessary to run activities specifically those focusing on the inclusion of young refugees, migrants, minority groups and those facing exclusion or in situations where they may be subject to radicalisation.

For this reason, the objectives of the training were:

- » To consolidate participants’ knowledge on Human Rights Education and on the contributions of IVS on the promotion of Peace and Human rights.
- » To acquire tools, methods and techniques to design and implement intercultural projects focused on human rights and Peace.
- » To improve teamwork skills, intercultural communication, cooperation.
- » To provide participants with communication tools for the promotion of their actions, initiatives and projects related to Human rights and peace.

The training welcomed participants from 13 different IVS organisations: Baladna - Palestine 48, CCIVS, COCAT - Catalunya, Concordia - France, Gençtur - Turkey, PVN Albania, SCI Catalunya, SCI Hellas, SIW - Stichting Internationale Werkkampen - The Netherlands, Solidarités Jeunesses - France, Utilapu - Hungary, VAP UK, VCZ Croatia. The group was really diverse and rich, bringing experience from different backgrounds and fields, which made the training really interesting and fruitful. It was a really motivated and committed group, who took the participation in the sessions with passion and joy.



During the week in Afacan, participants had the chance to explore the connections between Human Rights, Peace and the IVS movement; learn about the approaches of Non-Formal Education, Peace Education and Human Rights Education and how do they influence each other; reflect upon Social Inclusion and how to make an inclusive education; analyse current human rights issues at a global level such as radicalisation, climate change and its impact on forced displacement; reflect upon the role of the Human Rights and Peace Education and experiment with it by forming teams to experiment a workshop preparation and facilitation with the group. The training was preceded by an online preparation which included some theoretical introductions to the topics that would be explored later on during the training days.

All in all, the training was rich and it was beautiful to see how quickly it became also fruitful: the seeds we planted in Afacan are already growing: a group of participants presented a project application to the Erasmus+ October deadline through Concordia France for a training on identity and intersectionality. We are looking forward to seeing these peaceful seeds growing all around the IVS movement!

» **Global Human Rights Week (15 – 20 October)**

The Global Human Rights Week (GHRW) is a global networking event held in the framework of the Raising Peace Campaign and supported financially by the Council of Europe and the European Youth Foundation. This year edition started on Monday, 15 October, and ended on Saturday, 20 October.

The main objective of the event is to provide visibility to Human Rights worldwide and to the initiatives implemented by the IVS movement in the promotion of Peace. Furthermore, the GHRW intends to involve like-minded organisations, institutions, foundations, groups, communities and citizens who advocate Human Rights. Through the production and dissemination of visual contents on social media and the organisation of awareness-raising actions, the GHRW aims to reach a large number of viewers worldwide, providing them with information, resources, example and inspirations on how to address global and local issues related to Human Rights. The hashtag #OurRightsOurVoices expresses the aim of the GHRW and the RP Campaign: multiply our voice to promote Human Rights and Peace, and provide our contribution through concrete, peaceful and inspiring deeds.

The GHRW 2018 benefited from the best practices collected in the past editions, which were combined with innovative elements. Like in the past years, each day of the event was focused on a different topic but unlike the previous editions, the posting procedure was coordinated by a “leading network”, under the general supervision of the CCIVS office and the GHRW coordinator, as illustrated in the table below:



Day	Topic	Leading Network
15	Human Rights for all	CCIVS
16	Migrant and refugee rights, freedom of movement, and universal civil rights	Alliance
17	Right to live in peace at a local, regional, and international level	SEEYN
18	Gender rights, sexual and personal bodily autonomy	SCI
19	Access to food & housing and to a sustainable and dignified life	SAWC / WAVAN
20	Right to participation, ensuring citizens can freely be involved in human rights and peace issues	NVDA

Coordination work started in August 2018, when networks and topics were appointed. Each network started producing and collecting the contributions, which were edited by a team of graphic designers (from CCIVS and Alliance). The final contents were uploaded online, to be scheduled for posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by the appointed network (and shared by the other network). Around 20 people (staff members, volunteers, network representatives) were included in the coordination.

During the days of the GHRW, the networks posted a considerable amount of material, but the day of 19th October was particularly reached with contents from different continents. The posts included diverse format: an opening post written by the network representatives, additional posts by members or activists, visual cards, volunteer testimonial, link to online articles, information on related projects and thematic working group, cartoons, links to campaigns.

Regarding the results and the statistical data, the evaluation process that will take place in November and December 2018 will provide more data on the reach and the impact of this year GHRW. However, according to estimations and to the feedback of the network involved, it is possible to confirm that the GHRW produced positive results:

- » the networks and activists involved had a chance to improve their communication skills and to learn how to use new tools;
- » the quantity and quality of the contents was high;
- » the GHRW hosted contributions from new IVS members who were not familiar with the event;
- » besides contents from the CCIVS network, the GHRW received and published also articles from UNESCO and posts on projects and campaigns (USA, Afghanistan, Brazil);
- » the fact that many networks worldwide worked for a common task consolidated the CCIVS network.

Being decentralised, this year working procedure required coordination and proved to be sometimes challenging, considering also the high amount of contents produced. The efforts of this year will be useful to improve even more some elements in the next edition, such as the implementation of more GHRW actions during the week; the streamline of the dissemination process in order to define the targets to reach with more precision; and the involvement of more networks, in order to expand the global dimension of the event.

www.ccivs.org/globalhumanrightsweek

» **Digital Event – Ready, Set... Peace Action!**

This event was the final activity of the project “m.Education: Ready, Set... Peace Action! – Media Education in Awareness Actions on Peace and Human Rights”, which took place during 15 - 20 October 2018 in Amiens, France, hosted by Concordia Picardie.

It was the occasion to show all the results achieved through the projects, the tools, the methods and the creations. The participants have an exchange session with two social movements from Amiens - Groupe Appui et Solidarite and Reseau Education Sans Frontiere and have designed and conducted workshops on the topic of human rights through media and digital methodology.

The media and interactive dimension have raised awareness on peace and HR issues, on the actions implemented by our members and partners.





Buildpeace , Building peacebuilders through integrated formal and non-formal learning approaches “ is a three year project (2016-2019) coordinated by the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations of Coventry University, co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, it gathers practitioners from seven European partners: three universities and four NGOs (3 partners are IVS organisations namely YRS Serbia, Exchange Scotland and CCIVS). The main objective of Buildpeace is to enable innovative new approaches to developing peacebuilders by:

1. Creating a common framework of key competencies across the FE and NFE sectors
2. Helping learners find navigable and flexible pathways to access relevant learning opportunities
3. Blending FE and NFE learning approaches for more comprehensive provision, using technology.

After a first partnership meeting at the end of 2016 in the UK, two more partnership meetings took place (2017 Bosnia, 2018 Serbia) to keep track of the project, give input on its different stages and to prepare the upcoming activities. In order to create the different intellectual outputs, two BuildPeace workshops took place where the participants could reflect on some specific aspects of the project: July 2017, Peace Lab in Coventry University UK and 2018 Peace Lab in Mugla University Turkey.

The first BuildPeace workshop focused on the different methods used in formal and non-formal education. A CCIVS group coordinated by Laetitia Barbry (CCIVS liaison for this project) introduced the participants to the Peace Action Weeks format and philosophy (learning for/ about and through Peace actions).

The second BuildPeace workshop wanted to experiment with the “integrated approach”. This seemed to be a real challenge and showed how difficult it is to look beyond our own “way of working”. CCIVS (Bogdan Imre, EC member) presented a workshop about “Facilitation” combining formal and non-formal approaches.

In 2018 most partners were actively working on the various intellectual outputs: a mapping report, a toolkit, a handbook, a MOOC, an academic article and finally the policy recommendations. Each partner of the project is the lead on one of its outcomes. CCIVS is the coordinator of the Policy recommendation text aiming at proposing ways to improve Peacebuilding education through enhanced cooperation between formal and non-formal education sectors. Our task being somehow the final step of the project. The project will end in 2019 so now efforts are being made to finalise all the outputs.

World Heritage Volunteers



The World Heritage Volunteers Initiative is led by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) in collaboration with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), European Heritage Volunteers (as a branch of Open Houses) and Better World.

The World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) 2017 campaign: Heritage in our hands has taken stock of the progress made over the past ten years to mobilise youth to preserve and promote World Heritage by reaching out to their peers and their communities.

Over the past ten years, the WHV Initiative has tremendously grown due to the increasing interest and appreciation for the protection and preservation of World Heritage sites. In the year of its 10th anniversary, 51 youth action projects have been implemented at 50 World Heritage properties and sites inscribed on the Tentative Lists, from May through November 2017, by 46 organisations in 32 countries.

30 The World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) 2018 campaign: Empowering the Commitment to World Heritage aims to provides empowering and enriching opportunities to young people and enables them to go beyond borders in some of the most outstanding places in the world through 51 youth actions projects at 50 World Heritage properties and sites inscribed on the Tentative Lists at 28 countries.

10th anniversary

In 2008 the Initiative started with 12 action camps involving 153 volunteers, to reach 45 action camps bringing more than 700 volunteers in 2017;

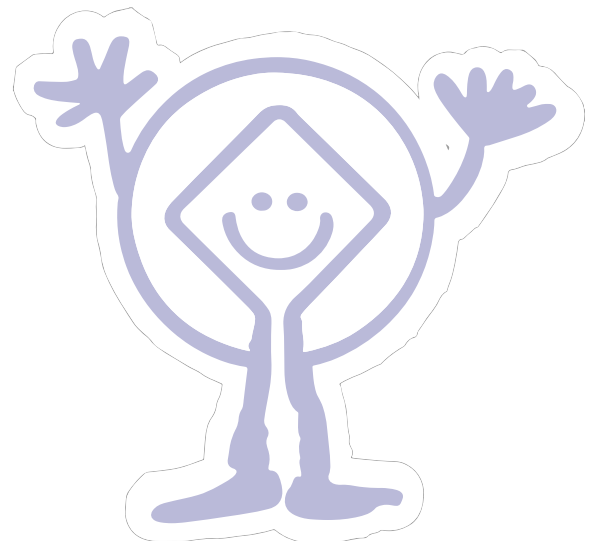


A decade later, at the end of 2017, the initiative had implemented a total of 368 action camps at 141 sites in 61 countries, involving 122 organizations and more than 5000 volunteers.

In addition, will be released at the end of 2018 a publication to celebrate the 10th anniversary showcasing all of the projects, highlights of good practices and impact overview.



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Youth Preventing Violent Extremism

Youth PVE was a project coordinated by CCIVS and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) in the framework of the 2-year programme “Prevention of Violent Extremism through Youth Empowerment in Jordan, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia”, developed by UNESCO and co-funded by UNOCT (United Nations Office for) and Canada.

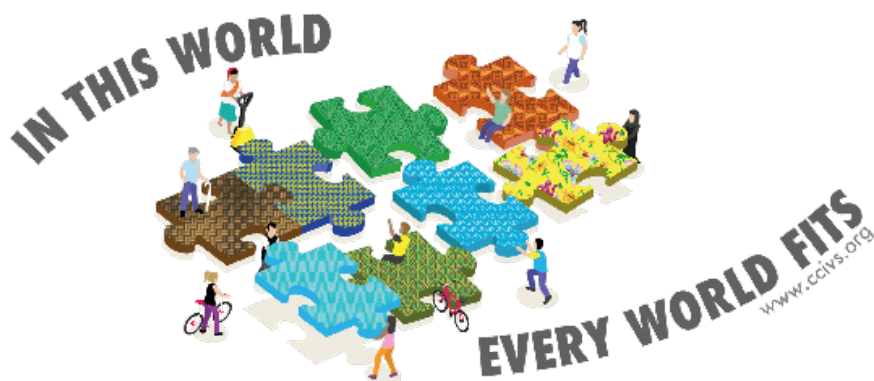
The project allowed 12 young participants from Jordan, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco to take part in 3 World Heritage Volunteers action camps in Morocco in the month of July. The camps were organised by the local intercultural associations ACC, UNCV and Chamss and hosted other international volunteers from China, France and Australia, besides many local young activists.

After an online pre-departure training, the 12 participants of the Youth PVE group joined the action camps and were involved in hands-on and awareness raising activities in Rabat and Meknes. Moreover, they had the chance to understand the Moroccan culture through guided visits to museums, cultural sites and local families. In addition to that, the two CCIVS trainers Mauro Carta and Belén Fernandez led several workshops, aimed at providing skills and knowledge in the project management field. The objective was to equip the participants with tools to design grass-roots initiatives, spreading a culture of peace and solidarity and thus preventing radicalisation and violent extremism among young people. Participants presented their organisations and the political situations

in their countries, debated about gender issues, project management and stigmatisation risks when tackling the issue of PVE. The project included also an impact measurement phase, with an online questionnaire before and after the experience and interviews with the participants, to assess the effect that the action camps had on their personal development.

Youth PVE was a particularly intense experience which allowed participants to improve their adaptation and organisation skills. Many of them were not familiar with the concept of a WHV action camp or a workcamp, therefore they had the opportunity to touch the potential of these instruments. At the of the action camps, participants created a website where they will report their future initiatives related to Youth PVE. The project provided also an important chance to improve the cooperation among CCIVS, WHC and the hosting organisations, who improved their capacities and increased their motivation to join the WHV initiative in the future.





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The White Paper for International Voluntary Service (2011-2021) draws the strategic objectives for Cultural Heritage and Diversity with the vision to ‘Preserving, protecting, and promoting cultural heritage and diversity through International Voluntary Service activities in order to foster mutual understanding and respect within the global community’. With the strategic objectives to create:

- » A global community where mutual understanding and respect are brought by active citizens that preserve protect and promote cultural heritage and diversity
- » Develop and expand cooperation between organisations, institutions and government bodies in the field of cultural heritage and diversity
- » Raise awareness about the impact of IVS in cultural heritage and diversity issues

Heritage has been an important element of local communities where IVS organisations have set up projects since 1920 (1st workcamp). Throughout the years organisations, mainly in Europe, have developed cooperation with various stakeholders, involving young and adult volunteers in the protection, preservation and valorisation of our tangible and intangible heritage. This topic has been taken until recent years in other regions of the world demonstrating the value of non-formal learning as the IVS educational approach to disseminate the values and expertise developed at the inter-governmental level to a large public and in particular to young people, based on a dynamic dialogue between the different stakeholders.

The aim of this project is to work towards the strategic objectives of the White Paper and to promote the work of IVS organisations and the Non-Formal Learning methodology used, whilst valorising local customs and the diversity of these.

The world is under an increasing threat from globalisation and extremism; these two factors contribute to the breaking down of cultural norms, traditions and the destruction and loss of heritage sites.

This project celebrates both tangible and intangible heritage and revels in the diversity of these. The applicant organisations propose actions, which focus on food, culture, language, cultural and natural sites indigenous traditions etc. The aim of the project is to be as diverse as possible and to show the richness of this diversity, to include local people as educators, emphasizing the bottom-up approach of IVS and the work in local communities and with young people with fewer opportunities.

Partner Organisations

The partners are grassroots IVS organisations from Africa, Asia and Europe



The different actions include:

- Stakeholders Forum (February 2017)
- Capacity building trainings on Volunteer and Heritage Management in France and Uganda (April/May 2017)
- Local Awareness Raising Actions (June 2017 – December 2017)
- Global Communication Campaign (January 2017 – March 2018)
- Final meeting in Italy (March 2018)

The Stakeholders Forum

Taking place in Paris it brought together the partners of the project in order to share their cultural heritage and diversity projects with a variety of stakeholders coming from the private and public sector (including education institutions, governmental bodies, private institutions, civil society and the corporate sector).

