

Foreword president

Dear readers,

An annual report is there to look back on what we have achieved over the last year. 2021 has been a year that we will not forget easily. Although 2020 had already shown us the consequences for International Voluntary Service projects of the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2021 we realised even more how the world around us has changed and forced us to reflect on key issues that were there before but are now becoming more visible and urgent to act on.

The 2 campaigns “IVS4ClimateJustice” and “Raising Peace” that CCIVS has been running for several years now in cooperation with 7 IVS networks have focussed in 2021 on topics that were identified by the members as key issues to work on : soil and social inclusion. The involvement of CCIVS in 2 projects initiated by members, Soil4Life and Involve, brought an added value to these 2 campaigns. Overall we have deepened our understanding on these important campaign issues, supported members in implementing campaign activities and gave visibility to the overall work of IVS organisations in this field by participating in several high level international events.

In 2021 we closed the 3 year project on social inclusion “IVS4Peace” and this has brought us new insights regarding our work with young migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; results that can enrich our work in the future and hopefully bring about positive changes in existing policies and practices.

This year also focussed on Euro-Mediterranean cooperation with the project “EMpowering Youth” funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation. Due to the pandemic the project had to go fully online. This was a real challenge but also created new partnerships and once more highlighted the need to amplify the voice of young activists and create spaces for them to take leadership in the IVS community.

Building on the needs analysis that was done in previous years, the “Evolve” project planned to build the capacity of IVS organisations, especially in the field of finances and communication. Also, this project has had to go online for the moment.

CCIVS has also done a tremendous job this year in putting IVS on the international agenda. Through participating in different international meetings or organising side events we have been able to show how the work of IVS organisations is contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals by creating opportunities for volunteers to broaden their perspectives or engage with local communities. Having Vicky Lovelock, the CCIVS director, as the vice-president of the UNESCO Liaison Committee facilitated the networking with UNESCO and other NGOs in the formal and non-formal educational sector. The impact research that we have been carrying out with the great support of Francesco Volpini over the last years has also shown to be very valuable for all this advocacy work.

2021 once more was a year of online meetings, re-inventing activities, re-scheduling activities and taking into account Covid measures that are changing all the time. It has taken lots of energy from all of us but has also shown us how resilient we are as IVS organisations. Solidarity and mutual support have always been key values of IVS and these have proven to be crucial in these challenging times.

This annual report gives a snapshot of what CCIVS has been doing in 2021 but cannot capture all the work, effort and commitment that all involved have been putting into the realisation of all the activities mentioned in this report. The cooperation with other IVS networks has been crucial as well as the unlimited support from the CCIVS staff and the collaboration of several external facilitators and experts. A special “Thank you” goes to the CCIVS staff who under difficult circumstances continued to support the CCIVS network. Have a nice reading and hopefully get inspired to learn more about CCIVS and the overall IVS movement.

Ingrid Danckaerts
CCIVS president

Foreword director

“THE BOARD IS SET, THE PIECES ARE MOVING. WE COME TO IT AT LAST, THE GREAT BATTLE OF OUR TIME.”

– GANDALF

Depending on where you are in the world you may feel that great change is upon you, or that the eye of Sauron is closing in, that we are moving towards a ‘Brave New World’; this maybe something you have lived for a lifetime, it can be gradual steps that you have identified throughout the years, it may seem to you that all of a sudden things are moving very fast and as Gandalf says the great battle of our time is upon us. Or maybe you don’t feel change at all, and/or you do not identify with my analogies, in which case you can regard what I write above with amusement.

However, in terms of CCIVS at 73 years old, we are at a crucial point, a time of deep reflection and questioning about the network, as we build our future strategic plan the questions continue to pile up. Our questioning process is not new, however, many of these questions have been forced to the forefront by the knock-on effect of Covid-19.

All but one of our activities in 2021 took place online, which brought new developments in the digitalisation of our work. It also made us very aware of the digital divide, it allowed us to see the negative and the positive of ‘home working’ and the fact that going online also has an important environmental impact.

All we can be sure of as CCIVS is that the ‘pieces are moving’, as we experience living through an era of rapid change, you may consider yourself or your organisation in a ‘battle’. In face of this CCIVS continues to provide a space for the IVS movement to re-group, and to lead this process of reflection. Questioning is healthy for an organisation, and it is only through deep contemplation that we can move forward, for we must move forward, not to become stuck in a quagmire.

And to end with a quote from Samwise the Brave

“EVEN DARKNESS MUST PASS. A NEW DAY WILL COME. AND WHEN THE SUN SHINES IT WILL SHINE OUT THE CLEARER.”

Vicky Lovelock
CCIVS director

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CCIVS

The Global Coordinating Body

for International Voluntary Service Organisations

The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is a non-governmental, non-profit making international organisation (INGO) working for the development and coordination of voluntary service worldwide.

CCIVS' main focus is the quest to achieve change in the minds of men and women by bringing together people of different backgrounds. It supports and develops projects based on the idea that working together on a concrete task is the most effective way of creating international friendship and understanding. The projects serve as a catalyst for dialogue as they provide an opportunity to work together according to each person's ability and to practice living together. In such situations national and international volunteers experience a new reality which can challenge their habits and convictions as well as those of the local community.

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CCIVS actions include advocacy and networking, capacity building and training, UN cooperation projects, impact measurement and quality improvement. It also coordinates two international campaigns Raising Peace and IVS for Climate Justice.

CCIVS is inter-disciplinary: its members are self-regulating and involved in a wide variety of types of activity.

CCIVS was created under the aegis of UNESCO in 1948 and its Secretariat is still in UNESCO House today. It has always worked closely with the UN organisation and complements UNESCO intellectual activity and goals in the fields of Education, Culture, Sciences and Communication through a hands-on, non-formal education approach transforming societies at the grassroots level. CCIVS has actively contributed to programs and campaigns from diverse UN bodies, and was involved in discussions concerning the creation of the United Nations Volunteers. It received in 1987 the title "Messenger of Peace" by UN Secretary General, Perez de Cuellar.

CCIVS is in official partnership with UNESCO – associate status, liaison status with the FAO and special consultative status with the ECOSOC.



The objectives of CCIVS are:

1. To promote and develop the voluntary service movement at national, regional and international levels with emphasis on the following priorities:
2. Peace through international understanding, friendship and co-operation among the people of the world, particularly youth;
3. Sustainable development and protection of the environment;
4. Recognition of all cultures in their diversity, emphasising the importance of the world's cultural heritage;
5. Human rights, and individual and national liberation;
6. Opposition to all forms of social, cultural, political and economic exploitation.
7. To provide effective co-ordination of the activities of CCIVS members.
8. To facilitate discussion and reflection in a spirit of mutual respect and personal responsibility concerning the aims of International Voluntary Service and its impact on the volunteers, communities and the worldwide community.
9. To encourage good relations and co-operation with other voluntary service organisations, other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and with youth and student organisations which share similar objectives.
10. To co-operate and contribute to the implementation of the programmes and the initiatives of the United Nations, and in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), on matters of common interest.



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



Timeline Activities in 2021

January February March April May June

Capacity Building Youth kick-off meeting
Online
28/01

NVDA General Assembly
Online
21-03/02

COE Climate
Online
16-18/02

COE Intersectionality
Online
24-26/02

Global Online Consultation Meeting: Building CCIVS Together
Online
26/02

Alliance Technical Meeting
Online
01-04/03

Strategic Plan: Africa Regional Consultation
Online
05/03

Develop or Self-Develop
Online
12-21/03

Strategic Plan: European Regional Consultation
Online
25/03

Strategic Plan: American Regional Consultation
Online
26/03

EMY Webinars on Project Management #0 Getting-to-know-each-other
Online
31/03

International Volunteering for Climate Justice, Youth Voices of Volunteers (side event at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021)
Online
06/04

EMY Webinars on Project Management #1, #2, #3, #4
Online
07, 14, 21, 28/04

Forum Webinar - COVID-19 and the Future of Volunteering for Development
Online
05/05

UNESCO International Conference on ESD
Online
08-11/05

VICA Online Training Course to Improve Knowledge & Skills in the field of Volunteering In Conflict Areas Session 1-4
Online
04, 11, 18, 24/06

Deeds for the Earth: Volunteering for Climate Justice
Online
04/06

Financial & General Purposes Meeting Catalunya
14-18/06

Greening the Youth Sector: Sustainability Checklist
Online
15/06

Voices of Long Term Volunteers in Pandemic Times
Online
17/06

AlwaysON for Youth Kick Off Meeting Romania
21-22/06

EMY Training for Trainers Session 1
Online
30/06

July August September October November December

VICA Online Training Course to Improve Knowledge & Skills in the field of Volunteering In Conflict Areas Session 5
Online
02/07

EMY Training for Trainers Session 2
Online
07/07

IVS4Peace Final Conference
Online
08-09/07

Raising Peace International Training Seminar on the Role of Intercultural Voluntary Projects in the process of Inclusion and Participation of young migrants and refugees
France
16-23/09

INVOLVE International Seminar
France
21-22/09

INVOLVE Final Conference
France
22/09

EMY Final Conference
Online
30/09

Weaving ties of solidarity through volunteering
Online
30/09

Needs Assessment on social inclusion project: how International Voluntary Service enhances the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers
Online
30/09