The first days of the Forum provided the participants with tools needed in order to present their projects externally; experts provided guidance and coaching in project presentation, and how to approach sponsors.

The meeting with the Stakeholders started with an institutional presentation and invited Dr Mechtild Rössler, Director of Heritage Division & Director of The World Heritage Centre to give the keynote speech. Following the opening presentations, the invited stakeholders could meet with the project partners in the form of speed dating, and a final networking event.



Trainings

Capacity building trainings on Volunteer and Heritage Management in France and Uganda



The Training in France was hosted by Rempart and took place in Villandrait, from the 6th to the 12th of April, 2017



The Training in Uganda took place from the 25th of May to the 1st of June, 2017. This event was hosted by the Uganda Voluntary Development Association (UVDA), in the amazing Wildlife Education Center of Entebbe.

Each training included hands-on and theoretical work, with visits to heritage sites and meetings with local stakeholders.

34 Resulting from these trainings a toolkit was created for working in the field of volunteer and heritage management – these are available for download from the CCIVS webpage resources section.



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Local Actions

The partners of the project implemented actions on a local level including national and international volunteers and the local community.

The partner's diverse actions around the world can be found on the blog page of the project:

volunteerpathblog.wordpress.com/local-awareness-raising-actions

Final Meeting

The final meeting took place in Anticoli Corrado hosted by Legambiente at the end of March. 13 representatives from diverse IVS organisations studied the results of the project and worked on creating a strategic planning process for the continuation of CCIVS programmes and activities.

The Impact measurement results from the PATH project local actions are shared below. Videos from the diverse projects can be found on the blog page.



**Director of World Heritage Centre addresses
the First CCIVS Partnership Meeting
by UNESCO - WHC**

The First Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) Partnership Meeting on “Future of Cultural Heritage and Diversity with International partners” was held on 8 February 2017 in Paris. Ms Mechthild Rössler presented a keynote speech on “The Challenges of Heritage Conservation and Volunteering Best Practices”.

The event brought together more than 200 international and national organizations focusing on local needs from all over the world; yearly over 40,000 volunteers are mobilized in 5,000 short and long- term actions in the fields of intercultural dialogue, sustainable development, World Heritage, health and conflict transformation.

Ms. Rössler reviewed the increasing challenges in heritage conservation, and stressed the key role played by local communities and civil society in the preservation, promotion and transmission of heritage sites. She further highlighted achievements and best practice of the World Heritage Volunteer Initiative, which was launched in 2008 in collaboration with CCIVS, within the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, and paid tribute to the remarkable work of young volunteers mobilized globally around heritage preservation.

“The power of volunteerism, which we have seen time and time again, especially through our engagement with young people, is that it can inspire not only the communities that it benefits, but also the youth volunteers themselves.” She commended the organizers for providing an opportunity to exchange a rich array of experiences and to consider new ways of sharing ideas and knowledge in the preservation and conservation of heritage. She called for further collaboration and support to World Heritage conservation much needed in times of deliberate attacks against the common heritage of humankind.

CCIVS is a prominent partner for the World Heritage Education Programme, notably the World Heritage volunteers’ initiative. It is the world’s largest global network of grassroots organizations active in the field of International Voluntary Service (IVS) and created under the aegis of UNESCO in 1948.

Impact Measurement Results:

Measuring change in volunteers' knowledge, skills and attitudes towards Heritage, and life.

One of the most popular definitions of impact assessment, given by Rossi, Lipsey and Freeman in *Evaluation: A Systemic Approach* (2004), reminds us that at the beginning of any research should reside the essential step of clarifying the goals and objectives of the program assessed - that is, in order to evaluate the impact of the projects, we first need to clarify what we wanted to do: "Impact assessments are undertaken to find out whether programs actually produce the intended effects. A program effect, or impact, refers to **a change in the target population or social conditions that have been brought about by the program, that is, a change that would not have occurred had the program been absent**, [...] establishing that the program is a cause of some specified effect."

The PATH project answered very successfully this initial, often forgotten challenge by investing an important amount of time and resources in building, during the Stakeholders Forum in Paris, a deep understanding and consensus around the specific objectives that the project, and in particular the camps implemented by each partner, wanted to achieve. In an effort to promote **participative research** the representatives of the 26 partner organisations were involved in drafting the very questions that were later submitted to the volunteers before and after the local projects took place.

Starting from the **identification of broad categories** of expected impact, stakeholders successively worked on **prioritising the most important areas** for which they wanted to assess the effect of their projects, finally **drafting a series of questions** that in their understanding constituted the best way to address the changes they wanted to stimulate in the volunteers through their participation in the PATH camps.

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Cultural understanding	Heritage knowledge	Identity
Interculturality	Preservation	Respect for diversity
Sustainability	Solidarity	Value of work

Table 1. Macro-categories: priority areas of expected impact for the PATH camps as discussed by the stakeholders

The categories and questions indicated by the stakeholders as common priorities were then **tested for validity** and constituted the core of the questionnaires distributed to the volunteers: the surveys also included **additional standard measures** widely utilised by CCIVS and its partners in the recent years when assessing the impact of their projects, which also for the PATH camps confirmed the relevance of international workcamps for promoting non-formal learning around **different life competences like autonomy, communication, problem-solving, conflict management**.

The final surveys, answered by 185 volunteers from 44 different countries, were designed as a pre-post test, in order to examine differences before and after their participation in the PATH camps. The questionnaires were sent out within 3 weeks before the beginning (pre-test) and 3 weeks after the end (post-test) of the project they participated in. The 49 individual survey items were identical in the pre-test and the post-test, and participants were asked to answer Likert-item values to describe their opinion concerning each specific statement (e.g.: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Agree, Strongly Agree).

Item description (identical questions were asked before and after the project)	Change
I have a good knowledge of the cultures and heritage of the hosting country where the project takes place	+15.4%
I have a good knowledge of the cultures and heritage of the local community where the project takes place	+21.4%
I feel I have technical / manual skills useful to protect and preserve cultural and/or natural heritage	+9.5%
I think about the consequences of my daily actions on the environment, culture and society	+8.2%
I feel I have knowledge and ideas useful to protect and preserve cultural heritage and diversity	+ 6.7%
I participate actively in preserving, promoting and protecting cultural heritage and diversity	+5.9%
I believe that local knowledge can contribute to the sustainability of cultural practices, expressions, artifacts and spaces (intangible heritage)	+5.0%
I am committed to take action for the preservation of cultural heritage and diversity	+5.0%
I believe that local knowledge can contribute to the sustainability of environmental and cultural sites (tangible heritage)	+2.9%

Table 2. Percentage of change by individual items - Heritage and Sustainability

Looking at the major categories set by the PATH stakeholders, two in particular achieved statistical significance* - that is, differences in the volunteers' reported scores after the camps that are not likely to be due to chance, but well to their participation in the PATH camps: in terms of general feeling and attitudes towards society and diversity, both the volunteers' openness to interacting with other cultures as well as their feeling of living in an inclusive society show important increases, reflecting a positive effect of the camps on these major program objectives.

Beyond the wide goal of stimulating cultural openness and inclusion, the projects also reached more specific objectives related to the arising among the volunteers of a spirit of deeper respect for people who hold different values, heritage and identity than their own, another item showing positive differences after the camps. Such respect also seems to be deeply rooted in the unique interaction proposed by the PATH projects through activities stimulating at the same time the cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains: not only volunteers report higher levels of knowledge of the cultures and heritage of both the hosting country and the community where their project took place; they also feel that they now possess both more technical and manual skills and more knowledge and ideas useful to protect and preserve cultural and natural heritage and diversity.

Participating in a PATH camp also brought the volunteers to recognise more the role of communities in the preservation of heritage: in particular, the surveys after the projects show positive differences in how much they believe that local knowledge can contribute to the sustainability of both tangible heritage (environmental and cultural sites) and intangible heritage (cultural practices, expressions, artifacts and spaces).

Finally, the unique combination of awareness-raising and hands-on activities proposed by the PATH camps is also reflected in the way volunteers project themselves positively into the future as conscious actors of the society: they now reportedly think more about the consequences of their daily actions on the environment, culture and society, and they show a stronger commitment to take action for the preservation of cultural heritage and diversity.

* Correlations, chi-square and t-tests were run, as appropriate to the level of each construct, to examine differences before and after volunteers participated in the projects and to determine whether such differences were statistically significant and not due to error or chance. The threshold for all analyses was set at 95% confidence, a standard commonly used in social sciences: all outcomes reported here satisfied this criterion and can be considered reliable differences.



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A global initiative to empower youth organisations and to valorise the impact of volunteering

There is something amazing in the CCIVS which is about gathering so much diversity: cultural, organisational, geographical,... in just one movement; with similar goals and vision, but so many different realities. The CCIVS is in over 90 countries (how many languages do we speak, how different are our lives, our conditions...) and however we consider to go in one direction, to search for common goals (peace, interculturality, sustainability,...) with common methodologies: workcamps, IVS.

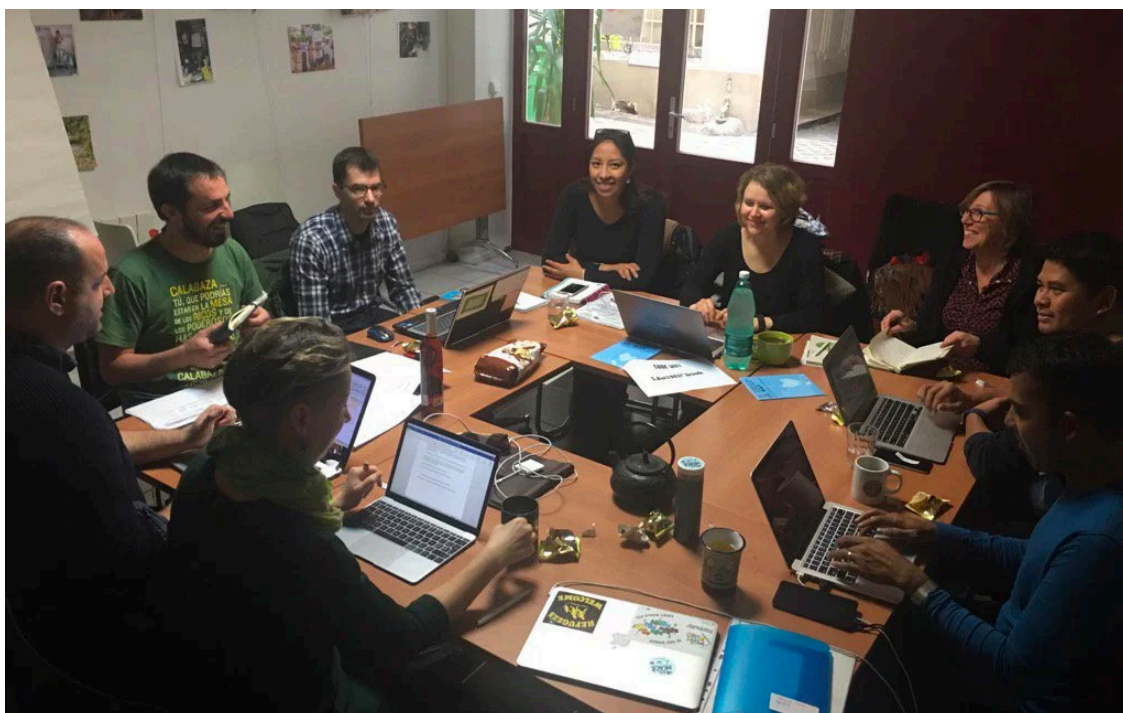
And yet, what makes us amazing is also the source of some of our main weaknesses: our difficulty as a network, as CCIVS, to care, to monitor such diversity, such quantity of organisations within the movement.

The STEPS project was launched in order to start solving such fundamental challenge. If part of the mission of CCIVS is to empower its member organisations so that they achieve the goals of IVS; how is it possible that CCIVS is not able to know the needs of each of its members, to address the main challenges with support and training? The EC went around these questions for some years, and in the GA in Korea, 2014, made the decision to develop a Monitoring and Empowerment System for the network. And STEPS is the project to place the grounds for such system. With STEPS we are in 4 regions (Asia, Africa, America, Europe), developing a process of deep diagnosis with members, and at the same time implementing organisational development trainings which allow members to reflect and work on their own needs, challenges and potentials.

The Project through 2017 and 2018 included a STEP experience in Africa, with an international training in Ghana, hosted by Volu; and participants also from Astovot Togo, ADC Congo DR, UPA Uganda, VWAN Nigeria. In Asia, a training in Cambodia, hosted by CYA, with participants from Ruchi India, VSA Thailand, SCI Hong Kong, IWO Korea. In America, a training hosted by ACI Costa Rica, and participants from Siijuve Mexico, Chiriboga in Ecuador, BVBP in Perú, Subir al Sur in Argentina. In Europe hosted by CID FYROM including SCI-Hellas, Concordia and SJ France, SCI-Catalunya and Egyesek Hungary. All of the organisations also hosted training processes in their countries and received experts on the ground to support them in this process.

The process, for those of us who are living it from within: participants, hosts, trainers, network representatives, has been so enriching! It opens up the detailed reality and histories of each organisation, the non-theoretical but very practical understanding of the needs and genuinity of IVS organisations in their countries; the belonging to local cultures, and at the same time the will and capacity to be working for a global dream.

A very important part of the training and research process we are implementing is also the fact that we are continuing with the Impact research of the last years (the results of this project will be available very soon), now focussing in the impact on communities. By interviewing community members who have been in contact with IVS projects we will end the project with testimonies in 20 countries in 4 regions, which will contribute to the global research, and add up to the 40 professionals participating in international projects and more than 100 people trained in their own countries.



The project includes a Steering Team made up of the experts and representatives from diverse IVS networks (SCI, ICYE, Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations and Network for Voluntary Development Asia (NVDA)).

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This Steering Team meeting had 3 main missions :

- » Team : To set the coordination, roles, working methodologies within the group during the whole duration of the project
- » Project : To design in depth the steps of the whole process, its activities, its outcomes and presentation of results
- » Contents : To analyse the preliminary research and agree on the main principles for the training, needs assessment and impact measurement processes in the 4 regions

Each network attended one regional event.



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STEPS IN EUROPE

Europe's STEP project took place in Macedonia from the 26th to the 31st of February 2018. This training was hosted by CID: Center for Intercultural Dialogue and welcomed participants from European organisations.

The training aimed to work on organisational management through a process of analysis and impact measurement. Using the experience of the participants and the two trainers (Matina and Oriol), the group went through different steps in order to analyse the main topics related to the management of IVS organisations.

These main topics were identified thanks to the model of the pentagon which was created in Latin America and finally developed by CCIVS in order to foresee the IVS organisations empowerment through the analysis of 5 main dimensions: structure, functioning, communication, relationships and financial sustainability.

STEPS IN AFRICA

The regional training in Africa took place in Ghana and was hosted by the CCIVS member organisation VOLU from the 21st to the 26th of May 2017.

In May, five African members of CCIVS gathered in Ghana to work on organisational capacity building and impact measurement. Together with 3 experienced CCIVS trainers (Oriol, Francesco and Matina) the Pentagon model was used to analyse organisational weaknesses and strengths. The pentagon model uses 5 dimensions (structure, functioning, financial sustainability, communication and relationships) which are important for every organisation and should be in balance.

Through a set of questions each organisation made a first analysis of their own situation which was then translated into a visual presentation to see how the different dimensions relate to each other. Afterwards different exercises gave the participants some tools to work on understanding and improving the different dimensions of their organisation.

The second part of the training focussed on impact measurement.

After an intensive 5-day training the participants returned to their respective countries and the trainers visited 2 projects from Volu Ghana to do some impact measurement interviews. It was an inspiring moment to see how international volunteers engage with local communities to work together for the wellbeing of the local community and to show solidarity.

STEPS IN ASIA

The STEP in Asia took place from the 10 - 15 August 2017, in Cambodia. Francesco and Sam were expert trainers present led this training, Alliance was the representant of the Steering Team for the reporting.

The training gathered representatives from 5 organisations based in Cambodia, India, South Korea, Thailand and Hong Kong. The training course included an introduction to the Organizational Pentagon, participants had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the theoretical framework created to measure the impact of the international voluntary service movement on personal and professional development levels. Furthermore, participants also had the chance understand and learn about what the organisations present were implementing on a local level in their home countries.

As a part of a broader global context, the training course in Asia provided a region-specific analysis which helped further identify the commonalities between stakeholders around the world.

STEPS IN AMERICAS

The STEP Latin America regional training was hosted by ACI Costa Rica in July, and invited Oriol Josa and Gianni Orsini as the experts and a reporter coming from CCIIVS, Vicky Lovelock.

Two participants from each partner organisation – Subiral sur Argentina, SIIJUVE Mexico, ACI Costa Rica, BVBP Peru and Fundacion Chiriboga Ecuador joined the training. During four days there were 16 sessions focusing on three themes, introduction, diagnostics and organisational development (structure, what do we do? how do we work together? what projects do we do? financial sustainability). There were many very interesting discussions, which allowed for a greater understanding of the IVS sector in Latin America.

Following on from this enriching training, the participants returned to their countries and Oriol and Gianni continued to work directly with ACI providing a direct training for their team and visiting their local projects. Gianni then travelled to Ecuador and Mexico and Oriol to Argentina and Peru to repeat the same processes with the other project partners.

FINAL STEP MEETING

Hungary June 2018. This phase had as a mission to systematise the results, elaborate them and valorise them collectively, in order to build common strategies to implement a global long-term empowerment and monitoring programme for IVS organisations.

The Steering Team and selected participants from the several Regional STEPs participated in a seminar which brought the results of the 4 STEPs together.

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CCIVS celebrated its 70-year anniversary in 2018. In order to mark this historic event, our creation under the aegis of UNESCO, we organised on our 70th birthday (23/04/2018), a Forum entitled “Just Volunteers: The Transformational Power of International Voluntary Actions for Climate Justice and Freedom of Movement” at UNESCO House, Paris.

The Forum highlighted the important work of volunteers around the world on issues such as climate change, sustainability, environmental education, peace and freedom of movement. It invited experts to share information about the impact of international voluntary service, shared testimonies from volunteers and looked towards the future of volunteering with an expert panel uniting institutions and the NGO sector.

The programme and speakers for the Forum can be seen here:

bit.ly/justvolunteersprogramme



The event took place under the kind patronage of UNESCO and the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and was co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and supported by the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation.



IVS4Peace, Inclusive Voluntary Service 4 Peace is a 3 years long project intended to favour the social inclusion process of young people with fewer opportunities, migrants and refugees. In order to achieve this, we aim to improve and increase the capacity of IVS organisations to provide effective opportunities for social inclusion of young people through the development and upscaling of tools and working methods.

This project is an opportunity for the IVS movement to look at ourselves and reflect upon our current practices and approaches towards Social Inclusion, to share them with each other in order to capitalize all the tools developed so far, to test and analyse them, to assess their impact, to improve them and to structure them in a way they can be upscaled to the whole IVS movement and beyond.

Besides this more internal side of the project, being financed by Erasmus+ KA3 (the key action for support to policy reform), the project provides as well a space for advocacy on the role of IVS movement in fostering Social Inclusion and to send policy recommendations that can influence the social inclusion policies at an EU level.

The partnership running the project is formed by 3 network organisations, two of them belonging to the IVS movement: CCIVS and the Alliance of European Voluntary Service organisations, one of them bringing the expertise on Social Inclusion: Youth of European Nationalities (YEN). The partnership includes grassroot organisations, who are CCIVS and/or Alliance members: Compagnons Batisseurs Belgium (CBB), Egyesek Hungary, Elix Conservation Volunteers Greece and Solidarités Jeunesses France (SJ). Besides that, thanks to the network organisations, we will count on over 200 IVS organisations to support the identification and testing phases of the project.

By interviewing community members who have been in contact with IVS projects we will end the project with testimonies in 20 countries in 4 regions, which will contribute to the global research, and add up to the 40 professionals participating in international projects and

more than 100 people trained in their own countries.

The expected results of the project are:

- » The organisations associated and beneficiaries of the project have developed and upscaled new tools and strategies to improve the inclusion process of the target group.
- » Young people with fewer opportunities, migrants and refugees are more aware of personal and professional competencies developed after taking part in voluntary service
- » Policy recommendations are developed and disseminated in order to make institutions aware of the needs of the target group and of the potential of International Voluntary Service in the field of social inclusion.

The strategy we have traced for the 3 years consists of 3 main phases:

- » Identification phase: As the project leads on from the previous experience of the partner organisations, it started with a mapping of the Social Inclusion practices among the IVS movement, which were collected and analysed through a SWOT during Spring 2018.
- » Testing and field work phase: This phase is repeated 2 times during the project and it consists of the following actions: Laboratory (as a space to share, analyse and improve the practices), workcamps and follow-up activities (as two spaces to test the current or improved practices) all supported by an impact assessment process (as a tool to give a more scientific ground to our statements). On the first round, the practices were tested the same way they normally work and it is foreseen that the second round will be the time to test the improved version of them. This phase includes the participation of youth with fewer opportunities, migrants and refugees in workcamps in their current country of residence or abroad. At the end of the project, the workcamps, will be repeated and expanded beyond the partnership to other IVS organisations.



Cathy Manousaki

We, as networks and organisations engaged in the management of international voluntary service projects, are committed to a world in which all people and peoples are free to move and free to settle. This right is universal, inalienable and to be exercised without distinction of any kind, such as 'race', colour, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic situation, birth or other status.

We strive for a healthy and sustainable world in which fairly shared resources and social justice lead towards the development of communities living in harmony and solidarity. That is the key objective of all international voluntary service organisations. In thousands of projects throughout the world every year volunteers from all corners of the globe come together to put these principles into practice.

Yet we find ourselves increasingly hampered in this work by movement restrictions that deny many individuals the opportunity for hands-on experience in different countries than their own, learning of other people and cultures as they contribute to host communities that simultaneously gain insight into each other's background and values.

At present it is only a tiny minority of the world's population who enjoy anything like real freedom of movement.

While need and opportunity are abiding drivers of migration we are currently witnessing a movement of peoples and people driven by war, persecution, discrimination and the real danger of death, injury and torture. The scale of this movement surpasses even that seen in the aftermath of World War II. Wars and repressive regimes in the world have caused many to flee, making perilous journeys to what are seen as places of safety.

It is not the purpose of this position paper to examine the causes of those conflicts much less to attribute responsibility to the policies pursued by nations to which migrants and refugees seek entry. The responsibility of those nations pre-exists by virtue of the obligations they have undertaken. For example, Article 13 and 14 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 2, Protocol No 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights provide for freedom of movement, freedom of choice of residence and to seek asylum.

We express our deep dismay that far from applying such provisions of international law in an open-minded, measured and fair way we witness national reactions and attitudes that are unwelcoming, mean-minded, grudging and overly defensive.

On behalf of the International Voluntary Service Movement we call on all countries to immediately:

- Support the vision of a world without borders and facilitate the free movement of all people;
- Educate populations on the value of cultural diversity and multicultural societies and also the advantages for all nations of welcoming migrants and refugees;
- Implement programmes to assist migrants and refugees to settle within the communities in which they find themselves;
- Cooperate with one another to facilitate a fair and just application of the principles enshrined in the 1951 Refugee Convention;
- Close detention centres in which migrants and refugees are imprisoned, in humiliating conditions;
- Keep families together and provide protection and a secure environment;
- End human trafficking and protect unaccompanied minors;
- Make available to refugees and migrants the same health, education and welfare facilities and civil rights that are provided for the citizenry of the host country;
- Pursue policies that bring to an end war, oppression and poverty in the countries from which refugees and migrants have fled;
- End the arms trade which fuels violent conflict.

We call on all national and international networks of voluntary and non-governmental organisations to join us in this call and in this campaign for freedom and justice for all people.

The idea for the Freedom of Movement campaign came when CCIVS realised that in the White paper for International Voluntary Service we talk about Freedom of Movement as a strategic objective for the thematic of Active Participation and Social Inclusion. However this was not visible in any place. There were also questions at the time of advocating for a volunteer visa. In many cases a volunteer visa does not facilitate freedom of movement but can add more barriers. It was decided that whilst individual organisations may continue to advocate for a volunteer visa, CCIVS should advocate for Freedom of Movement for all people.

During a Raising Peace training in Barcelona in 2014 a group of young representatives from CCIVS, SCI and Alliance came together and made a first draft for a proposal which could be taken back to their networks. The text was further developed and validated by the CCIVS General Assembly in the Republic of Korea in October 2014. The approved paper was then shared with the Global Leaders of IVS; CCIVS, SCI, NVDA and Alliance decided to support the campaign and shared the proposal for validation to their networks. Once the validation had taken place CCIVS created a common logo and blog-page www.ccivs.org/freedomofmovement to share the common position.

During a Raising Peace Study Session taking place in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg in 2016, it was proposed to work on a specific advocacy strategy for Freedom of Movement. It would be an advocacy campaign supported by the Raising Peace Campaign; a group of 15 activists worked together and developed a further detailed position paper. The paper went through several edits by the original group, by the Global Leaders of IVS organisations and again by the General Assemblies of the networks. It was a long process but finally a document was developed which could be agreed by all participating networks (CCIVS, SCI, NVDA and Alliance).

The document as it stands needs to have a supporting document to explain some of the issues which may not be understandable to all users of the document and also needs a guide for its use.

Text guidelines:

Two main issues were highlighted concerning the text:

1. In the first paragraph:

We, as networks and organisations engaged in the management of international voluntary service projects, are committed to a world in which all people and peoples are free to move and free to settle. This right is universal, inalienable and to be exercised without distinction of any kind, such as ‘race’, colour, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic situation, birth or other status.

Support:

From the Alliance General Assembly

[1]We believe there is only one race, the human race, and the use of the term no longer reflects contemporary social anthropological and scientific understanding. However, the omission of the word race from the position paper would hinder the power of the paper. Both the European Convention on Human Rights (article 1 and 14) and the UDHR (article 2 and 16) clearly make use of the word race. For further reading consult R.W. Sussman « The Myth of Race: The Troublesome Persistence of An Unscientific Idea ». Harvard University Press, Cambridge. 2014 or the American Anthropological Association, statement paper, 1998 www.americananthro.org/ConnectWithAAA/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=2583

Some concepts on racism

Joëlle Golmann, 27th of November 2016.

As an IVS movement we, our organizations and the individuals that make part of them, are not standing outside the world, the racism, its history and the whiteness norms that are still being reproduced all around the world. We are a part of the environment in which this is happening. The contradiction that is brought up in research and statistics is this one: While many people experience racism on an everyday basis, a great majority consider ourselves as being antiracists. All of us need to be the change we wish to see and that change needs to start with oneself. Still today there is a confusion and difficulty addressing these matters discursively – how do we name it, what can we say and what shouldn’t we say. Although there is no such thing as a universal truth, there are some basic frameworks and concept that might be useful, as a start.

Racism: Today's society on a global level is racialized both on a structural, institutional and on an everyday level between people. Although racism is everywhere in today's society as an underlying power factor, it is usually invisible and non-conscious. Racism is grounded mainly in the norm of whiteness. In the same way as masculinity is constructed as the superior position in relation to femininity within the gender order, whiteness is constructed as the superior position in relation to non-whiteness within the global race order. Since whiteness is such a strong norm that has been naturalized it is usually invisible and non-conscious. That is why it is rarely being questioned. In order to understand the racist structures and racist violence of today, the history of racism is a fundamental starting point. There is a historical racism that is built inside our societies structures and everyday life. The norm of whiteness goes way back. The idea of a white race was formulated during 1800 and the beginning of 1900. The «aryan race» was understood and produced as the purest of all. Carl Von Linné, a Swedish scientist who is worldwide recognized for his successful inventions within biology, was the first scientist to divide people into different races. He divided humanity into 4-5 races that were given different characteristics depending on appearance. Back then, the white European was put high up in the hierarchy and the darker the skin color, the lower down in the hierarchy. This division was followed by various racial laws. This history has still an impact on our lives and society. Much of the original division is reproduced through today's racist stereotypes.

Racialization: The process in which people are divided according to racist stereotypes such as appearance, culture and religion is called racialization. The one that is subject to this process is being racialized. One group that is especially subjected to violence,

hate crimes and discrimination is racialized people who due to their appearance are being given a race pertinence and with that, certain characteristics that are associated with it.

Race: A biological race does not exist. When the concept is used, it refers to the socially and historically constructed race. We believe there is only one race, the human race, and the use of the term no longer reflects contemporary social anthropological and scientific understanding. However, the omission of the word race from the position paper would hinder the power of the paper. Both the European Convention on Human Rights (article 1 and 14) and the UDHR (article 2 and 16) clearly make use of the word race. For further reading consult R.W. Sussman « The Myth of Race: The Troublesome Persistence of An Unscientific Idea ». Harvard University Press, Cambridge. 2014 or the American Anthropological Association, statement paper, 1998 www.americananthro.org/ConnectWithAAA/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=2583

Norm of whiteness: What is seen as positive, something to strive for, and normal is whiteness. Whiteness is in itself not just a color. It refers mainly to a power position. The fact that our society is characterized by a whiteness norm means that that people who are racialized as white are given social, economic and political privileges on the cost of others. Whiteness is also a norm critical concept since it is pointing out the power and not the excluded positions. The concept therefore makes visible that people considered white has a color, an aspect that rarely is made visible due to the fact that whiteness is the norm. Usually it is the non-norm aka "the others" which are being described. A norm critical approach can be an important step forward in our anti-racist work.

2. On the list of items we are calling for:

On behalf of the International Voluntary Service Movement we call on all countries to immediately: Support the vision of a world without borders and facilitate the free movement of all people;

Support:

(From the original text)

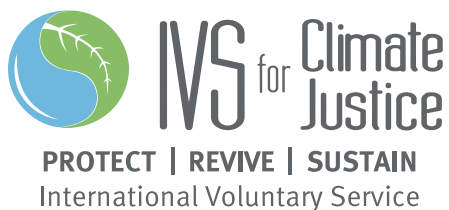
The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), Service Civil International (SCI), the Alliance of European Voluntary Service organisations and Network for Voluntary Development Asia (NVDA) believe in a just world without discrimination where all people can fully enjoy their Human Rights including freedom of movement. We strive for a world in which every citizen has the opportunity to participate actively in the construction of a just global society. We consider that we should work towards a more inclusive society, campaigning widely against laws which restrict movement across the world. We strongly believe that our ability to join forces for the implementation of the Freedom of Movement Campaign will bring more power to our movement so that together we can change the situation regarding freedom of movement and active global citizenship

Our vision:

'A society which allows freedom of movement in which all members without distinction are empowered to exercise active citizenship' (White Paper for International Voluntary Service 2011- 2021)

Ways of using the Position Paper

1. Include the information about the Campaign in info-sheets,
2. Implement special planned activities and workshops in work-camps,
3. Organise an activity to promote freedom of movement in your countries
4. Campaign for freedom of movement in your countries at local and national levels
5. Include reference of the text to any relevant funding proposals



IVS for Climate Justice is a worldwide programme taking place in over 100 countries, coordinated by CCIVS (A global network focusing on International Voluntary Service), bringing together the activities of five International Voluntary Service networks, CCIVS, Service Civil international (SCI), The International Building Organisation (IBO), Alliance of European Voluntary Service organisations and Network for Voluntary Development Asia (NVDA). It engages volunteers with local communities to work on grassroots projects that combine manual work and awareness raising actions.