IVCO Inclusive Volunteering for Global Equality
Online
16-20/10

pre-General Assembly
Online
20, 27/10

European Platform on Learning Mobility in the youth field
Online
25/10

pre-General Assembly
Online
03/11

General Conference
Online
15-18/11

RISING together - The unheard Stories of Peace
Online
15/11

Evolve Conference
Online
19/11

General Assembly
Online
20, 21/11

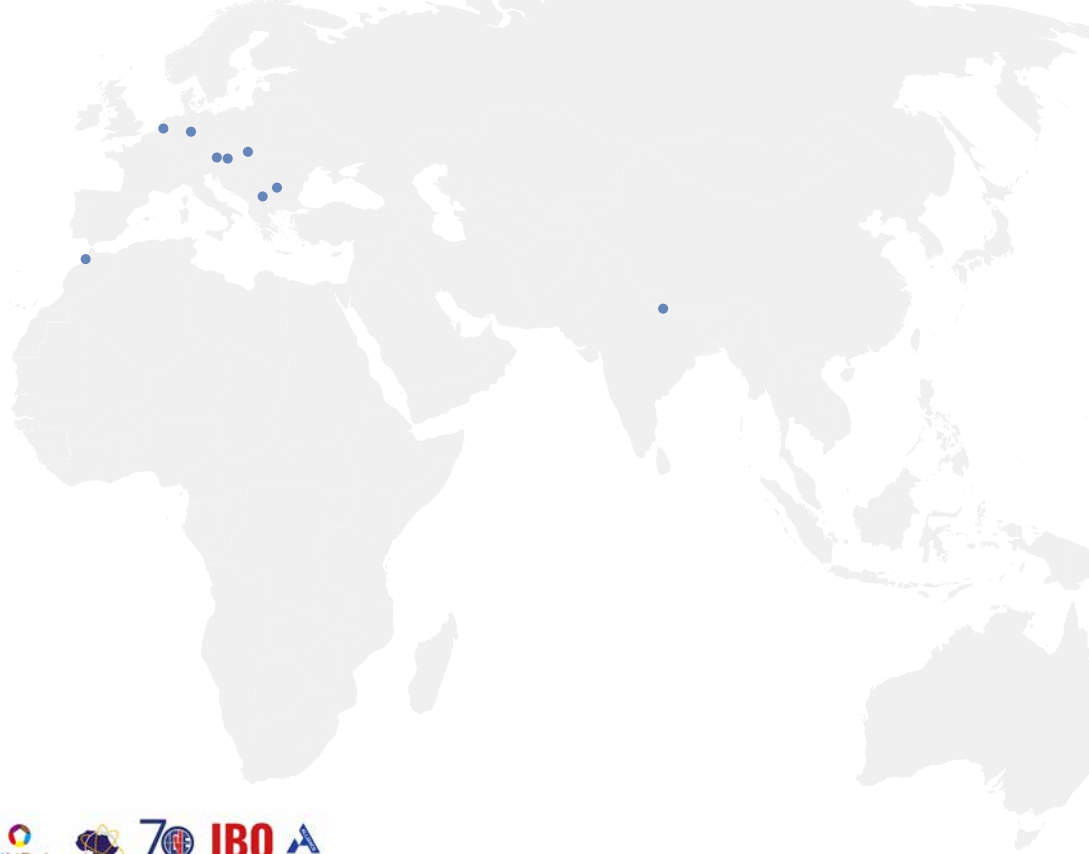
AlwaysON for Youth Meeting
Belgium
24-28/11

VICA Evaluation Meeting
Online
02-03/12



PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

Raising Peace



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Raising Peace is a networking initiative that aims to contribute to the construction of peace, the guarantee of human rights all over the world, and to highlight the role that International Voluntary Service (IVS) plays in this field. The campaign achieves this through advocating for human rights, non-formal education training and capacity building, empowerment of activists and organisations and through communication and visibility campaigns.

- 12** Coordinated by CCIVS, Raising Peace unites 8 International and regional networks from the IVS Movement (WAVAN, NAVO, SEEYN, SCI, ICYE, NVDA, IBO, Alliance) which work together in order to implement the yearly campaign.

In 2021, CCIVS organised projects focusing on Social Inclusion and Volunteering in Conflict / Post Conflict Areas, and promoted Raising Peace Camps.

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Volunteering in Conflict Areas (V.I.C.A.)

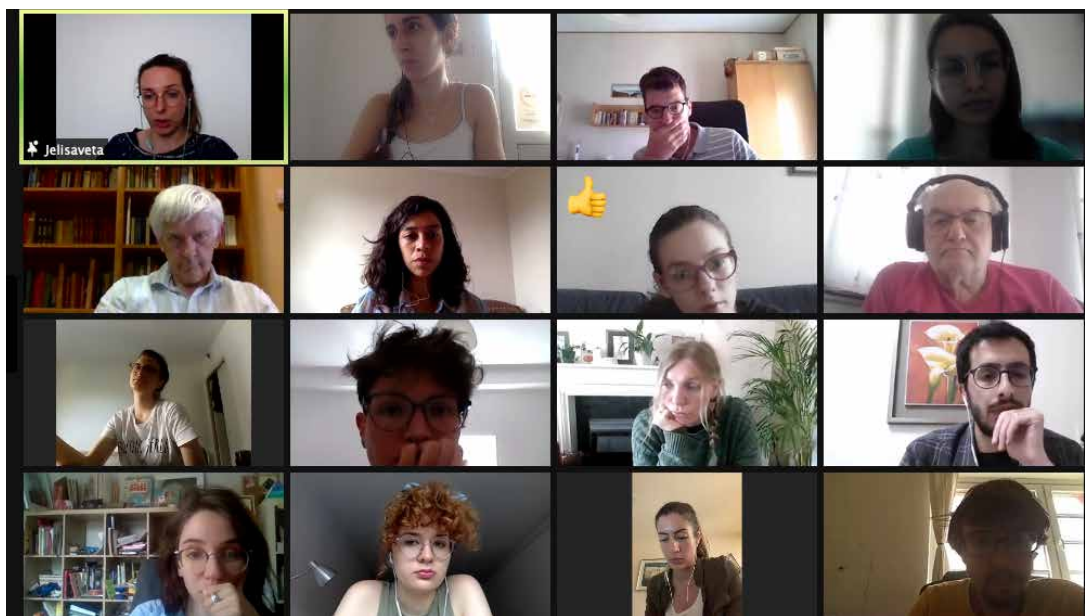
The online training course to improve skills and knowledge in the field of Volunteering in Conflict Areas (V.I.C.A.) is coordinated by CCIVS and involves participants from IVS organisations willing to expand their understanding and capability in the coordination of peace projects. The partnership includes YRS Serbia, SCI Hellas, Voluntariat Zavod Slovenia, CVS Bulgaria, BINS, ABB Spain, SCI Catalunya, VAP UK, Concordia UK, Egyesek Hungary and the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations of Coventry University UK.

Originally, V.I.C.A. was designed as a multi-activity project co-funded by the French Agency of Erasmus+ (under the KA105 – Youth Mobility strand) and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, including a training course to be hosted by YRS in Serbia in spring 2020, a practical phase in summer and an evaluation meeting in Greece hosted by SCI Hellas in autumn 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic disrupted this work plan. The timeline of activities was pushed back twice in hope of a more relieved pandemic situation. But eventually we felt obliged to convert both the Training and the Evaluation meeting into online format due to the mobility restriction of the pandemic.

The online Training was conducted in June 2021 by the experienced trainers Mauro Carta (Italy) and Jelisaveta Jovanovic (Serbia), with the support of two experts Dr. Zainab Mai-Bornu and Yasin Duman (PhD Candidate), from the Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) of the University of Coventry and the University of Leicester; in addition to that, graphic support and facilitation was provided by Yorgos Konstantinou. In the first session, the participants increased their knowledge on the history, values, approach and mission of the IVS movement, especially in the field of peace work. This was a chance to clarify the horizontal, grassroots working style of IVS organisations and its impact in terms of social inclusion, conflict transformation and involvement of the local community. The following sessions featured the presence of the two experts from the universities and focused on the definition of key concepts in the framework of volunteering in conflict areas, study cases' analysis and a presentation of codes of conduct. Through the presentations of real scenarios, participants had the opportunity to reflect on further dimensions linked with volunteering in conflict areas, such as gender, migration and environment. Finally, the group was involved in the development of ideas for updating the CCIVS toolkit < [Conflict and Volunteering: How to deal constructively with conflicts in relation to International Voluntary Service](#) >.

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Participants appreciated the multi-disciplinary dimension of the courses, the cooperation of the non-formal education field and the formal education field, and the training materials and resources provided through the Moodle developed on the [CCIVS iLearn platform](#). Their learning process was fruitful thanks to the presence of trainers with knowledge on workcamps and IVS combined with the academic expertise provided by CTPSR, which was delivered through interactive presentations and NFE sessions, featuring the graphic elements from Yorgos. For CCIVS, these contributions enriched the scope of contents and methods for future training on the topic of peace work, and the good cooperation created a framework for further initiatives.



The Evaluation Meeting was built on the foundations laid by the participants of the training course. During 5 online sessions in December 2021, a group of motivated participants from different backgrounds reviewed the learning experience of the previous steps and had the opportunity to improve their skills in designing, planning and creating educational contents concerning the topic of volunteering in conflict areas. They had the chance to attend a special event, which was the online conference “Palestinian Youth: Challenges and Opportunities” featuring speeches and interactive spaces with stakeholders and representatives from institutions and NGOs active in the Palestinian region.

Through interactive sessions, group work, activities using various digital tools, research and analysis, participants were able to provide their contributions to the development of the new “V.I.C.A. Toolkit”. As was mentioned previously, it is a participatory task that updates the toolkit published by CCIVS in 2008. This final output contains useful information which helps readers to understand the IVS approach to volunteering, the basic concepts and theories related to conflict and conflict management, the essential modules to include in V.I.C.A. training and pre-departure meetings for outgoing volunteers, and updated examples of IVS projects in conflict areas. The editing process is still on-going and the Toolkit is foreseen to be finalised towards April 2022.

Training on the Role of Intercultural Voluntary Projects in the Process of Inclusion and Participation of Young Refugees

The Training is supported and financed by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. It aimed to strengthen the capacity and resources of voluntary service organisations and NGOs that work or want to work with young migrants and refugees and use intercultural voluntary service as a social inclusion tool. The event took place from 16 – 23 September 2021 in Vaunières, France hosted by Solidarités Jeunesses. It gathered 18 participants from Palestine, Albania, US, Georgia, Ukraine, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Kenya, Japan, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czech, France and Poland.

The Training was led by two experienced trainers, Cihan Kilic (member of the pool of trainers of the Council of Europe and the board member of Voices of Young Refugees in Europe) and Pujiarti (former training manager of the US Peace Corps Indonesia and PhD candidate researching gender role attitudes and integration of female immigrants from Southeast Asian countries in Germany).

Through this Training, a group of young activists from the international voluntary service background have gained a deeper understanding on the role of youth work and intercultural voluntary projects in the process of inclusion and participation of young refugees; they have mastered the NFE tools and IVS approaches for the inclusion process. The participants and their organisations are more motivated and empowered to use intercultural voluntary service as a support tool for Youth with Fewer Opportunities (YWFO), particularly young migrants and refugees, in the local community.





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Raising Peace Camps

A Raising Peace Camp is a short-term international voluntary project, lasting around 2 weeks and involving a small group of local and international volunteers, who support the initiatives of the hosting organisation and the local communities. A specific focus on Human Rights and Peace (such as study parts, workshops and NFE activities related to the specific Human Right addressed in the camp) are elements that qualify an international voluntary workcamp as a Raising Peace Youth Camp.