These address issues such as climate change, carbon offset, environmental sustainability, protection of ecosystems, water and soil management and conservation.



Climate change



Carbon offset



Environmental sustainability



Protection of ecosystems



Water and soil management

WHAT IS CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR THE IVS MOVEMENT?

As a matter of principle, climate change is a global challenge affecting the entire world and humanity as a whole. At a closer look, however, people most responsible for anthropogenic climate change and those most affected by its consequences differ. Geographical location, economic status as well as means to act may determine the vulnerability of individuals living today. Apart from that, scientists predict increasingly severe consequences of climate change for generations yet to come. The concept of climate justice addresses this unequal allocation of benefits and burdens by relating climate change to matters of social justice and human rights.

As part of the International Voluntary Service (IVS) movement, we consider climate justice as an inevitable brick in building a sustainable future and creating a just and fair society. Our members, projects and activities stretch across the entire globe, uniting people of all ages and backgrounds. IVS projects and activities are a powerful tool to support local communities worldwide, and allow to reallocate resources and capacities. By taking active steps against climate change and demonstrating solidarity with most vulnerable population groups and peoples, we assume our responsibility in the global sustainability challenge and seek to do our part in attaining climate justice.

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Stop Climate Change

Special projects to decrease green gas emissions by 3 months workcamps and carbon offset in 7 countries of 3 continents.



IVS has been creating unique and valuable impact to prevent climate change, not only by the work to plant/ grow trees and other carbon reducing actions, but also by spreading collective and simple, low carbon life, networking people and organizations, raising awareness and promoting further actions among local people and international volunteers. However, in spite of great achievement, strength and potential, further growth of IVS projects and common action is disturbed by the following challenges;

- » Lack of Networking Opportunities: Collaboration among NGOs and also between NGOs and companies/ governments/ universities is not much enough.
- » Lack of Capacity in NGOs: There are huge potential on both places needing volunteers and volunteers interested, but not many enough projects are organized due to lack of funding and qualified human resources for the coordinating bodies.
- » Lack of Tools and Data: Proper methodologies/ data/ presentation of impact for carbon reduction among NGOs is missing.

So, in order to dramatically increase the impact for carbon reduction as well as strengthen volunteerism and management of NGOs, SCC (global voluntary service to Stop Climate Change) was successfully created in 2016 by CCIVS, NICE and NVDA together with the partner NGOs and ALLIANCE and financially supported by the UPS Foundation.

Activities in 2017

Overall summary

- » The project was organized in 4 countries of Asia (Cambodia, India, Indonesia and Japan) by 4 members of CCIVS (CYA, RUCHI, GREAT and NICE) together with ALLIANCE and many NGOs/ people and financially supported by the Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation and National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization (NLAPO, Japan).

- » It totally gathered 11 special LMTVs from 7 countries of Asia and Europe, 125 short term (105 international + 20 local) volunteers and thousands of local people. They planted 15,447 mangrove trees and 2,250 fruit trees, seeded 18,030 mangroves, produced 516 kg bamboo charcoal that can bring approximately 185 tons of CO₂ reduction.
- » The first carbon offset project was conducted in the 97 years history of IVS and collected 140 Euro from 12 donors. The project was widely recognized through the workcamps in Jul. 04 – Sep. 25 and open events during the Preparation Seminar in Japan in May 17-21 and Evaluation Meeting in the Philippines in Oct. 06-12.

Preparation Seminar for the project and local leaders

It was held as the “Local Partners Summit of Forest Workcamps” in Kawasaki and Tokyo of Japan, hosted by NICE from 2017 May 17th to 21st. 15 participants shared their challenges, know-how and visions and developed the methodologies to measure and decrease the carbon emissions through IVS projects. They also exchanged with 33 Japanese youth in the open event. It has created a very rare and fruitful opportunity to internationally gather the leaders of the local hosts working on the common theme, some of who have traveled abroad for the first time of their lives!

Cambodia (Trapaing Sangke Fishing Community in Kampot province)

The mangrove forests have been badly destroyed by the illegal cut and huge construction project of the new port, that has severely damaged the marine ecology and life of the village people many of who are fishermen. Some have gone abroad with leaving their children who then could not continue their study in the school, so the community has started to revive the forests and established the eco-tourism center. The project this year planted 3,407 mangroves trees, made 17,023 pots of the seedlings and constructed the walking trails for eco tourists as well as the kitchen hut.

India (Patta in Himachal Pradesh state)

The area has serious problems of deforestation and land degradation, population pressure, unrestricted grazing by animals and sanitation. Climate change affects their farming and living conditions. The resources are sufficient but the people, due to lack of education and awareness, fail to conserve the resources, so RUCHI has started the reforestation project with the villagers. The project this year planted 2,250 trees many of which are fruits (mango, pomegranate, lemon, guava and orange) as well as Teak, that were distributed to 138 villagers.

Indonesia (Pekalongan in Central Java)

The mangrove forests over 1,000 km of coast have been destroyed by the construction of fish ponds and other commercial/ illegal cut that created bigger damage of flood and high tide to people as well as bio diversity, so the local government created a mangrove park and recovered the forests and a group of the students also started rehabilitation work with the community in another place. The project this year planted 12,040 mangroves trees, made 1,007 pots of the seedlings and also did fundraising by selling mangrove syrup to the visitors coming to the park.

Japan (Minamata town in Kumamoto prefecture)

As well as many other parts of Japan, bamboo trees, that were originally brought from China by human being, have been severely spreading and damaging the other trees and eco-system. On the other hand, this fast-growing tree is very effective for carbon reduction and the local environmental NGO has started to cut and make charcoals from them that are then used as fuel for heating the kindergarten school room instead of oil. This year, the project has made 516 kg of bamboo charcoal that has also greatly contributed to improve the biodiversity of the forests.

Evaluation Meeting for the project leaders and NGO organizers

It was held together with the “Asian Volunteering Summit” in Cebu, the Philippines, hosted by GIED from 2017 Oct. 6th to 12th. 10 participants shared their experience and made a plan for the future. They also exchanged with 60 local and foreign NGO leaders, about 200 citizen people and youth in Cebu and about 300 of inhabitants on the Giltongan island where they had projects presentation.



Activities in 2018

Overall summary

- » The project was organized in 7 countries of 3 continents (Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mozambique, Spain and Sri Lanka) by 5 members of CCIVS (CYA, RUCHI, GREAT, NICE and AJOV) and 2 others (DA and GV4GF) together with ALLIANCE and many NGOs/ people and financially supported by NLAPO, Japan.
- » It totally gathered 22 special LMTVs from 10 countries, over 100 short term volunteers and thousands of local people. (The numbers of STV volunteers, planted trees and the weight of the reduced CO₂ are collected now).
- » The carbon offset project was continued and collected 120 Euro from 11 donors. The project was widely recognized through the workcamps in Jul. 04 – Sep. 25/ Sep. 01 – Nov. 20 and open events during the Preparation Seminar in May 12-16 and Evaluation Meeting in 2019 Jan. 11-14, both in Japan.

Preparation Seminar for the project leaders and the network representatives

50 It was held as the “World Summit of Forest Workcamps” in Tokyo, Japan, hosted by NICE from 2018 May 12th to 16th. 17 participants shared their practices and planned strategic plans to get volunteers and donation challenges. They also exchanged with 64 Japanese youth and forest NGO organizers in the open event. It has created a very rare and fruitful opportunity to also gather the “Environmental Ministers” of 3 IVS networks such as ALLIANCE, NVDA and SCI who could talk about the common strategies of the sustainability campaigns all over the world!

Cambodia (Trapaing Sangke Fishing Community in Kampot province)

The project this year continued to plant mangrove trees and made pots of the seedlings with 2 international and 2 bilateral short term workcamps.

India (Patta in Himachal Pradesh state)

The project this year continued to plant fruit and teak trees with 1 international and 1 bilateral short term workcamps.

Indonesia (Pekalongan in Central Java)

The project this year continued to plant mangrove trees and made pots of the seedlings with 5 local and Japanese LMTVs and 2 bilateral short term workcamps. They also used a wasted part of the seedlings for coloring the batik, their traditional clothes since the water in the area is terribly polluted by the chemical dye from the batik factories, that was reported by the TV program and highly remarked by the local people.

Japan (Minamata town in Kumamoto prefecture)

The project this year continued to cult the bamboo trees and made bamboo charcoals with 5 LMTVs from 4 countries and 8 international short term workcamps. They also helped the environmental education program of the junior high school students by scuba diving, etc.

Mozambique (Boane in Matola district)

Due to the change of temperature and precipitation and radical sun’s intensity during summers, the farmers see themselves obliged to develop small farms in their homes in to order to grant the lives of their families seeing that the drought caused by the high temperatures burns their crops in the farms. The project this year planted some trees and promoted the environmental education by visiting different schools with a bilateral short term workcamp.

Spain (Marina in Alicante province)

The Spanish Mediterranean area is prone to desertification. The project this year planted some trees and did other various kinds of nature conservation work such as removing the alien plants, signposting of traditional livestock trails that could be used for transhumance, improvement of shrub species for the promotion of beekeeping and so on.

Sri Lanka (Galaha)

This is an abandon tea plantation area and colonized on mid 1950s. People paid attention to earn using fields but they couldn’t understand the balance of nature. As a results of their destructive activities, lost big trees, rich and fertile soil as well as water streams. But increasing the carbon percentage cannot visible to common community. The project this year created a plan nursery for reforestation with one international and one group workcamp.

Evaluation Meeting for the project leaders

It will be organized in Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan in 2019 Jan. 11th-14th hosted by NICE in a small scale due to the limit of the budget. 10 participants will share their experience and make a plan for the future. They will also exchange with Japanese youth in the open event.



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The IVS for Climate Justice project seeks to provide new skills in the field of environment and sustainability whilst taking into account ways that the CCIVS network can tackle poverty eradication and health promotion issues. It uses the banner of the IVS for Climate Justice campaign, which was set up in 2015 to highlight the actions of different IVS networks on environmental sustainability and to emphasize the contribution of IVS to the attainment of the SDGs. It is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU.

The project which will be implemented 2018-2018 incorporates different phases:

Visibility/networking:

- » Conference on the Role of IVS and Climate Justice (April 2018)
- » Open Forum: Just Volunteers: The Transformational Power of International Voluntary Actions for Climate Justice and Freedom of Movement” at UNESCO House, Paris. (April 2018)

Workshops: practical and theoretical work

- » 1 Bio-construction in Ecuador June 2018
- » 1 Sustainable Food Production in India November 2018

During 2019, there will be a 9 month follow up system to monitor the projects, including impact measurement for 31 local projects in Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe.

A final online interactive panel meeting with the Steering team will close the project.

The project unites formal and non-formal education through the work with the Technological University of Santa Fe, Argentina experts in Bio-construction and cooperation with Universities for visibility events and Impact measurement correlation.

Experts in permaculture and sustainable food production will join the team for the duration of the project.

The aims & objectives of this project are:

- » To develop IVS organisations' youth workers and trainers capacity of acting as multipliers in their regions and in their organisations
- » To raise awareness of the work of the IVS network on Climate Justice and towards the attainment of the SDGs through providing spaces and data for visibility and networking on an international & local level
- » To strengthen participation in the global IVS network and connection between organisations who may also make part of different networks who would not normally work together (CCIVS acting as a bridge between these networks) and with external stakeholders
- » To strengthen cooperation between the formal and non-formal education sectors
- » To enable IVS organisations to use monitoring & impact measurement tools
- » To create inclusive environments for young people with fewer opportunities from local communities, integrating them in the follow-up actions of the project
- » To revalorise traditional/alternative farming and construction techniques
- » To stimulate the development of innovative follow-up processes with online and offline tools which will remain in place once the project is over
- » To raise awareness about the effects of unsustainable food production and housing and their contribution to Climate Change

Once the project is finished, we expect to have obtained the following results:

- » Recognition of the work of IVS in the field of environmental and sustainable development for Climate Justice and towards the attainment of the SDGs
- » Trained organisations on Bio-construction & Sustainable Food Production techniques according to their needs and local realities, working with local communities and particularly young people with fewer opportunities for sustainable community projects, providing vocational skills, supporting people to step out of poverty and/or to live a healthier lifestyle and to have a greater awareness of their ecological footprint
- » Organisations capable of implementing the monitoring and impact measurement tools, with the objective to attain concrete feedback for the organisations and the members which will serve to improve their projects
- » Increased synergies and development of partnerships between partners of the project and with external stakeholders
- » A refined and streamlined online training tool with offline elements which can serve to support any organisation wishing to learn about sustainable & ecological production and building techniques
- » A model for the strategic follow-up with external stakeholders and a strategy for sustainable follow-up to international projects
- » Developed communication materials/reports and manuals which can be used to approach stakeholders and implement a strategy for fundraising and specifically for human or financial resources support.

Conference and Open Forum

The Conference and Open Forum took place in April. The Conference invited partners of the IVS for Climate Justice project from around the world and the experts that would be providing trainings. (A separate article focuses on the Forum in this report)

The event allowed for a rich exchange between the organisations as they shared information about their local projects and common issues that arise during these projects.

Different parts of the programme included an Introduction to Bioconstrucción led by Ariel González of the Technological University of Santa Fe, and Introduction to Permaculture and Sustainable Food Production led by Kate Curtis. How to use impact management tools on your projects led by Francesco Volpini and sharing and planning of the different actions which would take place on a local level.



Bioconstruction Training

From the 8th to 17th of June 2018 a bioconstruction training took place in Quito, Ecuador, hosted by Fundación FEVI. 15 participants were involved in both theoretical and practical activities, which aimed to introduce or strengthen their knowledge on the topic through a combination of formal and non-formal education. Representatives of la Brigada de Voluntarios Bolivarianos del Perú (BVBP), the Center for Intercultural Dialogue (CID), Field Services & Inter-cultural Learning (FSL) India, ICYE Honduras, Subir Al Sur, Solidarités Jeunesses, SCI Catalunya, SCI Sweden, UTN Santa Fe and Fundación FEVI got the opportunity to live an intense experience under the guidance of Professor Ariel González, and our non-formal expert co-trainer Franco Garzón.

An added value was also given by the presence of Patricio Cevallos, from the Catholic University of Ecuador and member of the network Pro Terra; Don Virgilio, a local constructor which keeps building according to the traditional earth construction techniques and Alejandra and Juan José, two young architects from Quito interested in re-discovering Ecuadorian roots of earth construction techniques.





Moringa, Coconut and Banana Trees welcome you in FSL-India Centre for Experiential Living!!



More than twenty organisations from around the world and more than thirty participants were involved in the Sustainable Food Production Training, organised by CCIVS from the 16th to the 25th November 2018 in the CEL (Centre for Experiential Living) and hosted by FSL India in Kundapur.

The training, within the “IVS 4 Climate Justice – Don’t Just Say It! Do It!” project frame, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, aimed to discover different kinds of farming approaches in harmony with nature: permaculture design, soil, water conservation methods, seeds, nursery management, planting patterns and agroforestry were the topics proposed by the trainers Kate Curtis and Govinda Sharma (Hasera), with further inputs by Deepika Kudaji, Rosie Harding and Peter Fernandes.

The heterogeneous group had the chance to learn and consolidate its knowledge on the different subjects, through both theory and hands-on sessions, during which the participants could also share their local experience from their country.

The participants, CCIVS’ team and the trainers were supported by the FSL-India training center staff and even though the training was intense and ambitious, the group could take some time to celebrate two birthdays and enjoyed the outdoor sessions!

Furthermore, a piece of news about the training was published on the local newspaper Vijay Karnataka, reporting the interview to the trainers Kate and Govinda and CCIVS’ volunteer Leyla.



At the end of the training, all participants presented a design and action plan to implement during a 9-month-follow up period, during which they will share their progress and doubts in online meetings, supported by Kate: CCIVS wishes them and their organisations great success!

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The overall objective of the Soil4Life project is to promote the sustainable and efficient use of soil and its resources in Italy and Europe, which will maximize the delivery of ecosystem services (including productive ones) without worsening (and, where necessary, improving) the soil matrix in terms of its chemical, physical and biological properties and ensuring the maintenance of its long-term services. Specifically, the project pursues the application of the Volunteer Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSMs) promoted by FAO, assuming the context of reference and response to the priority threats identified for the European and Mediterranean context.

54 CCIVS will be in charge of the strengthening of the capacity building of local youth organisations to help them to develop awareness campaigns towards local communities, local authorities and young people active within the organisations on the importance of the protection and management of soil. Thus increasing the level of knowledge on soil between local communities and local authorities and to use information about what is taking place and share this externally to raise awareness globally.

The organisations participating in this project will be International Voluntary Service organisations, members of the global network CCIVS – working from the grassroots to the global level.

The first kick-off meeting took place in November 2018 and the project will run through to 2022.

In 2019, CCIVS will implement a Training course inviting 44 young people coming from 22 different organisations in 15 different European countries. Using non-formal learning methodologies and expert interventions the young people will learn about the Soil4Life project, including:

- » The importance of soil protection & management
- » Learning about the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM)

Participants will be asked to conduct research and to prepare posters on the state of the soil in their home countries before attending the training course.. Each organisation will be requested to implement at least 1 local campaign, which focuses on the importance of soil protection – this activity will be highlighted through the global communication campaign.

During 2020, local level awareness campaigns on soil protection will be organised for engaging citizens and local authorities. Participating organisations will also be encouraged to organise a workcamp which focuses on the theme of Soil4Life.

Milestones

**Toolkit and Communication Guidelines
(from June 2019)**

CCIVS will develop communication guidelines, to be shared during the 1st Training Course; participants will learn how they can properly document their actions and share this information with the CCIVS Secretariat for its global diffusion.

CCIVS will also be in charge of promoting the different local actions, and information concerning the global project Soil4Life throughout the duration of the project.

Information about Soil4Life will be included in the CCIVS Global Human Rights Week, which takes place every year around the 17 October, the week focuses on different Human rights and highlights the work of the IVS movement in the promotion and protection of these rights. 1 day will be dedicated to soil in 2020 (falling under the Human Right to Food).

CCIVS will engage all the youth organisations to contribute in writing a manifest, the content of which will include an overview of the state of soil protection and management, a call to action and a pledge from civil society organisations.

The creation of the manifest will start with the Training Course, participating organisations will be asked to give their feedback on what they would like to see on a manifest. The process will run from September 2019- March 2022 when the manifest will be delivered to the European Commission and presented during the International Convention to take place in UNESCO, Paris.

The final event, a 1 day International Convention is foreseen to take place in UNESCO and will invite participants including the youth organisations active in the project, UNESCO Secretariat, UNESCO member states, institutions, businesses and civil society organisations. The manifest on Soil4Life will also be presented during the event.

**Training course
(from September 2019)**

**Manifest
(from September 2019)**

**Start Local Awareness Campaigns
(from January 2020)**

**Global Communication Campaign
(June 2019- April 20)**

**International Convention
(March 2022)**

**Delivery of the manifest EU
(April 2022)**

#SOIL4LIFE

Global Meeting of IVS organisations (GMIVS)

The Global Meeting of IVS organisations takes place at least once a year and if possible gets organised at different occasions. The meeting is coordinated by the CCIVS but the idea is that the networks take turns in organising the event. All IVS networks are invited to attend as well as the regional focal points of the CCIVS EC if the meeting is linked to an EC meeting.

The GMIVS wants to create a space where the networks can share updates about their work, discuss common problems and challenges and look together for solutions, build common campaigns and advocacy strategies in order to give more visibility to the IVS movement and gain greater recognition in the end. One of the concrete outcomes of the Global Meeting of IVS organisations is the collection of “Global statistics”.

2017 and 2018 representatives have come from SCI, ICYE, IBO, Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, Network for Voluntary Development Asia (NVDA), the CCIVS Focal point for Americas and Africa, Southern Africa Workcamps Cooperation, Eastern Africa Workcamps Association (EAWA), West Africa Voluntary Association Network (WAVAN) and the South East European Youth Network (SEEYN).

In 2017, 3 meetings took place in France, Russia and Greece with changing participation because of the combination with other meetings. In 2018 two meetings have taken place in the Czech Republic, linked to the Alliance Technical Meeting and in France, linked to the CCIVS Forum.

In the meeting in Czech Republic, an exercise was held about common campaigns and external representation. Suggestions were made how to improve the quality of our common campaigns and how to better share our resources when it comes to external representation. This first exercise was very helpful but needs follow-up to further implement the ideas launched.

The meeting in France was a sharing moment with a special focus on the internal functioning of the different networks. This shows how the GMIVS can be seen as a learning network where we can share and learn from each other.

Although the GMIVS has been ongoing since 2006, several networks have been actively involved and some small results are visible over the years, we are still lacking a more structured approach. Using important meetings of some of the networks is a good way to reduce travel cost and time for some but asks for extra effort from others. A coordinated planning and also preparation of the meeting could improve the outcomes.

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Global LMTV Meeting (GLMTV)

The Global LMTV Meeting is the only place where IVS NGOs can globally share their good practice concerning long and medium term volunteering and develop partnerships.

Background

Globally we can see an increase in medium and long term international voluntary service. More and more NGOs are organizing projects/ exchanging volunteers of LMTV (Long/ Middle Term Voluntary service) but the common working system for LMTV or procedures are not that well established as for the short term workcamps. There is a need to further develop these common procedures as to improve the quality of the projects. Most of the meeting that are organised in our networks are focussing on short term volunteering because this is usually the main activity of our organisations.

This is why the Asia Europe Training for Trainers on LMTV was organized in Tokyo, Japan in 2009 by NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia) and ASEF (Asia Europe Foundation) hosted by NICE (Never-ending International workCamps Exchange). After that initial training CCIVS has started to develop GLMTV meetings with NVDA, ALLIANCE (ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations) and SCI (Service Civil International). There have been 9 meetings since 2010 where many CCIVS members have actively joined and worked together. In 2015 it was decided that the meeting should be co-organised by the different networks and as such the prep team should consist out of representatives from the different networks.

Aims

Develop LMTV projects in the world to achieve the peaceful, fair and sustainable world by:

- » Sharing practice and making tools to improve the quality of Projects taking into account the roles and responsibilities of sending and hosting organisations.
- » Developing the projects to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impact
- » Strengthen partnership among different NGOs and their networks.

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- » Germany in 2010
52 pax (38 NGOs in 24 countries) hosted by VJF
- » Vietnam in 2011
20 pax (12 NGOs in 9 countries) hosted by VPV
- » India in 2012
22 pax (14 NGOs in 10 countries) hosted by FSL
- » Slovakia in 2013
21 pax (19 NGOs in 17 countries) hosted by INEX
- » Thailand in 2014
21 pax (12 NGOs in 15 countries) hosted by VSA
- » Belgium in 2015
22 pax (16 NGOs in 13 countries) hosted by SVI
- » France in 2016
17 pax (17 NGOs in 13 countries) hosted by SJ
- » Philipines in 2017
19 pax (14 NGO's in 12 countries) hosted by GIED
- » Catalonia in 2018
hosted by SCI Catalunya

Activities in 2017-18

GLMTV was held in 2017 in Cebu, Philippines from 8th -11th October, hosted by GIED (Global Initiative for Exchange & Development). The meeting was organized in connection with the NVDA's Asian Volunteering Summit and most GLMTV participants also joined this summit which was a good opportunity for them to network with various stakeholders of the Philippines and the world including the UNV to discuss on the actions and cooperation on SDGs.

As agreed earlier, the prep team for the GLMTV consisted out of representatives from the different networks : Network for voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA), Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations (ALLIANCE), Service Civil International (SCI). The meeting was facilitated by Sophat (NVDA), Julia (SCI) , Ben (GREAT) and Yasu (NICE) with the logistic support of Queenie (GIED).

The meeting focussed on developing further some of the tools : Evaluation process – forms, Pre-departure checklist + Infopack, Application and selection process, Conflict management procedures), Impact measurement (Volunteers, Community / Project) ,Promotion tools.

In 2018 the 9th GLMTV took place in Catalunya, Spain from Oct 22nd till Oct 26th and was hosted by SCI Catalonia. The prep team was made up of Julia (SCI), Marija (Alliance) and Yasu (CCIVS- NICE Japan). 13 participants took part from 9 countries. The meeting included a meeting with local authorities to promote IVS and long term volunteering and also some visits of local project hosts.

58 There was a lot of attention for sharing existing practices since in 2017 participants felt that there was no time to do that due to the full programme. So this time this was a major element of the meeting as well as deepening some topics that were mentioned in the expectations or last year's evaluation such as values of IVS and the need to broaden the network or to improve the quality of the projects. The meeting was attended by some relatively new members Building Bridges from Spain and COM from Myanmar. They were eager to learn from our IVS experience but also brought in some of their expertise e.g. the European Solidarity Corp, community development and volunteering, ...

Given the stronger relationship the CCIVS developed with Alliance in the past few years, the CCIVS Day has become a regular activity that is being held after the Technical Meeting. Each year it brings together both member and non-member organisations and it opens a space for exchange and reflection.

In 2017 CCIVS day took place in Russia hosted by Sfera, and in 2018 in the Czech Republic hosted by INEXSDA. The 2018 edition focused on allowing those present to understand better the past, the relationships of their organisations with CCIVS, how these relationships evolved and how they are involved nowadays in the life of the movement. It also explored the ‘raison d’etre’ of CCIVS and what progress is needed in the near future. Last, but not least, those present looked at the celebration that lies in front of us, the 70th anniversary of CCIVS, and shared their ideas for activities and possible contributions.



2017



2018

❖ What is our IVS?

There are more stakeholders and organizations dealing with IVS reacting to increased social needs such as governmental/ intergovernmental bodies, companies (volun-tourism, Corporate Social Responsibility) and individual NGOs outside our networks, that are affecting also our movement (good or bad).

There are also bigger and increasing links with other forms of programs in the society such as internship, home/ farm stay, Job training, international exchange, travelling, study, etc.

IVS NGOs networks need also internally to strengthen the common values, solidarity, improvement of the qualities and strategies for further development.

60 So, based on the decision at the CCIVS's General Assembly in 2016, the taskforce was formed in 2017 to create a paper of "What is our IVS?" with the following objectives;

- » Clarify externally what is our difference as well as similarity especially in our presentation to the potential/ existing volunteers and partners that would help each NGO to recruit more quality, motivated and suitable vols. & partners.
- » Develop our strategy to learn from, collaborate with and take advantage of (or just ignore?) the other types of IVS while we should keep focusing on the quality of what we do and be confident.
- » Reconfirm our common nature and values internally to strengthen cooperation and solidarity and to overcome our weaknesses and develop our strengths.

As initial founders of IVS, take a leading role in influencing and contributing to improve the quality of other newer forms of IVS.

Taskforce members and representatives

- » Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations
 - » Aleksandr Kurushev, President of ESTYes
- » Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service
 - » Victoria Lovelook, Director of CCIVS
 - » KAIZAWA Shinichiro, President of NICE
- » Eastern Africa Voluntary Service Development Network
 - » Benedict E. Mongi, UVIKIUTA Executive Director
- » International Cultural Youth Exchange
 - » Mauricio Gabert, ACI Executive Director
- » Network for Voluntary Development in Asia
 - » SINGH Dharamvir, RUCHI Executive Director
- » Service Civil International
 - » Rita Sofea, IVP Ex. President



Work and Achievement

The first Taskforce Meeting in Japan

It was organized as “World Conference to create Goals of International Voluntary Service toward 2030” in Kawasaki and Tokyo, Japan in 2017 Sep. 29 - Oct. 03 hosted by NICE with the financial support of the Japan Foundation. 11 participants including 5 supporting staff worked on creation of the draft paper including the new version of the Universal Charter. They also exchanged with 48 Japanese youth about the visions and actions with IVS and SDGs.

Universal Charter of International Voluntary Service

The original charter was made and approved at the CCIVS GA 1998. The Task Force has reviewed and found that the main part of the charter is still valid and valuable to confirm our core values and principles of IVS, so should be known and used more widely and actively while some parts may need to be revised/updated to correspond to the change of the world and IVS movement in the last 20 years.

The revised charter was made during the first Task Force meeting and has been approved by 4 networks (CCIVS, ALLIANCE, NVDA and SCI) at their General Assemblies in 2017-18 and planned to be approved by 2 other networks.

Workshops and Online questionnaire

4 Taskforce members facilitated 2 workshops on the topic of “What is our IVS?” during the Training and Networking Workcamp of NVDA prior to its General Assembly, in Hong Kong, 2018 Feb. 01-04. 38 leaders of 26 IVS NGOs in 20 countries (mostly Asia) actively participated to contribute their opinions and information to the draft paper by writing on the Google document spontaneously, then had hot discussions on the strategies with other types of IVS organizations. The online questionnaire was also conducted to the member NGOs of 6 networks to collect voices to the paper from the end of 2017 to the beginning of 2018 by which some organizations had discussions at their meetings and seminars with their staff and active members.

The second Taskforce Meeting in Nepal

It will be organized as “World Conference 2019 to create SDGs of International Voluntary Service” in Banepa and Kathmandu, Nepal in 2019 Jan. 24 - 31 hosted by FFN and VIN with the financial support of the Japan Foundation, partly combined with Training and Networking Workcamp of NVDA. 10 NGO leaders including 6 Taskforce members will work to finalize the paper and run the workshop with around 20 NGO leaders in Asia.

The General Conference reunited member organizations and partners of CCIVS from around the globe in order to share information about the current state of affairs in terms of IVS.

On the first day the participants were “Looking Into the Past” of IVS, which was the main theme of the day.

Questions such as “What are the main outcomes of recent or ongoing projects?”, “How are they relevant at a global level?”, “How can other CCIVS members benefit from them?” and “What is volunteering for you?” started off the reflections of the day, as participants shared their points of views in groups.

Using non-formal education to carry out the activities, participants shared their ideas about the things in common across all answers given, such as: using voluntary service as a tool to create an impact and share certain values like peace and climate change, the fact that most of the projects that members carry out deal directly with their respective communities and are for their benefit, how social inclusion, peace, human rights, and sustainability are some of the most relevant and pressing issues that members promote through IVS, as well as the fact that in these endeavors, organizations from all regions are present.

The participants also recapped about the various projects CCIVS had carried out such as STEPS, PATH, RAISING PEACE, IVS FOR PEACE, IVS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE, The Global Meeting of IVS organizations, WHV, their objectives and impact.

To go further into the reflections of the day, participants then had a session in which they were encouraged to share with each other the needs they have in their organizations. Participants compared their different needs in order to continue their work and have a greater impact with their respective communities, such as lack of funding, capacity building, and having a CCIVS member database in order to know other members better, their work and possibly find ways to work together. More information and ideas on how to recruit trainers and volunteers was also a need shared among participants, as well as having a more defined system to measure the impacts of their projects.