As COVID-19 is still extending its negative impact in 2021, many international workcamps were cancelled. However, IVS organisations didn't stop their activism at the local level, supporting their communities and contributing to social solidarity during the global pandemic time. 18 Raising Peace Camps took place in 2021.

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Study Visit in Palestine

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on mobility, the Study Visit in Palestine was postponed until 2022.

Meanwhile, under the same project framework, CCIVS organised a series of online activities targeted to youth workers, organisation staff members, educators, trainers, activists, network representatives and organisations.

The objective:

- to reinforce the cooperation between European IVS members and stakeholders in Palestine exploring the possibility for new partnerships;
- to understand the local context, needs and issues, in order to increase the quality and efficacy of future projects in cooperation with old and new partners;
- to increase the capacity of the participants and their organisations to work in the field of prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism, learning strategies, approaches and educational instruments from youth workers in Palestine and experts from the field;
- to raise awareness on the conditions of local youth in Palestinian communities and refugee camps, especially with reference to human rights, access to resources and freedom of movement;
- to create messages through digital productions aimed to raise awareness of the issues affecting youth in Palestine and Gaza;
- to develop a communication platform where young people across Europe and the Southern Mediterranean region can share and update each other about their work on a local level.

The Online Activities include:

- Digital Platform: a virtual space that will collect materials and stories
- Online Conference: 'Partnership and networking as tools to establish an effective way to prevent all forms of violent extremism'
- Video Production: storytelling and summary of the project achievements

The Online Conference took place on 8th December 2021, casting a spotlight on the opportunities and strategies aiming at involving young people in shaping their future in Palestine, using non-violent and inclusive methods.

We counted with interventions from the institutions, civil society and the university, including:

- Mr Jamal Zakout, Chairman of board of Al-ARD and Member of PNC (key-note speaker);
- Ms Noha Bawazir, Head of Office and Representative UNESCO Ramallah;
- Mr Mazen Jabari, director of Orient House, Jerusalem; Mr Adli Dana, director of IPYL, Hebron;
- Ms Nidaa Nassar, director of Baladna, Haifa;
- Dr. Mahmoud Soliman, Palestinian researcher at Coventry University and an expert on dynamics of peace and conflict in the region.

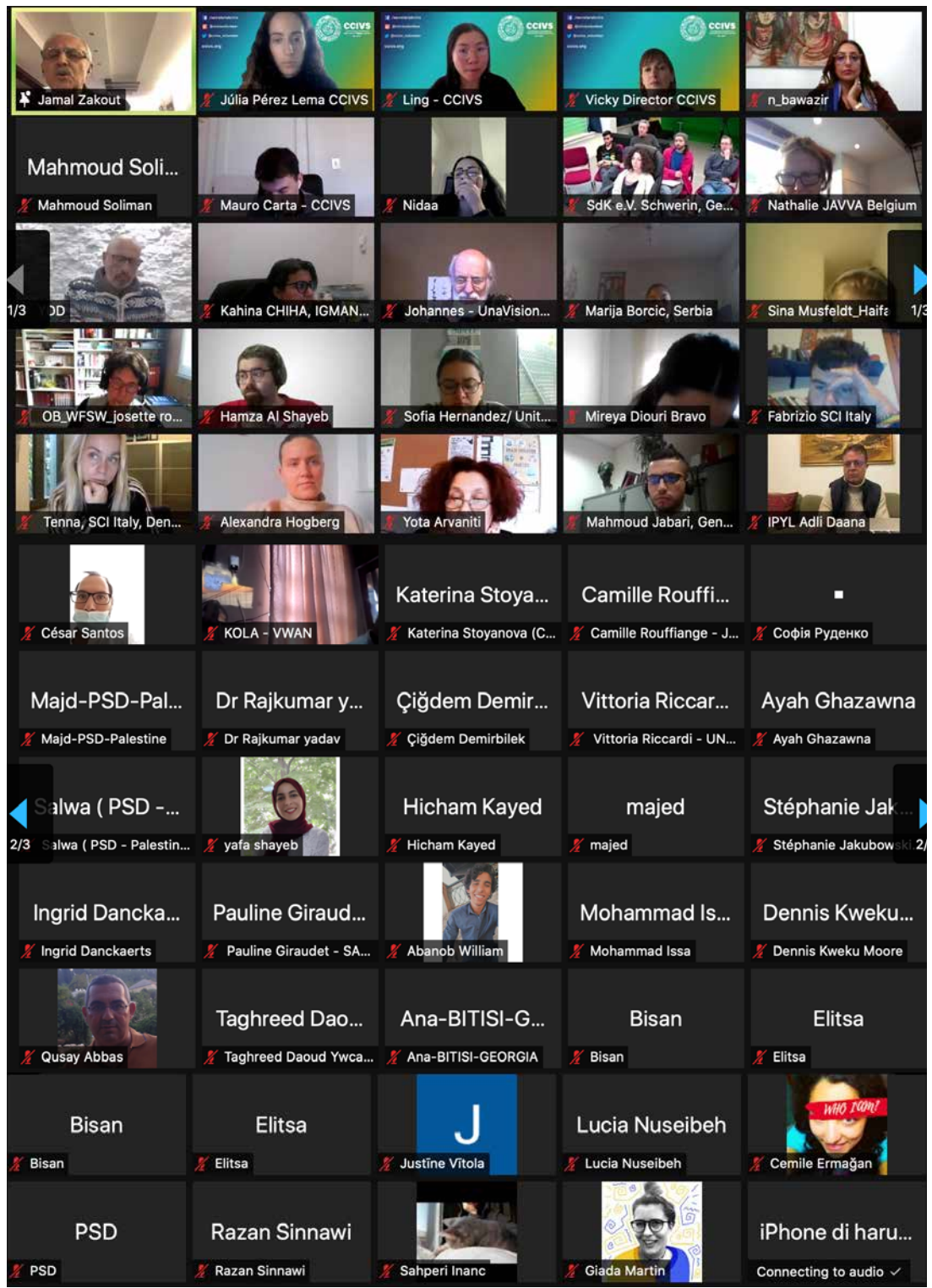
The Conference also [broadcast a video clip](#) in which Palestinian young people express the challenges they are facing and what they wish to see as changes or improvements in their society.

The guest speakers and participants were then invited to join break-out room discussion to further explore and exchange ideas on the following topics:

- Youth participation
- Civil society and social transformation
- International volunteering, NFE and peace work in Palestine

In the evaluation survey, the participants mention their appreciation of the Conference and the opportunity to exchange with different stakeholders and get to know how they could collaborate together in supporting the development of Palestinian youth. The dialogues and discussion shall not stop here, and we will move forward to provide tools and channels to facilitate the cooperation of initiatives and the sharing of information.

The replay video of the Conference is available on: <https://fb.watch/bZiZtwwiBB/>



EMpowering Youth

Improving capacity for EuroMed youth projects



“EMpowering Youth” is a multi-activity project designed and coordinated by CCIVS in cooperation with 3 European partners (SCI Hellas, Concordia UK, SCI Catalunya) and 4 partners from the MENA region (ACC Morocco, Space SD Jordan, Baladna and PCMRD Palestine). The initiative is co-funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the European Commission, under the 2020 grant for Intercultural Dialogue Initiatives. This opportunity is based on a specific partnership formula, which encourages applicants to present multilateral projects built upon a balanced consortium with partners from the MENA region and from Europe. The project was designed during the pandemic, therefore the majority of the activities were planned in an online format.

The aim of the project was to improve the management and coordination skills of youth organisations and young trainers for future EuroMed projects, also to develop innovative online tools to ensure participation and promote volunteering.

The project activities started in December 2020 and concluded in September 2021. They included:

- a 3-day online Networking Meeting to shape the activities with the partners;
- a series of Webinars on project management for young activists, carried out weekly in April 2021 and coordinated by an intercultural team of 4 trainers: Mauro Carta (Italy), Tilemachos Boni (Greece), Katerina Stoyanova (Bulgaria), Khadija Amahal (Morocco);
- online Training for Trainers, conducted in June and July 2021. This Training course was foreseen to be held in Morocco in May 2021 and was converted into an online format due to the pandemic impact;
- the involvement of participants in Local Actions implemented by the partners in the summer of 2021, to put into practice the skills learned during the capacity building phase;
- the development of a Digital Platform to disseminate the digital productions of the activities and to promote intercultural dialogue, volunteering and non-formal education;
- a Final Conference on the 30th of September 2021 to share the project results and discuss future perspectives in the EuroMed area.

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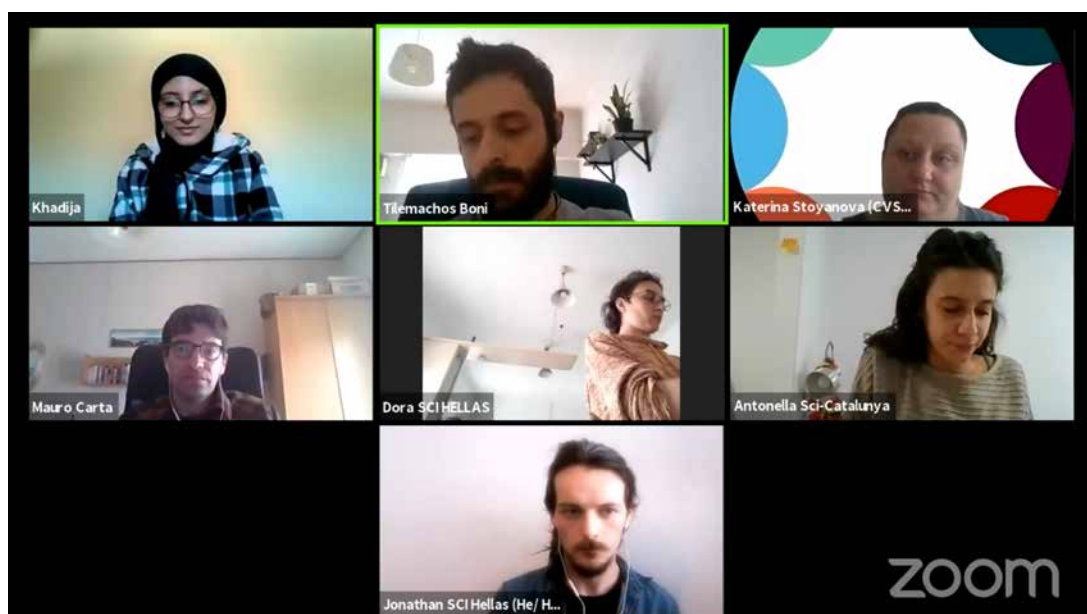
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Webinars on Project Management & Training for Trainers

The Webinars and the Training for Trainers involved young participants from Europe and from the MENA region (plus African participants from organisations involved in the World Heritage Volunteers initiative) in interactive sessions to equip them with tools, skills and knowledge on all aspects concerning project design, implementation and evaluation. The Webinars focused particularly on approaches to develop EuroMed projects with intercultural partners. To start with, the trainers proposed sessions to reflect on values, priorities, mission, vision when designing projects, through the Theory of Change and instruments like the Problem Tree and the analysis of needs. In the following sessions, the focus shifted on elements such as partnership, creating NFE programmes, designing budget plans, applying monitoring and evaluation techniques to projects. The participants could benefit from the learning Moodle space in the [iLearn platform of CCIVS](#), which was regularly updated and contained valuable resources to consolidate their learning process. Furthermore, external viewers had the possibility to attend the courses on Facebook and to access the educational material through a specific section on the CCIVS website. Although the contents of the Webinars were sometimes challenging, participants appreciated the course and shared very positive feedback, highlighting the impact of the initiative in terms of new knowledge and capacity building.