The different focal points, who are in close relation with members from their respective regions also spoke about their regions’ needs, such as recruiting more members in the Americas, strengthening relationships between members in each region, and continuing to carry out projects focused in capacity building.

On the second day, participants were “Looking Into the Future” of IVS, which was the guiding theme of the day. Seeing as how the previous white paper from CCIVS, which gave a clear direction for the thematic areas the network wanted to work on for the next 8-10 years, is coming to an end in 2019, members started to reflect on proposals to include in the new CCIVS strategic plan for 6 years. The strategic plan would be discussed in regional consultation meetings, which would be carried out just before or after international meetings from the different networks in order to make it easier to gather members in one place.

There were different proposals, such as GLMTV, SJ and NICE coordinating an annual meeting in Asia and in 2020 a meeting in Europe, a proposal for a 2020 celebration to promote IVS, Organize an IVS Climate Justice common action which would bring together different projects such as: Carbon Offset and Special Volunteers from NVDA, Sustainability Campaign and Table For All from ALLIANCE and Climate for Peace from SCI.

Members worked on their proposals in groups which they then sent the secretariat. The proposals would then be reviewed in the General Assembly taking place the following days.

There was then an Open Forum to bring up any topics members wished to discuss. Among those topics, members talked about the decreasing numbers of volunteers and how this affects their organizations, and about how to modify their workcamps in such a way that volunteers find it easier to participate.

After a full two days of hard work, deep reflections, engaging discussions, and concrete proposals, the General Conference closed with a presentation of the program for the upcoming General Assembly.



Open Conference

Youth, Volunteering and Non-formal Education: Building the Way towards Global Citizenship



The Open Conference took place on the 24th November 2018 in Kundapur, India. Many member organizations and partners of CCIVS came from all over the world.

The Open Conference was inaugurated by an opening ceremony organized by the hosts.

64 There was a presentation by volunteers who shared their experiences in volunteering and how volunteering has affected their lives, the profound positive effect and how it has brought them new purpose and great personal growth.

The President of CCIVS, Ingrid Danckearts, introduced CCIVS and Voluntary Service, and gave a brief history of how CCIVS was born.

Eric Falt, UNESCO Director and Representative for a region covering Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka, was a keynote speaker, and he commended the CCIVS's work and emphasized its importance. He remarked on how the network helps to strengthen and to amplify UNESCO's work. He also recognized that the network's mission reflects UNESCO's own mission, as both endeavour to build peace. The preservation of heritage, sustainable development, recognizing the growing number of youth as an opportunity for change, as well as the importance of non-formal education and the promotion of global citizenship education were as well highlights of his speech.

Following Mr. Falt's speech, there was a discussion panel titled "Sharing Stories of Volunteerism". Dr. P. Shivkumar (Faculty, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of

Youth Development), Julie Chao (Project Manager – DreamWalker China), Sunil Savara (Founder, Head Held High Foundation /Global Action on Poverty), Matina Deligianni (National Delegate - Solidarités Jeunesses), where panellists who shared their experiences and then proceeded to answer questions from those in attendance.

Among the topics discussed were: global citizenship, recognition of voluntary service, success measurement in IVS and how the effort to measure the impact of volunteerism started, and how based on an analysis it was proven that about 90% of volunteers experience the diverse society that make them feel integrated in their own societies later on. As well, the measuring tools proved that skills could be developed through the process of volunteering.

In order to benefit from the broad range of collective experience shared by everyone, members proceeded to carry out a very enriching exchange of ideas and discussions with the organizations and individuals present, to do so participants created 4 discussion groups with different themes: Impacts Group: Changing Perspectives, Active Participation and IVS as an old family Business, Educational Tools for Active Participation, Perspective Participation: Benefits of the community in the present participation.

Fiona Callender, then gave the closing to the general conference. She likened CCIVS to a grandparent, reuniting 200 organizations, who in turn make it possible for thousands of volunteers to carry out their IVS, promoting peace, sustainability, human rights, and intercultural exchanges through their actions.

35th General Assembly

25-26 November 2018



The General Assembly of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) was hosted by FSL (Field Services & Inter-cultural Learning) in Kundapur, India. For 2 days, members and observers came from all over the world to celebrate the 70 years of CCIVS, and, as is customary, to present the current state of affairs in CCIVS, voting on new proposals and the new Executive Committee.

The General Assembly voted on new affiliations, welcoming Compagnons Batisseurs Belgium (CBB), Building Bridges Association, Arab House, MNCYA, Baladna, and the IBO Network.

The President, Ingrid Danckaerts, presented the President's Report, in which she highlighted the hard work by the secretariat. She also explained the dynamic between the Executive Committee and the secretariat, and the need to always be well-coordinated. With the EC, they made a call for working groups on different topics and managed those working groups. She also carried out a variety of activities whose aim was to network and strengthen the relationships between CCIVS and its members.

The Director, Victoria Lovelock, presented an Activity Report for the past 2 years as well. She thanked Never-Ending International Workcamps Exchange – NICE, and Kai Shinichiro for his participation in the compilation of data and the statistics of volunteers and projects in the many projects CCIVS has carried out. She highlighted the myriad of projects, the themes, and their relevancy in our current social, environmental and cultural contexts.

Rakesh Soans, the Treasurer, presented his Treasurer's Report, in which he depicted the current financial situation of CCIVS. He gave a snapshot of the financial reserves of 2016 to 2017. He also mentioned the sources of funding for CCIVS, with the majority coming from the European Union. He commented on the participation of all regions in CCIVS's projects, conveyed a suggestion from the Executive Committee to receive donations in order to help with CCIVS's deficit, and the possibility to create a separate entity, a social enterprise, in order to diversify the sources of funding.

Members had the possibility to speak with the President, Director, Treasurer, and the Focal

Points of the different regions in order to ask questions, and inquire more certain topics they felt interested in.

Following the reports, members discussed the proposals that would guide the CCIVS forward, such as: having a Universal Charter of Voluntary Service shared by the major networks such as CCIVS, NVDA, ICYE and Alliance, the CCIVS Statement on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary, a Sustainability Policy for CCIVS, the adjustment of the CCIVS Membership Fee System, the installation of a project called the CCIVS Competence Center, the New Strategic Plan for 2020-2016, Call to Action for COP24, CCIVS Plan of Action, the Candidatures for the new Executive Committee, along with a proposal for its Structure and Management, the proposal for the General Assembly Host for 2020, and the proposed CCIVS budget for 2019-2020.

After a very productive first day, members convened for a second day of voting on the previous-mentioned proposals, as well as the new Executive Committee members: Ingrid Danckaerts, who retained her role as President, Rakesh Soans, who retained his role as Treasurer and became as well the Vice President for Asia, Ratherford Mwaruta as Vice President for Africa, Tamas Mahner as Vice president for Europe, Rocio Ruete as Vice president for the Americas, and Bogdan Imre as General Secretary.

To close, Marcial Sommer, presented a video he filmed during the past two days, and the former EC team was congratulated, as well as the members from the Secretariat in Paris, and the hosts, the FSL team as well as the local IT support staff who organized all the logistics and made the 35th General Assembly possible.

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These two years have seen CCIVS taking part in many external relations activities. As the Secretariat became more stabilised more focus was put into visibility and partnership. The following section details the diverse meetings, which took place.

Relationship with the United Nations

C CIVS is in official partnership with UNESCO – associate status, through this partnership UNESCO can take advantage of CCIVS’ specific competences on particular issues, such as non-formal education, intercultural dialogue, youth, and sustainable development. It also means that CCIVS can practically contribute to the development of UNESCO’s programme. During 2016 and 2017, CCIVS continued its partnership with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. 2017 marked the 10th year celebrations of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative, which was launched together with UNESCO, CCIVS continues to manage the global coordination. CCIVS was requested to support with additional activities focusing on preventing violent extremism. In 2018, we continue to have the provision of an office in the UNESCO HQ in Paris.

CCIVS engaged in different events in UNESCO including sending participants to activities organised by the Social and Human Sciences Sector (SHS). Several meetings were held with representatives from this sector in order to share more about our work towards peace and human rights and to see what possibilities exist for partnership, this sector contributed a post to our last Global Human Rights Week in October 2018.

Meetings were also held with Peter Dogse Manager of the Intersectoral Platform on Climate Change and Programme Specialist, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, MAB Programme, to see how we could collaborate on Biosphere sites, we also promoted the IVS for Climate Justice programme as supporting the UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change. This programme was also highlighted by the UNESCO Green Citizens platform.

UNESCO representatives from these diverse sectors supported CCIVS in the organisation of our 70 years celebration by presenting on workshop and panel presentations during the Conference in UNESCO ‘Just Volunteers: The Transformational Power of International Voluntary Actions for Climate Justice and Freedom of Movement’. Mechtild Rössler, the Director of Heritage Division &

Director Of The World Heritage Centre, made two keynote speeches for CCIVS events in 2017 and 2018. Eric Falt formally the UNESCO Assistant Director General and now the Director and UNESCO Representative for the UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office covering Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Maldives and Sri Lanka, also provided a keynote speech for the CCIVS 70th Anniversary Open Conference ‘Youth, Volunteering and Non-formal Education: Building the Way toward Global Citizenship’ in India.

CCIVS continues its engagement in the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee; we have held various positions over the years (President, Vice-President, active member). The CCIVS Director is currently Vice President with the mandate ending in December 2018.

CCIVS holds liaison status with the FAO, in 2018 we re-established contact, holding a meeting in the office in Rome to discuss opportunities for collaboration, as a result, a representative of the FAO joined our 70 year celebrations panel in UNESCO.

2017 and 2018 saw the participation of the CCIVS in the Annual UN DPI NGO Conference. CCIVS has held consultative status since the 1970s with the ECOSOC and we continue to reply to our responsibilities under this representation.

Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations

General Assembly

CCIVS joined the Alliance GA taking place at the beginning of November 2017 in Greece and in November 2018 in Spain. It provided an important insight into the work of our sister network and also gave the opportunity to meet with many of the CCIVS members who also make part of the Alliance.

The CCIVS President was also invited to speak during an Open Conference on ‘Freedom of Movement’ in 2017 taking place before the General Assembly.

Technical Meeting 2017/18

The CCIVS attended the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations Technical meeting in Russia 2017 and the Czech Republic 2018, as usual, this is an important moment for CCIVS to hold bilateral meetings with many of its member organisations and to discuss important issues concerning the network. The Alliance EC kindly invited the CCIVS Director to present its ongoing projects on 2017 and to share about the work being developed between the two networks.



In 2017, CCIVS was invited to do a workshop at the yearly European Platform Meeting of SCI. This was a good opportunity for SCI branches to get to know CCIVS a bit closer. The network participates and some branches take part in CCIVS activities but because the network is member there is not always a clear understanding of CCIVS. A presentation of the organisational structure of CCIVS as well as the ongoing activities and involvement of members showed how SCI's work can benefit from CCIVS but also how SCI can bring certain expertise in the CCIVS. The workshop was supposed to be repeated in 2018 but due to a cancelled flight CCIVS could not be present this year.

VolTra Conference on Empowering Youth Leadership for Glocal Impact & NVDA GA

CCIVS was invited by our member organization Voltra to Hong Kong to join a panel discussion about IVS in its 'Glocal Citizen Award at Conference on Empowering Youth Leadership for Glocal Impact' event. More than 150 guests attended the Conference, including international and local young leaders and volunteers as well as representatives of leading companies and non-profit organisations from over 20 countries.

Following the Conference, our Director joined the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA) 2018 General Assembly.



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NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

The CCIVS Director, Victoria Lovelock, was elected as Vice President for Youth and Public Relations at the end of 2016 of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee. The Committee represents over 400 NGOs in official relations with UNESCO and is charged with promoting the work of the NGOs especially through the organisation of Fora and International Days with the support of working groups made up of NGO representatives.

The NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee met several times through 2017 and 2018, the CCIVS Director was part of the lead coordination teams for the following forums organised by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in 2017:

(A full report on both forums can be found on the webpage of the NGO UNESCO Liaison Committee:

WWW.NGO-UNESCO.NET

70 During 2018, CCIVS attended the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee members meetings, developed a questionnaire with UNESCO to gain an idea about the NGOs contribution to the UNESCO strategy on Climate Change and attended and supported the moderation of a workshop in the Ninth International Forum of NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO organized by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in cooperation with the UNESCO Secretariat and hosted by the Arab Institute for Human Rights, in Tunis (Tunisia), on 26 and 27 September 2018.

The final event of the mandate of CCIVS as Vice President will be the International Conference of NGOs held in UNESCO in December 2018.



CCIVS Director alongside Patrick Gallaud (Vice President) and Philippe Beaussant (President)



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Saudi Arabia NGO Youth forum

The Seventh International Forum of NGOs organised by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and UNESCO, in partnership with MiSK foundation, was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 3rd and 4th of May 2017. For the forum, more than 400 NGOs from 70 countries and 2,000 delegates attended from all over the world to discuss about “Youth and Their Social Impact” which was the theme of this forum.

The two days, were full of highly inspiring speeches by keynote speakers such as noted philanthropists and public figures in terms of empowering youth and their potential in our society and the world. In addition to the speeches, there were six breakout sessions which made participants share their views and opinions on six different topics. For example, the participants from CCIVS had the chance to talk about our projects and campaigns in Volunteering, Cultural Heritage and Climate Change for Sustainable Development. Rocío, CCIVS EC member and coordinator of Subir al Sur, Argentina, was a speaker in one of the sessions sharing her experience and knowledge with participants, as did Katuscia Eroe, Head of the Energy Department of Legambiente Onlus Italy. Joining them were facilitators from ELIX and VWAN. A representative from ICYE Kenya also gave feedback of the Forum in a final panel discussion.



Delegation including representatives from CCIVS, Legambiente, Subir al Sur, ELIX and Volu Ghana. Further representatives were present on behalf of SCI and ICYE International.

Benjamin Lough of the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign on suggestion of CCIVS, intervened as a speaker on a panel discussion focusing on volunteering.

Since the Forum focused on the power of youth, many young and powerful as a leader of present and future. From what they have shared at the forum, participants were motivated to promote and to foster the voices of youth and their impact.

Eighth International Forum “Changing Minds, not the Climate”: The Contribution of NGOs.

The International Forum of NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO took place on the 7/8 December in UNESCO HQ Paris, entitled “Changing Minds, not the Climate”: The Contribution of NGOs.

CCIVS was part of the organising team of the Forum and was charged with the overall planning of the event and managed the organisation of the thematic session on World heritage, Biosphere Reserves and Indigenous peoples’ Knowledge and Actions

The Forum’s aim was to bring experts to share on the following topics: “The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Facing Climate Change”, “Ocean and Climate Change” and “World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves and Indigenous peoples’ Knowledge and Actions”. It provided an important opportunity for NGOs to feedback on the UNESCO Strategy on Climate Change and to share how they can contribute to its implementation.



Thematic Session – “World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves and Indigenous peoples’ Knowledge and Actions”

- Ms Alba Lucia Castañeda Velez, Executive Director, Corporación Red Nacional de Mujeres Comunitarias, Indígenas y Campesinas, Colombia
- Mr Jean-Charles Piétacho, Chief of the Innu community of Ekuanitshit and Wapikoni filmmaker
- Mr Mohamed Handaine, President, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC), Director of the Centre for Amazigh Historical and Environmental Studies

International Conference of NGOs

The International Conference of NGOs took place on the 17-19 December in UNESCO HQ Paris. The theme “Promoting and enhancing the commitment and contribution of UNESCO’s NGO partners”

CCIVS was invited to speak about our cooperation with UNESCO on a panel along with the Ambassador from the Permanent Delegation of Tunisia to UNESCO, the Ambassador from the Permanent Delegation of the French Republic to UNESCO, the Managing Trustee of the South Asia Foundation, a representative from the Commission of the Russian Federation to UNESCO and a representative from the French National Commission to UNESCO.



During the International Conference of NGOs, CCIVS Director Victoria Lovelock led a working session titled “Acting together: The collective strength of NGOs”. This discussion was the occasion for Dr. Mechtild Rossler, Director of the Heritage Division and The World Heritage Centre, to mention the crucial role of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative in strengthening the bond between NGOs and UNESCO. The CCIVS team set up a stand to promote IVS during the event and the CCIVS staff, interns and volunteers were recognized at the end of the event for their role in supporting with inscriptions, photos and election process.



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UNESCO Volunteer Forum

Under the theme of ‘Preventing Violent Extremism and Strengthening Social Inclusion’, the 2nd International Conference on Youth Volunteering & Dialogue took place 25-27 September 2017 in UNESCO Paris, France.

Together with a hundred young people from around the world, Javier Larios (active IVS volunteer) and Zhuoling You (programme coordinator of the CCIVS) were invited to join this Conference which sought to highlight the power of youth volunteering for addressing global challenges and offered a platform to connect with and influence the broader global agenda on peace and development.

The Conference proposed different Techniques Workshops and Thematic Workshops which enabled the participants to get inspired by successful projects and to share their local realities and exchange good practices. The young participants were formed into working groups to tackle social challenges through a global youth volunteering movement. As representatives of their working groups, Javier and Zhuoling presented concrete actions on cultural heritage and migration topics respectively during the closing ceremony.

Techniques Workshops:

- » The Human Library
- » Drama Therapy
- » Sports Against Violence

Thematic Workshops :

- » “Refugees welcome here?” – Youth volunteers spearheading inclusion
- » “Learning about each other” – Intercultural competencies : from youth to youth
- » Youth engagement in media and through social media to construct positive dialogue: Shifting the discourse
- » Art changes everything” – Youth engagement with cultural heritage

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UNESCO General Assembly

The CCIVS Team was also present to support the NGO Space during the UNESCO General Conference in November 2017.

COE Cyprus

The CCIVS Director attended the COE Seminar in Nicosia, Cyprus ‘Countering violent extremism and youth radicalisation: using the European Youth Card to promote peaceful communities’. The event provided the opportunity to meet with networks working on similar issues to the CCIVS and to develop contacts with new stakeholders.



Photo by BJ

IVCO Korea

Jihyun, Asia focal point of the CCIVS Executive Committee was invited to participate in IVCO (International Volunteer Cooperation Organizations) Annual Conference held in Seoul 22-25 October 2017.

It was jointly hosted by the International Forum for Volunteering in Development (FORUM) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

Under the theme “Implementation of the SDGs through Transformative Partnership in Volunteering”, about 150 interested participants from public, private, academic and NGO are gathered to discuss key contemporary issues in international volunteering and development and share best practices.

CCIVS brochures and the Map of the Changing Perspectives project focusing on Impact measurement for the recognition of international voluntary service were also introduced to the participants, it was an interesting space to develop networking with many relevant professionals.

Over the three days of events, participants were invited to join a Collaborative Roadmap Workshop at the end of the Conference to brainstorm and suggest innovative solutions that can be taken forward in partnership.

Malta Salto

CCIVS President and Director attended the Salto seminar Youth Work Against Violent Radicalisation taking place in November 2017 in Malta.

The Conference aim was to raise awareness about the role of youth work against violent radicalization.

The event aimed to map the work of diverse organisations in this field. Following on from the CCIVS General Conference in 2016 on the same topic, the event provided the opportunity to meet with organisations and institutions from many different backgrounds. It provided a place to exchange and to build new ideas for work within the IVS field and possibilities for cooperation with other sectors.

TIC TAC Training

Zhuoling, Programme Coordinator of the CCIVS participated in the French edition of the TicTac training organised by the National Agencies of France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland from 12 to 18 November 2017. With the participation of the officers from the above agencies, 16 youth workers gathered in Brussels to develop the competences for implementing ‘Mobility of Youth Workers’ projects within Erasmus+: Youth in Action as support measures in an organisation’s long term strategy.

The specific objectives of the course are to:

- promote the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme as an educational tool
- explore Erasmus+: Youth in Action with a special focus on quality international cooperation
- understand the role of Erasmus+ Youth in Action within a long term local strategy
- simulate the first steps of organizing a ‘Mobility of Youth Workers’ project in the youth field within an international team
- develop the participants’ competences in planning non-formal education and intercultural learning processes
- promote youth participation and active citizenship as key elements when designing a European project



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COP23

On behalf of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), the Alliance presented the common campaign “IVS for Climate Justice” at the UNESCO Pavilion in November 2017 during the COP23.

EU-LAC

CCIVS was invited by the EU-LAC Foundation <https://eulacfoundation.org/en> in Zaragoza 21 - 22 June to make a presentation about the work of CCIVS and specifically the work related to impact measurement. The event was created in order to start a dialogue between organizations that promote youth volunteer programs among the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean. CCIVS shared a panel with TECHO LAC, a representative from the government volunteer programme of Chile, and Habitat for Humanity.

The event brought together representatives from civil society organisations and representatives of government programs.

It provided a space to learn about each other programs, and to think about what cooperation for the future.

Subir al Sur Event

CCIVS was invited by our members Fundacion SES to Buenos Aires in Argentina to their first Volunteer Congress. Our Director gave a presentation on the history of IVS, on the importance of community and working together and the work of volunteers around the world.

The event was a great success and included many organisations from Argentina and young people interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities in Argentina and around the world.



Photo by Subir al Sur



UN Summer Academy



photo by Peace Boat US

UN Summer Academy

CCCIVS was invited for the UN Summer Academy which took place in Bonn on August 30th 2018. While the participants had a full week programme of discussions and visits to learn about the sustainable development goals some organisations and institutions were invited to show how they contribute to the realisation of the SDG's. CCIVS was selected to bring a short story about international volunteering. Afterwards, there was a networking event so the participants could approach the different organisations and institutions and vice versa to exchange information. An interesting day to learn from other organisations but also to reflect on how our work already contributes to the global development agenda or how we could increase our contribution.

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IAVE

CCCIVS Director attended the 25th IAVE World Volunteer Conference in Augsburg Germany from the 17-20 October 2018. CCIVS was selected to present on a Forum panel discussion 'Volunteering is for Everyone, Volunteering is about Belonging'. The work of CCIVS members working from the grassroots up and especially our work with migrants, refugees, minority groups and young people at risk of exclusion was highlighted in the presentation.

CCIVS was invited to participate as a cooperating organisation for this event

CCIVS on Board

Javier Larios, IVS activist and former Service Civique volunteer in Solidarites Jeunesses, represented CCIVS in the program of Peace Boat; "Peace Education and the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America" from June 20 to July 3 in New York City, US.

"Peace Boat is an International Non-Governmental Organisation, based in Japan, but with a office in NYC which is charge of maintain a Special Consultative Status with the United Nations.

Peace Boat US works to build a culture of peace around the world by connecting people across borders and creating opportunities for learning, activism and cooperation.

Programs combine learning, activism, advocacy, and travel, enabling participants to learn first-hand about global issues such as war, environmental degradation, gender violence, and other issues. Participants experience grassroots peace-building efforts to find non-violent, creative, and constructive solutions, from local communities to global advocacy networks.

CCIVS ON BOARD

Javier was selected to participate in the program "PEACE EDUCATION AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT GOALS IN LATIN AMERICA" where as young for peace Javier I had the opportunity to represent our IVS movement during an on board session called "Young for SDG" in front of more than 250 passengers and partners.

Regarding CCIVS, Javier spoke about the organisation and I focused on Raising Peace Campaign linked to the SDG number 17 "Partnership for goals", the presentation was simultaneous translated in 3 languages: Japanese, Chinese and Korean.



photo by IAVE



MediAfrica Project by Solidarités Jeunesses

The MediAfrica project started with the first training on ICT and Communication, from the 26th of June to the 1st of July, in Montendre (France). CCIVS was represented in this event by one of our volunteers, Héliçia.

This project aims to improve the perception of Africa and to deconstruct stereotypes through media, in order to empower the communication about IVS projects in Africa and increase the number of volunteers in the region.

This first training organized by Solidarités Jeunesses gathered participants from European and African organizations. They all shared their experiences and opinions through many activities but also learned new skills about creating media content for IVS volunteering.

The first days were meant to deconstruct stereotypes and to discover different kind of medias that can be used to promote IVS in Africa such as podcasts, videos, pictures, etc. At the end of this training, participants were invited to create their own media production about volunteering. Further sessions dealt with social media, participatory video and good promotional practices through the experience of the participants.

The next steps of this project will be a seminar organized in Tanzania, a second training in Kenya and finally the Global Communication Campaign in order to share the IVS WEB-DOC that will be created through a participatory approach.

More information about the MediAfrica project on the blog : www.ivsmediafrica.tumblr.com

Peace Action Week by ELIX

Between 23th and 30th of March 2017, Amy and Anya from CCIVS participated in a Peace Action Week in Athens hosted by ELIX. In this training, young workers and leaders involved in IVS organisations and interested in human rights and peace gathered to build peace and to make the change in our society. This Peace Action Week focused on the rights of Migrants & Refugees and the right to citizenship. The participants had the opportunity to have a reflection on the issues that we face in our daily life and to be an active actor through non-formal education and a street action.

By sharing our opinion and taking part in activities, it enabled the participants to expand their knowledge and to get to know more about the situation of migrants and refugees in our society. With non-formal education activities, we could be able to understand the obstacles and difficulties that migrants and refugees face in their life and the aims of Peace Action Week. During the street action which was one of the most important activities in this training, the participants had the chance to communicate and to interact with people who had different views on our topic, which had a huge impact on participants and encouraged us to take action in our own countries following the Peace Action Week.



Life Across the Fences Peace Action Week by Egyesek

Between 4th and 11th of February 2018, CCIVS volunteers (Nicolas, Siyuan, and Sara) participated in the Life across the fences Peace Action Week, organised by the Egyesek Youth Association, which took place in Hollók, Hungary.

Participants from Solidarités Jeunesses (France), IBG (Germany), Elix (Greece), Factor Escucha (Spain), Stowarzyszenie Promocji Wolontariatu - FIYE (Poland), Volunteer Action for Peace (UK), Service Volontaire International (Belgium), Egyesek Youth Association (Hungary), and CCIVS convened, in a creative space to discuss one of the dominant issues affecting Europe nowadays – the refugee and migration crisis.

78 The purpose of this Peace Action Week training course was to focus on migrant and refugee rights, as well as the right to citizenship. The participants were given the opportunity to hold debates and to share their opinions freely regarding the issues and challenges facing us today, such as that of civilians fleeing their homeland to seek a better life in Europe. Thus, it helped the participants to have an active reflection on the topic of Migration & Refugees through non-formal education activities within intercultural dialogue. Participants had also discussion sessions about Human Rights and the rights to citizenship with the countries represented in the training. Not only had they gained a better understanding regarding the inevitable fact of the refugees' situation in Europe, but they had also gained more insight into the Hungarian policy towards the refugees.

The training was held in Hollóko, the facilitators organised for the participants a meeting with two Hungarian NGOs (Artemisszió, Menedék) and two activist groups (Migsaw, Open Doors) in Budapest. This was the moment where participants could understand how Hungarian NGOs and civil society organisations work to ensure social integration for refugees and migrants and to do the most important work for the cause. This meeting entailed raising awareness about the situation in Europe and empowering participants to take action in their own countries following the Peace Action Week. By the end of the training, a photo booth session was organised during which participants could voice their messages.

CCIVS volunteers; Siyuan, Sara, and Nicolas tell us how they feel about the Peace Action Week training course in Hollók, Hungary.

Siyuan: It is a great chance to know the situation of migration crisis in a European country. I never imaged refugee life before this training course. What I have learned is feeling more empathy for others and having a diversity view to see this world.

Sara: On the one hand, this training helped me to have a better understanding of the Hungarian policy on migrants and refugees, as well as how the Hungarian NGOs do the most important work for the cause. On the other hand, it was an amazing opportunity to meet people from different background and to get to know each other in only 8 days.

Nicolas: The experience was quite eye-opening in the sense that we were immersed in profound conversations regarding migration and human rights. Furthermore, I was able to develop a better understanding of the migration crisis in Hungary -- something that I did not fully understand before the training.

Paris Peace Forum

The CCIVS Director was selected to participate in the Paris Peace Forum on the 12-13 November 2018.

The event based on the COP21 model invites participants from around the world providing an opportunity to engage with diverse actors from civil society and stakeholders from governance.



STRUCTURAL MANAGEMENT

CCIVS managed to achieve remarkable financial results for the period 2017-18. These results were possible due to a combination of efforts from the Secretariat side, the CCIVS members, as well as the Executive Committee.

Throughout the two years, there were several aspects that contributed to the success of CCIVS' work:

- » the work of the CCIVS Director that managed to juggle with several roles at the same time - Victoria, as CCIVS Director and representative was appointed Vice-President for Youth & Public Relations of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee;
- » the election of a new Executive Committee that took over the heavy duty of following up and continuing the reforms started by the previous EC group;
- » the promotion of Zhuoling YOU from Project Assistant to Programme Coordinator, who took more responsibilities and projects under her portfolio;
- » the contributions of all the volunteers that worked in the Secretariat.

The intense efforts of the Secretariat and the excellent external representation also lead to a series of new member organisations that joined CCIVS.

Besides presenting you with thorough details of all these elements, the following lines will also bring you through the communication strategy and will enable you to discover some of the new communication features that will be soon available.

Bogdan Imre
CCIVS General Secretary



CCIVS members

● members

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Statistics for the participation in activities

From 2017 to 2018 CCIVS has coordinated 8 projects and campaigns, including 34 events of varied forms. The following statistics are based on 19 events (eg. trainings, conferences, seminars, laboratories, forums, meetings and workshops). The rest of these events are mainly referred to local awareness actions, communication campaigns, field visits, where there are no complete records of the participants' profiles.