The online Training for Trainers provided more specific competences in the field of activity coordination, including sessions on leadership styles, conflict resolutions, NFE tools to ensure social inclusion, ideas for enhancing reflection in projects. Of course, a face-to-face setting would have been ideal to deliver these sets of skills, but the two online sessions acted as a useful replacement for the original idea. Participants were involved in simulation of NFE instruments and could reflect together on the main elements to take into account when organising EuroMed projects, such as training courses and youth exchanges.

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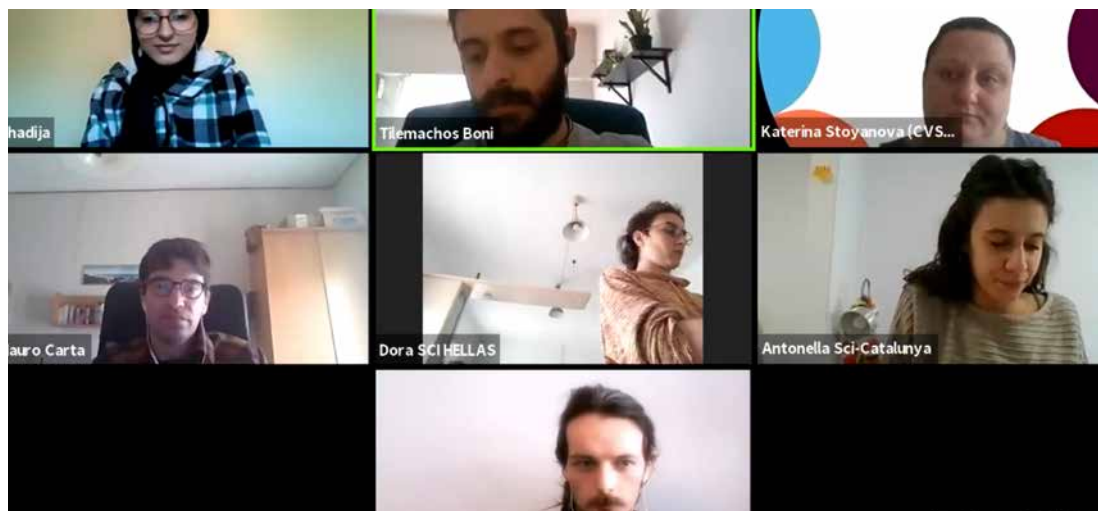
Local Actions

During the summer season, the project foresaw the inclusion of the participants in local actions (pre-departure meetings, workcamps, voluntary actions, training, seminars, etc), the number of which were unfortunately reduced by the mobility restrictions caused by the pandemic. However, partners could organise meetings (online or in blended format), residential activities and workcamps, which provided additional learning opportunities for the participants.

Hamza Al-Shayeb of Space SD coordinated the digital production tasks. According to the original plan of action developed by the consortium, the video should have been created during the residential Training in Morocco; this initial idea was replaced by the creation of a documentary on the theme of intercultural dialogue, including contributions from all partners and key stakeholders of the project.

Final Conference

The Final Conference concluded the project. It was an opportunity to showcase the results and to involve other civil society representatives in discussing future scenarios in the EuroMed cooperation, in the light of the new scenario emerging after the Covid-19 outbreak. During the event, participants from different continents had the opportunity to share their perspectives by joining three different discussion rooms: the first focusing on the impact of the pandemic on Euro-Med intercultural exchange and youth mobility, the second on the new scenario as an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental sustainability, and the third dealing with the comparison of online and offline learning experiences and instruments. The discussions were all particularly inspiring and interesting, as they offered the chance to analyse the issues from different geographical and cultural points of view. Finally, Gianni Orsini (former CCIVS president and SCI activist) provided a contribution on his recent experience as coordinator of the “Anna Lindh Foundation Virtual Marathon for Dialogue”. Ingrid Danckaerts (CCIVS president) and Zhuoling You (CCIVS programme coordinator) wrapped-up the conference strengthening the role of volunteering in facing the future global challenges and the preview of CCIVS coming actions in advancing the peacebuilding partnership and talks.



In terms of EuroMed cooperation, the project proved to be a valuable experience for all involving partner organisations, trainers and participants; as they had the chance to learn from each other, adapting their working and communication styles to different geographical and cultural settings of the partnership (time zones, languages, technology, participants' profiles etc). The training team provided different cultural perspectives, thanks to its wide geographical scope, and the cultural diversity of participants was an incentive for sharing and learning. Through the online live-streaming and recorded video of the Webinars diffused through Facebook and the EMY Digital Platform, the project achieved added values in engaging a wider target group who were interested in improving their EuroMed project management knowledge and skills, and got to know more about the International Voluntary Service movement and its approach. The initiative can be a solid foundation for future cooperation in the EuroMed field, hoping to resume soon the residential dimension of CCIVS projects involving partners from Europe and the MENA region.

World Heritage Volunteers



Within the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative was launched in 2008 in collaboration with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) to mobilise and involve young people and youth organisations in World Heritage preservation and promotion.

World Heritage Volunteers Action Camps 2020-2021

WHV 2020-2021 is a joint campaign, a first in the history of the Initiative, since the implementation of the projects under the WHV 2020 campaign was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Under the theme of Fostering Youth Commitment towards World Heritage, 55 action camp projects were implemented from February to December 2021 at 55 World Heritage properties and sites on the Tentative Lists. This will be done by 49 organisations in 32 countries around the globe.

However, some action camp projects were postponed or canceled due to insufficient participants or public health regulations for group activities.

Change in European Coordination

CCIVS is the global coordinator for the Initiative and the regional coordinator for Africa, Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Regional coordination for Asia and the Pacific has been ensured by Better World since 2015, and that of Europe has been ensured by European Heritage Volunteers (as a branch of Offene Häuser - Open Houses) since 2014.

The cooperation agreement between the World Heritage Centre and European Heritage Volunteers (as a branch of Offene Häuser - Open Houses) was finalised in 2021 and CCIVS took over the coordination of the Europe region.

We sincerely thank Dr. Bert Ludwig and European Heritage Volunteers (as a branch of Offene Häuser - Open Houses) for their energy and efforts put in the WHV Initiative and their coordination role in Europe over the past few years, and we look forward to their continuous support and commitment in the promotion and preservation of World Heritage.



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“EMpowering Youth” Webinar Series on Project Management

“EMpowering Youth” is a project funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the European Union and coordinated by CCIVS. The objective of the project is to improve the management and coordination skills of youth organisations and young trainers for future EuroMed projects, also to develop innovative online tools to ensure participation and promotion of volunteering. Within the project scope, CCIVS organised a capacity building Webinar Series on Project Management, aiming to improve capacity for Euro-Med youth projects.

Taking into consideration the WHV organisations’ feedback from the WHV Webinar survey as well as the socio-economic conditions in general, the WHV coordination has identified the need to provide capacity building resources and training opportunities for organisations from Africa and Arab States. Aligned with the EMY Webinar Series’ objective, 4 WHV partners from Mozambique, Uganda, Senegal and Kenya were selected to participate with the purpose to improve their management and coordination skills and network with youth organisations.

Trash Hack and World Heritage

UNESCO’s Trash Hack campaign encourages young people to join the fight against waste, act to promote sustainable development, learn from their actions, and share what they have learnt with others. Through the [Trash Hack website](#), UNESCO features people and organisations who have taken steps to change their behavior, their community, or the wider world around them to reduce waste and promote sustainability.

The WHV partners were invited to submit stories, images and videos of their projects, to be featured on the Trash Hack platform so as to promote and provide wider visibility to their work with the local communities and in the World Heritage sites.

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#IVS4Peace

Inclusive Voluntary Service 4 Peace

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#IVS4Peace, Inclusive Voluntary Service 4 Peace was a three-and-a-half year (2018-2021) project intended to favour the social inclusion process of young people with fewer opportunities, migrants and refugees. In order to achieve this, from the IVS movement we want to improve and increase the capacity of the networks to provide effective opportunities for social inclusion of young people through the development and scaling up of tools and working methods. 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 and one of them bringing expertise on Social Inclusion: Youth of European Nationalities (YEN). The partnership also counts on grassroot organisations, who are CCIVS and/or Alliance members: Compagnons Bâisseurs Belgium (CBB), Egyesek Hungary, Elix Conservation Volunteers Greece and Solidarités Jeunesses France (SJ).

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The project builds on the best practices previously developed by the partner organisations: the Access for All Guidelines developed by the Alliance, as a tool to ensure Social Inclusion in IVS projects; a series of Impact Measurement projects developed by the CCIVS and Solidarités Jeunesses as a tool to assess our real impact and the Raising Peace Campaign as an awareness raising campaign developed by the CCIVS.



Final Conference

In 2021, we organised the online Final Conference of the project on 8 – 9 July, during which 37 participants from IVS organisations and other NGOs and institutions gathered and exchanged insights.

The Final Conference provided the space to showcase the project's main outcomes and consolidate the networking opportunity, including:

- Discussing the application of the #IVS4Peace Toolkit in volunteering and youth organisations;
- Demo and feedback on the #IVS4Peace MOOC on Inclusive Volunteering;
- Reflecting on the impact of volunteering in youth from migrant, asylum seeking, refugee or minority backgrounds;
- Discussing how to continue improving inclusiveness of the volunteering movement and youth policy and programmes at a European level;
- Networking with other stakeholders interested in inclusion in the volunteering movement.

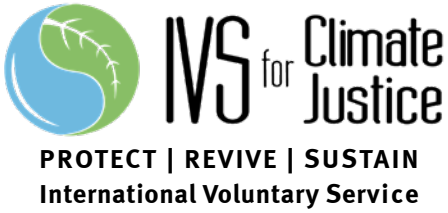
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Throughout the process, the project partnership developed some key learning and desires to share recommendations with the IVS movement and other youth and international organisations as well as with the political institutions. The Recommendations highlight:

- The importance of networking;
- The importance of the preparation process of volunteers with fewer opportunities;
- The importance of the preparation process of camp coordinators;
- The importance of the preparation process of hosting organisations;
- The impact of taking part in a workcamp with volunteers with fewer opportunities;
- The importance of evaluation and follow up with the participants, the partner organisations and the local communities;
- Defending the right to Freedom of Movement.

The #IVS4Peace Booklet introduces evidence-based policy recommendations to IVS organisations and institutions and it is built on the experience of the partner organisations and on the results of the impact assessment. The full version is [available online](#).

IVS for Climate Justice Campaign



IVS for Climate Justice is a worldwide campaign 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, Network for Voluntary Development Asia (NVDA) and the Network of African Voluntary Organisations (NAVO). 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.

In 2021, the Steering Team consisting of IVS networks arranged several online meetings to evaluate the current priorities under the pandemic situation, discuss and plan actions, and follow up with their member organisations' capacities and initiatives in advocating for climate justice.

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Local Actions

CCIVS shared a global Call for the IVS for Climate Justice campaign among its members and stakeholders, encouraging them to organise Climate Justice Camps and support the communication actions.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19, many organisations came across difficulties in carrying out offline activities and actions. 9 Climate Justice action camps took place to the Campaign. These camps were promoted through CCIVS social media platforms.

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Hug a Tree Day

March 21 was International Day of Forests and the theme was “[A path to recovery and well-being](#)”. Forests provide health benefits for everyone, such as fresh air, nutritious foods, clean water, and space for recreation. Between 25 and 80 percent of all medicinal drugs are plant-based. The world is losing 10 million hectares of forest – about the size of Iceland – each year, and land degradation affects almost 2 billion hectares, an area larger than South America. The restoration and sustainable management of forests, on the other hand, will address the climate-change and biodiversity crises while simultaneously producing goods and services needed for sustainable development.

On this date, organisations and individuals took a picture hugging a tree and posted it [on social media](#) with the hashtags #hugatreeday and #IntlForestDay. Walking around our neighbourhoods, a nearby forest, we went outside and hugged a tree! Thank you for joining!

International Volunteering for Climate Justice, Youth Voices of Volunteers (side event at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021)

On April 6, CCIVS hosted an interactive workshop as a side event at the ECOSOC Youth Forum. Young volunteers and youth organisations from across the world had the opportunity to share their experiences on international volunteering for climate justice and answer the question “How can volunteering work towards climate justice, by connecting volunteer efforts and contributing to the achievement of SDG-13 and SDG-16?”

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The event counted with the contribution of Francesco Volpini, Graduate Research Associate, Research Centre for the Local Public Human Resources and Policy Development (LORC), 龍谷大学 / Ryukoku University in Japan; Jannika Jörgsdotter, Vice-President of the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations; Kate Curtis, Trainer, Manifesto Coordinator for Soil4Life and ‘Green Hearted’ Director; Hani Nurlina, Project Coordinators of We Connect Jaga Segara; Mevlude Skuroshi (she/her), Program Coordinator GAIA Kosovo; Maja Mlinarec, Volunteer GAIA Kosovo; Enock Pedze, Chairman at South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association; and moderated by Júlia Pérez Lema.

More than 440 people registered to participate. The workshop was live streamed on Facebook and [it is still available](#).

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE VOICES OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

6 April 2021, 13:30 - 15:00 CET



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UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

The UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development was held virtually in Berlin from the 17 to 19 of May 2021. CCIVS was invited to join the Session 7, Putting ESD into action. On Wednesday 9, CCIVS former Director, Francesco Volpini joined the session presenting CCIVS Impact Measurement, designed and implemented by him for the last 10 years, and the Soil Manifesto. The session focused on concrete ESD actions that can be undertaken by specific stakeholder groups around the five Priority Action Areas of ESD for 2030, and they provided best practices and tools that can help the work of the stakeholders. The session was published on [Youtube](#).

Deeds for the Earth: Volunteering for Climate Justice

[World Forum for Democracy's June's Forum Lab](#) was organised in collaboration with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service. For two hours, speakers presented and exchanged youth led actions for climate justice in the field of International Voluntary Service. CCIVS President, Ingrid Danckaerts, highlighted findings from the IVS impact research on international volunteering and climate justice and Kate Curtis, Trainer and Manifesto Coordinator for Soil4Life,

Member of the IVS for Climate Justice Working Group, Green Hearted Director presented the Soil4Life Manifesto, a clear call to action to protect soil in order to preserve humankind and life on Earth.

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.

We heard from:

- Martina Mancini, Legambiente Volunteer and Member of the Alliance Environmental Sustainability Working Group
- Mercy Piti, Representative Global Eco Village in Chasesyama
- Milan Calloens, Bouworde vzw (IBO Europe)
- Rene Francisco Umaña Rodriguez, Coordinator of Events and Campaigns Slow Food Tegucigalpa Gastronomica, ICYE Honduras

Evolve

EVOLVE



The #EVOLVE, IVSolution – Training and Capacity building, the Evolution for the IVS movement project seeks to enable exchange and develop new cooperation between CCIVS members and invited guests, in face of declining numbers of volunteers it offers a space to build new partnerships, to further develop local actions and to develop key competencies to strengthen organisational structure.

The project proposal is built upon the previous [STEPS](#) projects which brought organisational development training and impact measurement to 20 organisations in 4 regions, allowing the building of a global and regional diagnosis on the State of the Art of the International Voluntary Service movement.

Due to the pandemic situation and lock-down status in many countries, the #EVOLVE project was suspended for 6 months from February – July 2021. The first activity, the International Conference and Networking, was supposed to take place in Berlin, Germany hosted by VJF. As the impact of the pandemic extended and the international mobility was still a big challenge, a decision was taken to turn it into an online event so as to ensure the participation of all the partners coming from 4 different continents. The online form also provided a chance for partners to send more than one representative to join.

Online Conference

The #EVOLVE online conference took place on in November 2021. 27 representatives from 24 partner organisations joined the event, with the facilitation of two experienced NFE experts, Natalie Jivkova (CVS Bulgaria) and Viktoria Csákvány (Egyesek Hungary), and the support and presentations of two thematic experts, Giada Martin (expert on communication and advocacy) and Kata Somlai (expert on finances).

The program of the Conference was rich and diverse. Considering the geographical backgrounds, the sessions were organised on 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 24 November so that it provided a more reasonable schedule for the representatives to join and digest the discussions.

The International Conference was intended for the partners to get to know each other, to build new partnerships, to have an overview and better understanding of the whole #EVOLVE project, as well as to plan future activities. The two thematic experts Giada Martin and Kata Somlai, who will be the trainers of the capacity building Training on Finances in April 2022 in Hungary, hosted by Egyesek, and Training on Communication and Marketing in June 2022 in Japan, hosted by NICE Japan, delivered workshop sessions and the participants had the unique opportunity to test what to expect from and gave feedback.

In addition, a cozy and informal atmosphere of Gather.town was created for the partners to network and had the opportunity to arrange bilateral / multi-lateral meetings among themselves and met with representatives of the Open Conference.



Looking at the future, the Local Training Hubs to be implemented by each partner were discussed in detail and the ideas of the activities were shared among the group. Together we also created a Common Vision of the project and developed the Guidelines that will support the effective implementation of the project activities.

The participants felt safe and comfortable to share ideas and ask questions. They were active in contributing to the working process. The dynamics in the group were positive and supportive. During the evaluation the participants shared they are satisfied and thankful for having such a possibility to meet and understand more about the project and its practical aspects of implementation.

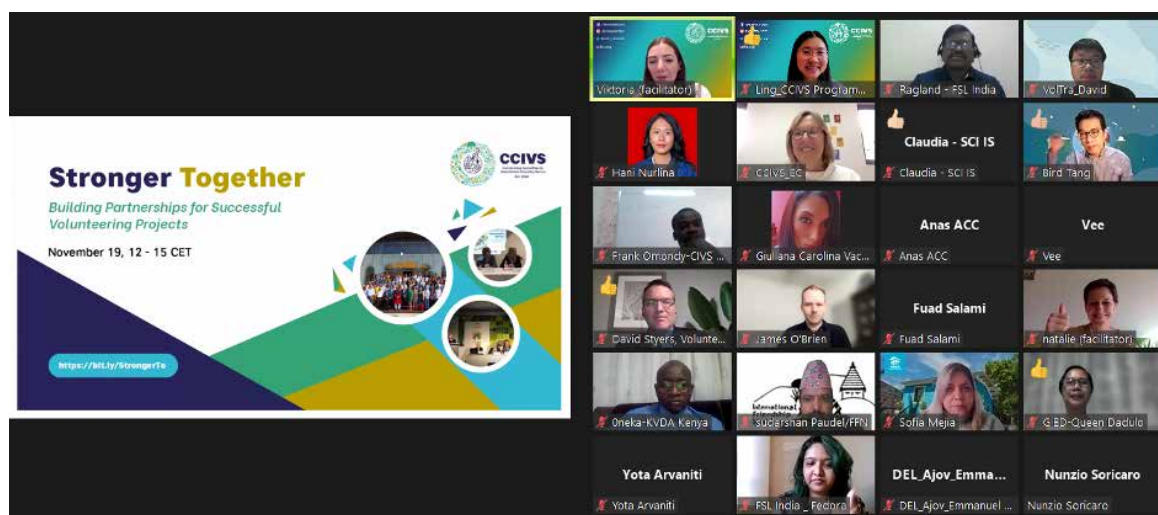
On 19 November, there was the Open Conference 'Building Partnerships for Successful Volunteering Projects', an opportunity between the participants and the external invitees to engage, exchange and develop cooperation. The objective was to provide more information about possibilities to strengthen cooperation between the IVS sector and external stakeholders in order to promote and improve volunteering opportunities for young people. This Conference has invited David Styers, Coordinator of Volunteer Group Alliance, to deliver a key-note speech which highlighted volunteering as a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementing the 2030 Agenda. The round-table session had an intervene and sharing from guest speakers of a diverse background, including:

- Linus Omondi, Regional Coordinator for Africa of the Royal Commonwealth Society
- Bird Tang, Executive Director of VolTra
- James O'Brien, Director of the International Forum for Volunteering in Development
- Sofía Mejía, Volunteer Programs and Global Campaign Manager of Habitat for Humanity International

The guest speakers and participants were then invited to join break-out rooms discussion to further explore the following topics:

- SDG focus group
- Climate emergence and IVS
- Decolonisation, equality, equity, activism
- Strengthening regional partnerships

The International Conference has finished but it is just the beginning of the #EVOLVE project! Partners are excited about the coming trainings and the implementation of their local hubs.