08 events in 2017
11 events in 2018
19 events in total

169 participants in 2017
211 participants in 2018
380 participants in total

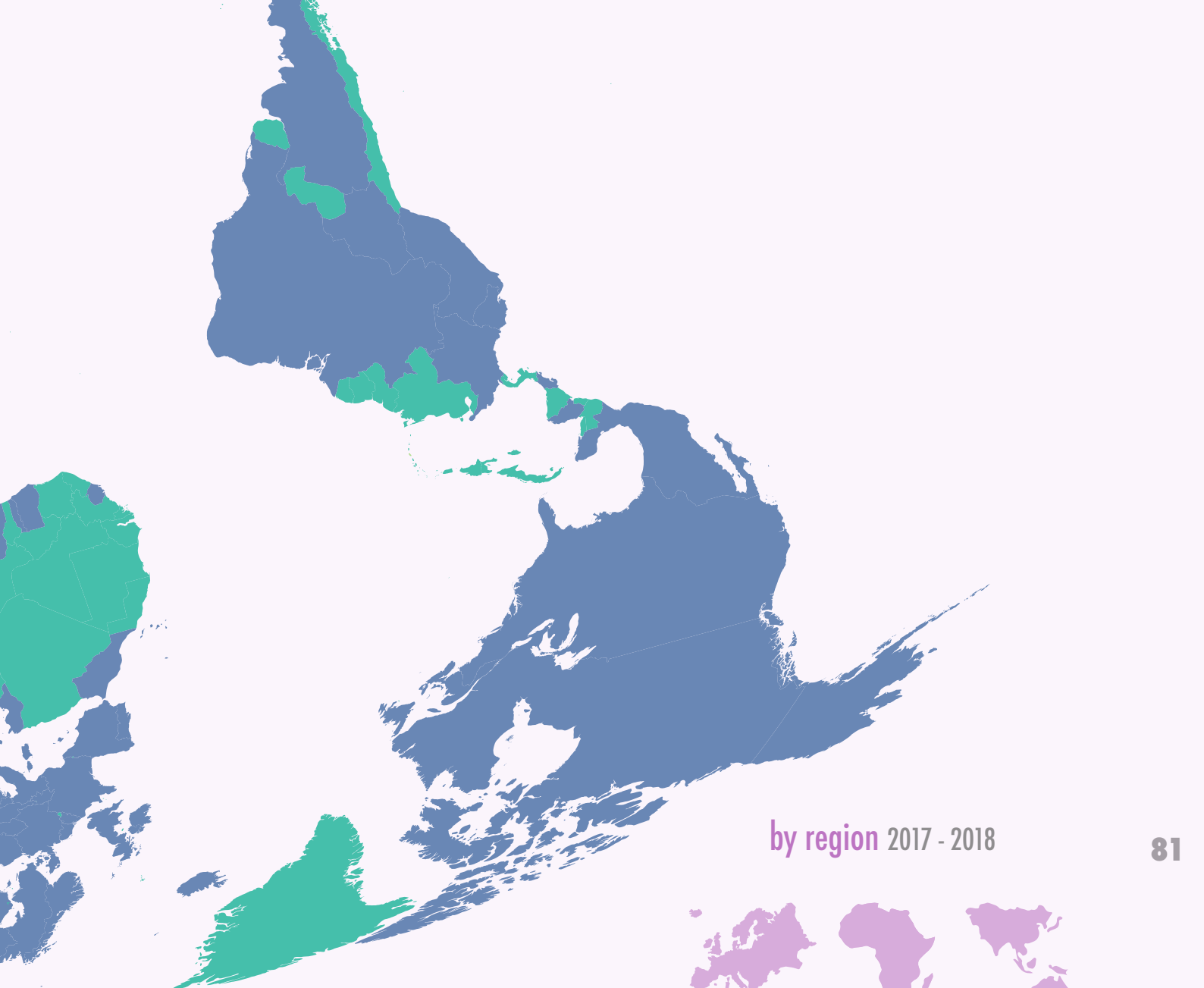


48% female participants

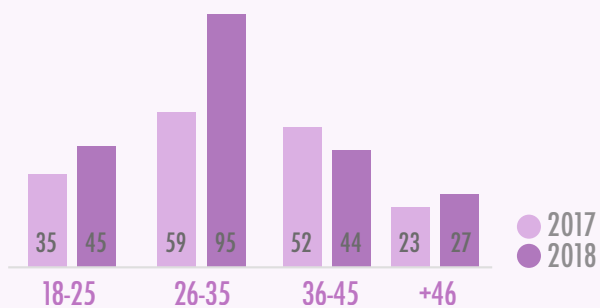
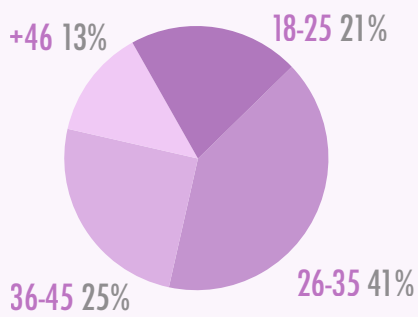


52% male participants





by age 2017 - 2018



by region 2017 - 2018



52% (196)
Europe

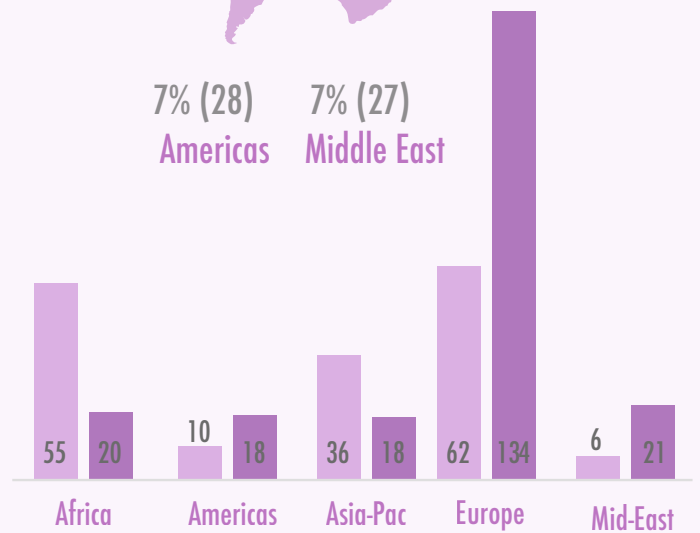
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Africa

14% (54)
Asia-Pacific



7% (28)
Americas

7% (27)
Middle East





Executive Committee

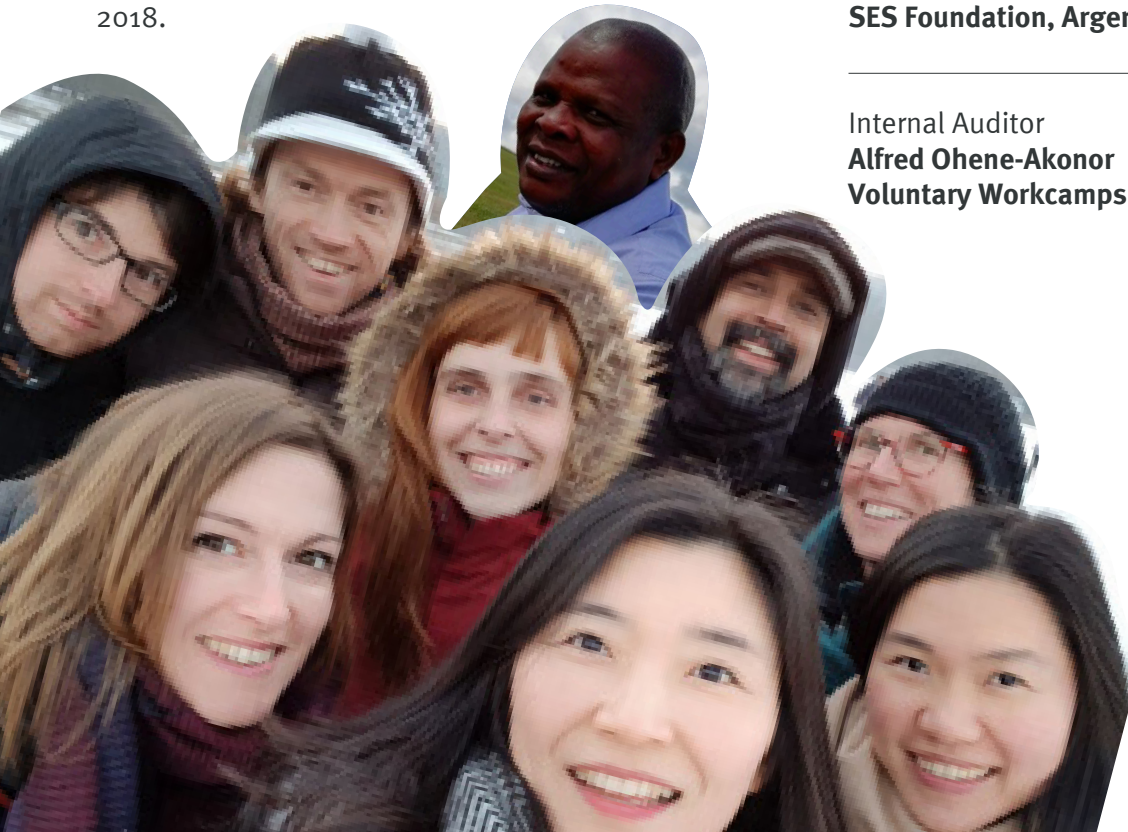
EC1 February 2017

The first EC meeting of the newly elected EC took place in a secluded farmhouse out in the French countryside. The EC and CCIVS Director spent 4 days living, working, cooking and cleaning together, it was an important moment for to get to know each other. In addition to this former president Matina Deligianni provided a training for the new EC members and a space was created in order to reflect on the role of each person. The EC also paid a visit to the CCIVS Secretariat and held a full day meeting inviting the staff and volunteers.

EC2 November 2017

November started with a very intense set of meetings taking place in Athens and hosted by ELIX. The CCIVS Executive Committee flew in from India, Korea, Nigeria, France, Hungary and Argentina and met for the 2nd EC meeting of the year during three days. It was an important moment to work together with the CCIVS Director to go through the work of the Secretariat, members issues, finances, projects etc and to strategically plan for the future. Many innovative ideas came out from the meeting and in time for our 70th year! They will be taken forward to future CCIVS events such CCIVS Day in March 2018 and the CCIVS GC and GA taking place in November 2018.

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Members of the EC and Secretariat 2018

The CCIVS Secretariat is based in the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris since its creation in 1948. Celebrating 70 years in 2018 - CCIVS also celebrated a change of office!

You may see here some of the staff and volunteers in action for the move which took place in January 2018. We are very grateful for the new space.

During 2017 and 2018 the Secretariat maintained its rhythm of work - intense and fast paced! Always with an intercultural mix in our office, in this moment our team includes people from the following continents (Africa, Asia, Americas and Europe) we have the joy of sharing each day and learning from each other.

What do we do? I think you can guess from the report :) As a global coordinating body we endeavour to fulfil the wishes of the members from the GA :)

With a lot of support along the way from diverse project teams, facilitators, trainers, members, the executive committee... and volunteers ... many many many volunteers and activists from around the world.



Victoria Lovelock (Vicky) (UK)

Director

June 2013 - celebrating 15 years of non-stop IVS on the 01/10/18

Zhuoling You (Ling), (China)

Volunteer from November 2013 - until July 2014

Project Assistant: 2014-2017

Project Coordinator: 01/10/2017 -

Mauro Carta, (Italy)

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07/09/2016 - 06/05/2017

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Communication

Members Directory

An online Directory with all contact details from CCIVS Members is available on the CCIVS website: www.ccivs.org/ms_members.php

Mailing Lists

Besides the two mailing lists: “members” and “exchanges”, regional and thematic mailing lists are also created in order to facilitate the communication with a more precise target group.

Social Media

The Facebook of CCIVS (/secretariatccivs) has a steady growth with an increase 1000 followers over the period of 2017 and 2018. Besides @ccivs_volunteer and @raising_peace accounts of Twitter, CCIVS has created and is managing @ivs4climate which aims to promote the IVS actions and projects focusing on climate justice (www.ccivs.org/ivs4climatejustice).

- Facebook (/secretariatccivs): 4951 followers
- Twitter (@ccivs_volunteer): 798 followers
- Twitter (@raising_peace): 669 followers
- Twitter (@ivs4climate): 92 followers

Webpage

CCIVS has been undergoing a consultation and construction process of a new webpage, which not only aims to enhance through a more dynamic and attractive presentation of the fundamental vision, long-term engagement and current actions of the IVS movement, but also to be hosted in a platform that will be more manageable by the Secretariat.

The new webpage will be launched in November 2018.

Newsletter

Through the tool Mailchimp, CCIVS sends out the newsletter to its members and stakeholders on a regular basis so as to provide an overview update of the projects and CALL for participation, on-going actions carried out by the IVS activists and recent publications by the partners.

Promotional Materials

CCIVS has updated the flyers and banners which reflects the development strategies and updated Plan of Action voted during the General Assembly 2016. In addition, the vision and actions of IVS have been constantly promoted through other promotional materials of different programmes, namely postcards, stickers, flyers, totebags etc.

COMING
SOON
A NEW
WEBSITE



5375

LIKES



874

FOLLOWERS



688

FOLLOWERS



120

FOLLOWERS

85



Income Structural grants from CoE/EACEA

Thanks to the valued support of the Erasmus+ programme, the EYF and the UNESCO, CCIVS is able to ensure the running of its Secretariat.

The support is provided by Income Structural Support Grants:

Grants awarded

Erasmus+ programme of the European Union
Administrative Grant

2017 - 50.000€

2018 - 50.000€

European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe
Structural Grant

2017 - 20.538€

2018 - 14.434€

CCIVS is privileged by its partnership and work with UNESCO to have the provision of an office since 1948.

Expense and income

	Income	Expenditures
2016	288.980€	281.574€
	Result 2016 7406€	

	Income	Expenditures
2017	441.150€	431.716€
	Result 2017 9434€	



Evaluation and Conclusions

2018 has been a very intense year for the Secretariat, we had the wonderful news of having all of our project applications approved and a restructuring in the office.

We decided at the end of 2017 to change the structure of the office - to have a person dedicated to administrative tasks and another to the project coordination. However, due to funding and changes related to this funding and a prolonged period looking for the new staff member, we found ourselves only able to employ the Administrative Officer in the beginning of October 2018. This provided a strain on the resources of the Secretariat as the two staff members found themselves dealing with more projects and activities than in past years and with an overload of work.

In spite of this overload, we have been supported throughout the year by diverse teams of facilitators, trainers and our members and Executive Committee. It is rewarding to see the vision of a larger group of people involved in diverse CCIVS projects unfold. We have managed to strengthen our Pool of Trainers as a result of this situation. I take this space to thank everyone who made part of the CCIVS activities in 2017 and 2018.

2017 and 2018 was also a year where we started re-evaluating the role of CCIVS, looking at where we should go, how we should respond to this changing world and how we can best respond to our members needs

The process is ongoing, at times we move too slowly for the world around us- but as a democratic movement - this is something that needs to be understood, but we should also recognise that today we cannot move slowly anymore, if we are to survive we need to be able to respond to the changes around us and to understand them.

We continue to be sure that CCIVS is needed, that IVS has more than ever a role to play in these times. We have now impact measurement data to support our theories and with all of this, we need to find the right way forward.

Vicky Lovelock
CCIVS Director

Next Steps for 2018/19

In addition to the regular calendar of EC meetings, attending diverse events to represent the IVS network, and joining our members and sister networks activities and meetings, CCIVS has quite a few projects in line for next year.

The recent approvals of the ‘STEP to the Future’ project by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union will allow us to continue the work carried out over the last years, and specifically continuing on from the ‘STEP to Change’ project carried out 2016-2017.

Legambiente, one of our Italian full member organisations has invited the CCIVS to support the ‘INVOLVE - INtegration of migrants as VOLunteers for the safeguard of Vulnerable Environments’ project which has also recently been approved for funding by The European Commission’s Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. CCIVS will specifically work on dissemination and replicability and will host a seminar on Inclusion Voluntary Paths.

CCIVS has been invited by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to host and coordinate a ‘Training Workshop on Capacity Building for Team Leaders of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative’, the event will take place in March in Paris, France.

The World Heritage Volunteers Initiative will continue for its 12th year in 2019.

We have applied for funding support to the European Youth Foundation for the implementation of the Raising Peace Campaign in 2019, the activities foreseen focus on training, advocacy, impact measurement, inclusion practices and communication.

In addition to these, there is the continuation of ongoing projects, ‘#IVS4Peace’, ‘Build Peace’, ‘IVS for Climate Justice’ and Soil4Life.

There are exciting times ahead for CCIVS, we have a few proposals to come up in the GA 2018, including some rethinking about the network and how we should continue to work towards our vision and objectives. We foresee the creation of a new 5-year strategic plan in 2019 through a global participative process, launching in in the GA 2020, as the White Paper comes to close in 2021.

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