Soil 4 Life



Soil4Life is a European project that involves Italian, French and Croatian partners, which aims to promote sustainable use of the soil as a strategic, limited and non-renewable resource. A goal in line with the commitment signed by the European countries at the United Nations table, through adherence to the Sustainable Development Goals – SDG.

Co-financed by the European Commission through the Life programme, Soil4Life involves associations and research institutions convinced that the soil must be preserved with concrete actions and policies, supported by analyses and data that allow monitoring of the ecological status. Soil4Life pursues the application of the Voluntary Guidelines for sustainable soil management promoted by FAO, adapting them to national, regional and local contexts, and provides information and support to territorial planning involving the agricultural sector and sector professionals (agronomists, geologists, urban planners and designers). Soil4Life also aims to increase citizens' awareness of soil protection and to raise awareness among national and EU institutions of the need to adopt adequate regulations to stop soil consumption and prevent its degradation.

Some of the specific project objectives include:

- » Improving governance of land-use decision-making processes at a national, regional and local level
- » Providing decision-makers and stakeholders with the information necessary for soil protection and planning support tools
- » Increasing knowledge and awareness of farmers and the agricultural world on the role of agriculture in soil protection
- » Increasing knowledge and awareness in the world of freelancers (agronomists, architects, geologists and surveyors) about the soil problem
- » Achieving a higher level of citizen consent to policies in favour of soil protection
- » Raising awareness among community institutions and other member states about the need to adopt adequate regulations to reduce land consumption and to promote sustainable use.
- » Promoting the reduction of soil consumption in urban planning.
- » Increasing awareness of farms and stakeholders (institutions, technicians, citizenship), with respect to ecosystem services generated by the adoption of appropriate practices to maintain or restore adequate organic carbon content in agricultural soils. (source: soil4life.eu)

The actions implemented or to be implemented by CCIVS include:

- » The development of a Communication Toolkit and Raising Awareness Toolkit (2019)
- » Soil Protection and Management Training (2019)
- » A Global Communication Campaign (2019-2021)
- » Soil4LifeManifesto (2019 -2022)
- » Local Awareness Actions (2021)
- » International Convention (2022)

More information and the tools developed can be found [HERE](https://www.ccivs.org/soil4life)

The Soil4Life Manifesto

The [Soil4Life Manifesto](#) was a collaborative effort and received input from various diverse voices. In March and April 2021, two zoom meetings were held with a Microbiologist lawyer, human rights lawyer as well as other Soil experts together with the coordinator of the manifesto, Kate Curtis. Afterwards, input and discussions took place on an interactive online document, a final version was drafted, opened for revision and agreed upon. In July 2021, 17 volunteers from around the world helped us translate the Manifesto into 10 different languages, including the 6 official languages of the United Nations: English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Portuguese, Italian, German and Indonesian.

The Soil4Life Manifesto is a call to action, shared responsibility and an ethical commons based approach to soil conservation, regeneration, protection and use. It was officially launched at the end of August 2021.

On October 2021, more than 70 collectives had signed the Soil Manifesto and 400 individuals (including researchers, specialists, teachers,...) adhered to the paper.

Soil Manifesto

The time to act is Now!

Our planet and the beings who reside here and make up the complex, whole, living system on which all life depends are under serious threat. Life functions are being threatened by exploitation, short term thinking, and a worldview that values economic and financial growth over the continuity of life and living systems.

The complex, interconnected systems through which life on our planet has been able to flourish and grow over millennia have been misunderstood, misrepresented and ill treated for too long. We, as humans, have attempted to detach ourselves from the web of life. We have created a hierarchical worldview and placed our species at the top, instead of playing an integrated part in its life processes. This attitude and behaviour is destroying our planet's ecosystems, creating desertification, malnutrition, hunger, species-loss and other dangerous and destructive effects that will be felt for generations to come. This anthropocentric worldview and entitled behaviour needs to transform now.

There is still a window of possibility to transform our governance systems, shift the economic priorities, by placing our focus on restoring the Earth and the systems we depend on for life.

The tools we need are available. The knowledge, skills and methods to regenerate and restore soils are available. If the global resources spent on war alone were redirected to ecosystem restoration, reconciliation and the recognition of all living organisms as having responsibility to the whole, the harmony and balance could be restored. A shift is required to see the Earth, not as belonging to us to receive and exploit, but as a common responsibility, entrusted to us, placed in our care, to nurture and protect, that we may be nurtured and protected in return. We need to come back into balanced reciprocity with the living biomes that sustain us.

We have the right to live, but with that right comes responsibility to protect and care for all that gives us life. This common responsibility needs to be at the centre of decision makers' focus and energy.

This is not a mystical concept. The source of life, health and all well-being is found in the Earth, air, water, sun, soil and sky. These elements are the foundation of life itself. If we cause harm or damage in any way to them, we are, in fact, damaging ourselves.

The time to restore our Earth is now. The time to recognise our dependence on living soil and the soil microbiome has come – for what is essential to life, is often invisible to the human eye and only recognised and valued in the moment of death.

We urge leaders and local, national and international decision makers to have the courage and heart to make immediate choices and actions that respect the environment for the present and future generations, and to step bravely into actions on behalf of life. Can there be any greater reason than our very own lives depending on it?

Healthy, living soil is essential for all life to thrive. In recent human history quality and care of soil has been largely ignored and misunderstood and due to mismanagement soils are under serious threat. Soils must be understood as a complex, living creation formed as a result of a multitude of inter-related micro and macro organisms working together in a web of nutrient exchange. The complex, living nature of soil is still largely unstudied and misunderstood.

The vital role that living soils play in our ecosystems needs to be recognised, protected and restored. Soil is where 95% of all our food comes from: living, biodiverse soil means healthy food and healthy people. Soil and access to land is directly linked to the right to local, food sovereignty. Human health is directly linked to the food we consume and the environment, which is founded on the ground we live on and the living soil that fulfills our need for nourishing, nutritious, vital food.

Living soils, and the microflora and macroscopic organisms that form them, are not only the foundation for vital and life-sustaining food, they are the main source of fuel, fibre and medicinal products. Living soil is essential to all ecosystems, playing a key role in the carbon cycle and all other nutrient cycles, storing and filtering water, improving resilience and mitigating impact of floods and droughts. Indeed the soil microbial flora serve as important carbon sinks, which have a direct impact on climate change mitigation. The ecosystem services which soil offers are vital and immeasurable!

Soil is alive!

Soil health is directly related to human survival and wellbeing.

It is life for future generations.

We must protect and regenerate it immediately in order for life to continue, not just humankind, but all life on Earth.

The Soil 4 Life Manifesto recognises the principles put forward in the following instruments:

[UN Declaration of the decade of ecosystem restoration](#)

Bringing environmental protection nearer to the people

<https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/environmental-rights-and-governance/what-we-do/advancing-environmental-rights>

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/video/right-land-and-healthy-soils>

[Status of the World's Soil Resources Report](#)

[Natural Capital, Ecosystem Services, and Soil Change: Why Soil Science Must Embrace an Ecosystems Approach](#)

[Human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#)

[The Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils has completed the first State of the World's Soil Resources Report](#)

[The impact of soil degradation on human health](#)

[Small Scale Sustainable Farmers are Cooling Down the Earth](#)

[The Rights to Food Sovereignty and to free, prior and informed consent](#)

[Caring for Soil is Caring for Life](#)

We therefore call for:

1) A Soil Commons- legally based rights for soil and ethical responsibilities

The legal recognition of soil and the microbes that create it, as a living, shared and valuable resource that deserves protection and restoration. The legal responsibility for leaders and decision makers to ethically steward, protect and enhance the natural processes and living matter of the soils they govern at national and global levels.

2) Immediate protection and conservation of living soils

- i. ethical: management of soils based on the Ecosystem Approach and the principles of the [Convention of Biodiversity](#)
- ii. epistemological: (see Article 3 and 7) recognition of the validity and wisdom different knowledge systems including indigenous soil knowledge and use of land ([Ethnopedology](#))
- iii. [ontological](#): recognition of the different situations and conditions of soil; depending on the different states, situation, place, function, ways of being and the maturity of soil, different rights and obligations emerge.
- iv. The creation of a multi plural governing system on soil protection and conservation through collaboration, a Commons regime and an [ethical approach](#).

3) Updated monitoring of soil, its living organisms and relationships across biologically-diverse systems

Monitoring on the state of global soils through regulatory, mandatory frameworks and existing environmental laws, using targeted strategies, based on validated and updated monitoring systems as well as local, positive conservation practices.

4) Recognition, reward and guaranteed income for small and medium scale farmers, including indigenous peoples and peasants

Based on valuing the benefits, products and services they provide to society, their stewardship of the land, and the ecosystem services they generate;

5) Support for farmers while transitioning to regenerative, organic, chemical free, natural and sustainable methods

For example those who adopt the [Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management \(VGSSM\)](#) and who increase the living quality of the soils they steward.

6) The end to damaging subsidies

Remove scale as the basis for subsidies and instead reward good stewardship and creation of ecological and societal goods and services. It is imperative to end the unjust subsidies to large agri-business and industrial farmers which economically and intentionally favour land practices which cause soil damage and inhibit and prevent small scale and peasant farmers to earn a living and compete on markets. Subsidies are unjust if they do not support and take into account the natural capital that small farmers are more likely to generate; support for farmers to transition to sustainable and organic practices, and reward for the provision of services which they provide to their local ecosystem and societies is essential for soil conservation.

7) Recognition, valuing and protection of traditional wisdom and sustainable land-based cultures

Recognition and protection of Peasant Agroecology, indigenous knowledge and experience relating to soil protection and preservation that enhances the living microbiome in soil. Acknowledgment and support of traditional cultures' rights to land that has been their heritage and life source for many generations; recognition of the heritage of local competence and intergenerational knowledge regarding soil management of people who work and live on the land, traditionally and historically (small and medium size farmers, landless people, rural women and youth, indigenous people, migrants and agricultural workers)

8) Urgent urban adaptation, regeneration and damage limitation

Support and action for urban initiatives that reform brownfield land¹ to green space and regenerate and prevent soil sealing. Rewarding green cities with increased living soil and plant coverage.

Integrating soil as a living entity within urban development, and managing it for continued functioning. Improve living soil coverage and common areas in urban planning and development that provide ethical access to growing spaces such as allotments, parks and green belts. Respecting the right to a healthy, secure and safe environment by creating and protecting green areas with living soils that increase biodiversity in our urban ecosystems.

9) Support for research and education

Support for interdisciplinary research that delivers the knowledge and mechanisms to allow ethical, good stewardship of land. Support for research regarding diversity of soils and their role in our global ecosystem and society. Qualitative assessments, investigation, education and dissemination regarding ethical soil regeneration and conservation strategies. Integration and inclusion of soil education at local and international level.

10) Soil and the Sustainable Development Goals

Living Soil affects ALL life on Earth. It is connected to our food, water quality, biodiversity, construction, farming, health and urban expansion. The state of soil is intrinsically linked with a number of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) but of particular importance are Zero Hunger, Climate Action, Life on land and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

1 Brownfield Land definition in urban planning: brownfield land is any previously developed land that is not currently in use that may be potentially contaminated www.wikipedia.org



Sustainable Development Goal #2 Zero Hunger

- Support for sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices and networks of pioneers in this field to create working models that can be imitated and scaled.
- Guaranteed access to arable land and pastures for local and indigenous communities to continue to produce their food and to stop the illegal and forced removal of people from their original lands
- Counteraction of land acquisitions by big enterprises through protective laws and restrictions
- The end to unfair subsidies to industrial farming: instead, we demand support for small farmers by public investments in services for rural communities, such as public transport, schools and health services
- An independent judiciary on the potential negative health effects caused by industrial agrochemicals on soil biodiversity and soil health
- The reduction of the use of industrial agrochemical fertilisers and pesticides, and the promotion of organic and agro-ecological farming methods with an emphasis on encouraging balanced microbial life relationships for fertilisation and pest control.
- Support for the horizontal cooperation and the vertical integration in the food and farming system, in order to increase the added value of local agricultural production and the vitality of agricultural small enterprises, ie. Farm to buyer markets, an end to unfair market subsidies.
- The strict limiting of intensive animal farming which causes degradation, erosion and contamination of soil ecosystems. We demand a reduction in livestock intensity based on local capacity to produce feed for livestock, as opposed to importing feed from foreign areas where soils are degraded in the production process.
- Limits to the allocation of arable land for the production of feed for industrial livestock and biofuels. Instead we call for support in the production of protein-rich crops for human consumption.
- A global effort by the national health services to promote a shift towards less meat and animal product consumption, promoting protein-rich alternatives and disclosure of how concentrated, industrialised meat production is polluting the soils
- The enforcement of clear labeling systems to enable consumers to be able to make ethical decisions about how the food they buy is farmed.



**Sustainable
Development Goal
#11 Sustainable
Cities &
Communities**

- The permanent end to the transformation of green fields into urban settlements. Always give priority to the reuse of brownfield land and to the regeneration of abandoned and under-exploited settlements
- Increased support for regeneration of degraded soil for creating urban green areas and community gardens
- Economic valuation of healthy, living soils that reflects their true value according to the services and benefits to society they offer such as well-being, potential food production, climate mitigation, pollution reduction, etc
- Increased permeability through the de-sealing and re-vegetation of urban surfaces, in order to realise green infrastructures for water drainage and storage and counteract the urban heating with nature-based solutions
- Updates on infrastructure strategies, in order to face the real needs of communities and enterprises, avoiding a further extension of land-consuming road networks in developed countries and evaluating the alternatives in terms of land efficient use eg. more efficient public transport networks, cycle lanes, etc.
- Adoption of criteria of sustainable remediation and site-specific risk assessment, for the management and reuse of contaminated soils
- Better studies and testing to show pollution and toxicity levels of previously exposed soils (ie near factories)
- Transparency and disclosure of the levels of toxicity in urban soils, particularly in industrial areas
- Limit and regulate the amount of concrete and areas of soil sealing in urban development instead always favour green, permeable living soil coverage.



Sustainable Development Goals #13 & #15 Climate Action & Life on Land

- Preservation and protection of intact soils of forests, pasture lands and permanent meadows, assigning a special status of conservation to peatlands and organic soils – these soils are unique, under threat and little understood, their value is immeasurable and their loss could lead to fatal implications.
- Programs to support local people to choose protection of old forests as a source of potential income over slash and burn methods, thereby valuing and recognising traditional relationships between people and forests and creating new relationships as stewards of forests that have been home to humans over eons.
- Limitation and regulation of the use of fire in the management of crop residues, forests and pasture lands. Fire releases enormous amounts of carbon into the atmosphere and can damage soil diversity and life irreversibly.
- Immediately stop the conversion of forests, savannas and prairies to arable land and to plantations for food for livestock or for biofuel production .
- Halt land degradation and support soil restoration and adoption of regenerative techniques in farming, putting a ban on all harmful and toxic farming practises.
- Support of agroforestry, organic and regenerative agriculture and the conversion of croplands to permanent meadows in order to increase the organic matter in the soil, limiting soil erosion and preventing desertification, also recognising and promoting the economic value of carbon capture as a valuable ecosystem service provided by farmers
- A balanced application of organic fertilisers to soils, rotating the cultures with nitrogen-fixing species and cover crops, and reducing the intensity of livestock farming to ensure a reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions caused by animal farming and industrial fertilisers,
- Investment for the conversion from conventional to organic agriculture with the long term goal to eliminate the use of pesticides and industrial fertilisers entirely.
- Recognition and payment for the accountable provision of societal- and *ecosystem-services from sustainable farming (*ecosystem services like increased carbon content, water holding capacity, water infiltration, biodiversity, photosynthesis, climate change mitigation, nutrient cycling, etc.)
- A total halt to all subsidising regimes, such as the basic Common Agricultural Policy of the European Commission (CAP) payments based on the volume of productions or on managed land extension, as they are generic subsidies to industrial farming and land appropriation by big enterprises and those that allocate resources are not complying with the principle ‘public money for public goods’.

Global Communication Campaign

Led by CCIVS, the Communication Campaign to raise awareness on soil and promote the Soil Manifesto was further developed during 2021:

- The Soil4Life project was listed on the [UNESCO Green Citizens platform](#) following an application for this year's call.
- Awareness-raising communication actions took place on specific dates, such as Earth Day and World Environment Day.
- Organisation of a side event for the ECOSOC Youth Forum and invitation by the World Forum for Democracy to run the June Laboratory. During these events, Kate Curtis, coordinator of the Soil Manifesto, introduced the paper and invited the audience to add their comments and suggestions.

The Global Communication campaign called for online volunteers to translate the Manifesto, with over 100 applications from around the world. Thanks to their time and skills, the Manifesto is available in 10 languages. A database of contacts including NGOs, institutions, universities, researchers, collectives was created in order to share information about the Manifesto.

Furthermore, a communication pack was created that included pre-designed messages and visual materials (videos and images), hashtags and a Facebook frame to give visibility and unify the main messages. For the launch of the Manifesto, CCIVS produced a countdown on social media and a pitch video. An ongoing communication campaign is supporting the launch of the Soil Manifesto to raise awareness on soil and give visibility to the paper.

Lastly, CCIVS is creating designs to promote and give visibility to the local actions that are working on soil protection and management at a grassroots level.

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Local Actions

CCIVS encouraged volunteering organisations to organise workcamps and actions on soil management and conservation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many organisations had challenges in carrying out workcamps or physical activities. 9 Soil4Life action camps focusing on environmental sustainability and soil management and conservation took place in Albania, Germany, Ireland, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

INVOLVE

INtegration of migrants as VOLunteers for the safeguarding of Vulnerable Environments



Project coordinator



Partners



Co-funded by the AMIF Programme of the European Union

CCIVS partnered in the Legambiente coordinated project; INVOLVE (AMIF 2017 AG INTE_821666 - INtegration of migrants as VOLunteers for the safeguarding of Vulnerable Environments). This project is co financed by the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission through the AMIF - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

The project started in January 2019 and aims to enhance the inclusion of third-country nationals by involving them in voluntary activities, for example, those targeted at environmental heritage recovery and improvement. The objective is to bring third country and European host country citizens together around these activities and build safer and more cohesive communities.

The project builds on and explores a model of social inclusion that is adjusted to small, medium and larger cities. In this context, local institutions play an important role alongside civil society, host country citizen communities and third country nationals, with these groups working together to contribute to territorial improvement.

The model was tested in seven pilot locations: Rovigo, Paestum and Scicli in Italy; Veynes and Communauté de communes du Pays de Saint-Aulaye in France; and the Pankow and Neukölln districts in Berlin, Germany. These areas represent small, medium and large towns where numerous migrants have resided for some time now, but are not yet fully integrated into the social fabric of their host communities.

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To achieve its overall objectives, the project is driven by 3 main components:

- Raising awareness in the host community through local community hubs. These are meeting places for sharing social and personal experiences, identifying critical issues and shaping common actions together with third-country nationals to rehabilitate and improve the local area.
- Capacity building among local authorities. In pilot areas, local administrative capacity will be strengthened in the areas of long-term planning, creating means of inclusion for foreigners and building a sense of belonging to a community.
- Immigrant involvement. The active participation of third-country nationals and host communities in inclusive voluntary activities will foster a greater sense of belonging and citizenship for all. All participants will simultaneously contribute to urban rehabilitation, further reinforcing the cohesion of the local culture.

The INVOLVE project lasted 30 months and will involve:

- 4 partners from 3 European countries: the Legambiente (coordinator) from Italy, Solidarités Jeunesses, CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) from France and ICJA (Volunteer exchange worldwide) from Germany
- 7 local community hubs
- 700 citizens, including Europeans and third-country nationals, who will participate in environmental volunteer activities
- 35 local authorities involved in training on inclusion policies and practices, community networking and conflict management
- 14 territorial rehabilitation activities
- 7 international volunteer camps
- 10,000 people reached by the project

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International Seminar and Final Conference

Besides supporting the communication campaign, in 2021, CCIVS organised the International Seminar for Volunteering Organisations on “Models of Inclusion” on 21-22 September in Vaunières, France, hosted by Le Hameau de Vaunières – Villages des Jeunes. Led by two experienced trainer experts, Cihan Kilic (member of the pool of trainers of the Council of Europe and the board member of Voices of Young Refugees in Europe) and Pujiarti (former training manager of the US Peace Corps Indonesia and PhD candidate researching gender role attitudes and integration of female immigrants from Southeast Asian countries in Germany), the Seminar gathered 24 participants from the IVS organisations and 1 participant from the International Organisation for Migration.

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The participants made a deeper review on the INVOLVE Inclusion Model publication and shared the positive remarks and gave suggestions for improvements. They had a guided tour in Serres, a workcamp site of Solidarités Jeunesses, where they involved the participation of young migrants and refugees.

The participants were invited to join the Final Conference in Veynes. The Conference intended to highlight the activities carried out and the main outcomes achieved to the civil society and local administrators. The project partners presented their INVOLVE activities in their countries, including the methodology and partnership-building, main results and challenges and had an interactive discussion with the participants. It followed with a presentation and networking discussion with another AMIF-funded project, NEMO, so as to exchange good practices and create synergies. There was a guided photo exhibition that showcased Local Community Hubs activities and achievements. The event closed with a networking dinner catered by a local social restaurant.

Through the guidance and support of the trainer experts, the participants built a collective and an individual plan of actions on how to involve young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in their workcamps or projects.

World Refugee Day

On 20 June, CCIVS shared an [international press release](#) with its stakeholders and media partners calling for the full inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in every area of society through the project examples and voices of INVOLVE, in which around 7 thousand people were involved in 19 different initiatives in the 3 countries, working on heritage restoration and development projects that have never completely stopped (even during the pandemic), cooking classes and craft and gardening workshops, collaborating with 35 local administrations and 70 civil society organisations.

#AlwaysON for Youth



Always ON for Youth is a project aiming at increasing the capacity of youth organisations from Romania, France, Bulgaria, Belgium, and the federated networks of the partnership consortium to serve young people (including vulnerable youth) extensively and intensively through digital youth work and digital inclusion and safety practices.

Young Men's Christian Associations Romania Federation (YMCA Romania), as coordinator, together with Young Initiative Association – Romania (AYI), Sdrufenie "Nadejda-CRD" –Bulgaria (Nadejda), The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) and the Alliance Europeenne des YMCA – Belgium (YMCA Europe), as partners, will implement the strategic youth partnership project "#AlwaysON for youth" for 25 months, respectively April 2021 – April 2023. The project is co-financed by the European Union through the Erasmus + Program.

The objectives of the project are:

- To develop a collaborative learning space focused on digital inclusion and digital youth work between 5 EU-based youth organisations through the sharing of best practices and national approaches;
- Increase the capacity of at least 100 youth workers from minimum 4 EU countries to engage in digital inclusion and digital youth work activities;
- Increase the capacity of at least 25 youth organisations from minimum 4 EU countries to improve or adopt digital inclusion practices for reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities from their communities;
- Raise awareness among minimum 100 youth workers from 4 EU countries around the opportunities, challenges and solutions surrounding digital safety and privacy (including humane technologies and algorithms).

The expected results of the project are:

- Development of a digital platform for youth workers that will foster learning and sharing of good practices among 100 youth workers from at least 4 EU countries;
- "Shaping Digital Inclusion and Safety in the Post-Pandemic World" research paper with the involvement of at least 250 young people and 250 youth workers from at least 4 EU countries;
- MOOC course on digital inclusion and safety;
- 30 youth workers from 4 EU countries involved in comprehensive digital youth work and digital inclusion training course;
- 5 gamification tools are created and freely available for youth organisations to interactively engage and use them to develop their digital inclusion strategies.

The target group is formed by youth workers from participating countries and other EU and partner countries interested in engaging in digital youth work activities and/or willing to learn more about this topic, youth organisations and their management teams from participating countries and other EU and partner countries who are planning to develop or create their digital youth work capacity/strategy and teachers who are interested in organising digital activities with their students and can get strong inspiration from digital youth work and digital inclusion practices.

Digital Community of Youth Workers

The project was initiated online with the creation of a digital community of more than 100 youth workers. Each month a different topic is introduced to the community with the facilitation of the engagement team. The digital community of youth workers is an opportunity to share, discuss and learn.



Management Meetings

While every month the consortium has an online management meeting to follow-up on the implementation of the project, in June 2021 a physical management meeting took place in Romania. Ingrid Danckaerts and Bogdan Imre attended this first encounter on behalf of CCIVS and had the opportunity to get to know the YMCA network and the other project partners. Clear cooperation mechanisms were established and agreements were made for an efficient implementation of the project. The first meeting focussed on the research to be carried out. A second physical meeting took place in Brussels at the end of November and focusing on the development of the MOOC and the gamification tools.

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Research

CCIVS has an active role in all project outputs. In 2021 we contributed to the research by analysing 5 articles on the research topics: digital youth work, digital inclusion, digital safety and wellbeing. We interviewed 10 youth workers and 10 young people to gather current practices and challenges making sure that also our IVS experience in this field is taken into account.

LIFE OF THE COORDINATING BODY

Global Meeting of IVS organisations (GMIVS)

The Global Meeting of IVS organisations brings together representatives of the main International Voluntary Service networks such as SCI, ICYE, IBO, NVDA, Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, NAVO and SEEYN.

In 2021 monthly online meetings were organised to share updates about the networks, exchange good practice and assess the situation of IVS organisations in the Covid-19 times taking into account the different realities organisations were facing. The meeting also served as a sounding board for the Strategic Planning process, making sure that the development of the new strategic plan is in line with the overall developments in the IVS movement. Apart from general issues the meeting also dedicated time to some specific topics such as freedom of movement and visa restrictions for volunteers, social inclusion, online workcamps and advocacy work related to volunteering and the SDG's.

Global Long Mid Term Volunteer (GLMTV)

Voices of Long Term Volunteers in Pandemic Times

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“Voices of Long Term Volunteers in Pandemic Times” brought together volunteers from the 4 regions (America, Asia-Pacific, Africa and Europe) to share their ongoing projects. For 1 hour, on June 17, we listened to projects from Kenya, Togo, Ecuador and Thailand with the moderation of Anja Stuckert and Mercy Kubasu.

The session was organised by the Global Long and Medium Term Volunteering working group (GLMTV). This group is composed of representatives from 6 IVS networks including the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, Service Civil International (SCI), NVDA-Network for Voluntary Development in Asia, Network of African Voluntary Organisations NAVO, ICYE Federation, IBO and is coordinated by CCIVS. The GLMTV wants to create a space for IVS organisations to work together on the quality and promotion of medium and long term IVS projects.

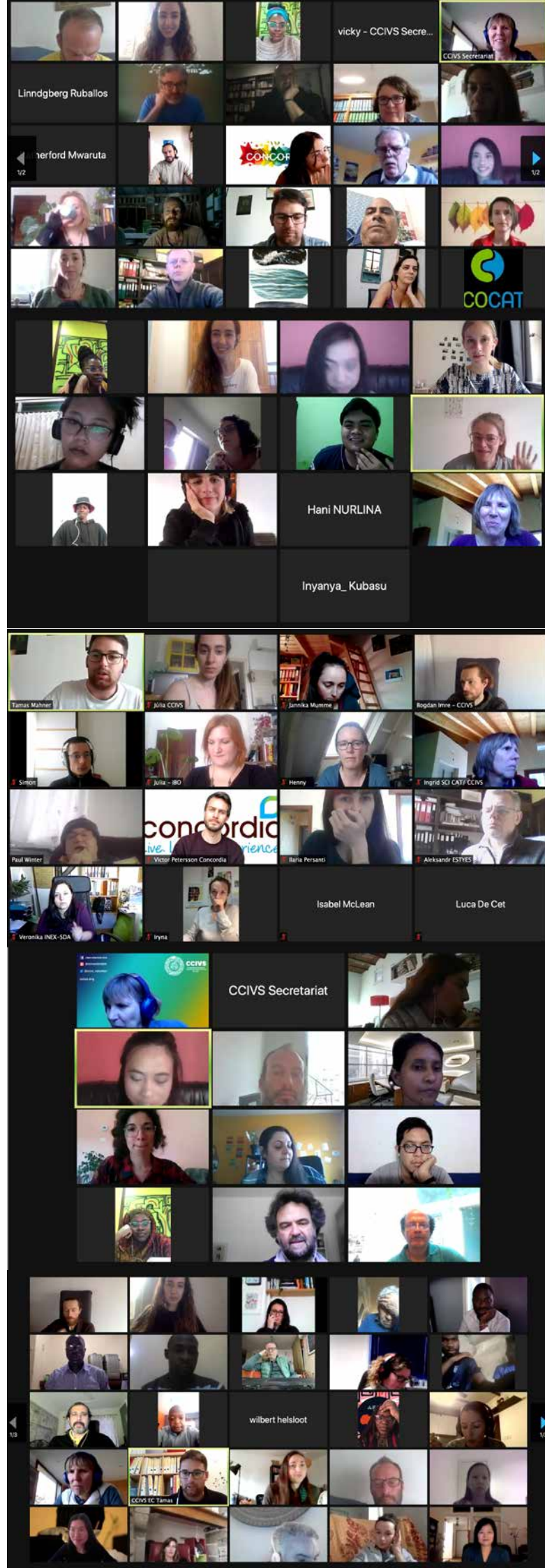


Building CCIVS Together: a new strategic plan for 2022-2026

Building on the work developed in previous years we continued with the strategic planning process that was started in 2019. In 2021 several online regional meetings as well as focus groups were held to revise the vision, mission and impact of CCIVS and to define the main strategic goals and objectives of the organisation. A big “Thank you” goes to the strategic planning team which met almost monthly and did a great job in drafting, re-drafting and finalising the outputs of all the online consultations and discussions. Under the supervision of Juliska Van Hauwermeiren from [Strategies and Leaders](#) the team revised vision, mission and impact of CCIVS and defined 4 main strategic goals linked to the core mission of CCIVS:

- building the capacity of IVS organisations to implement high quality and transformative IVS programmes,
- making the voice of IVS organisations heard,
- creating a diverse and inclusive IVS global IVS community of IVS organisations,
- indent the CCIVS structure to become a learning, resilient and innovative organisation.

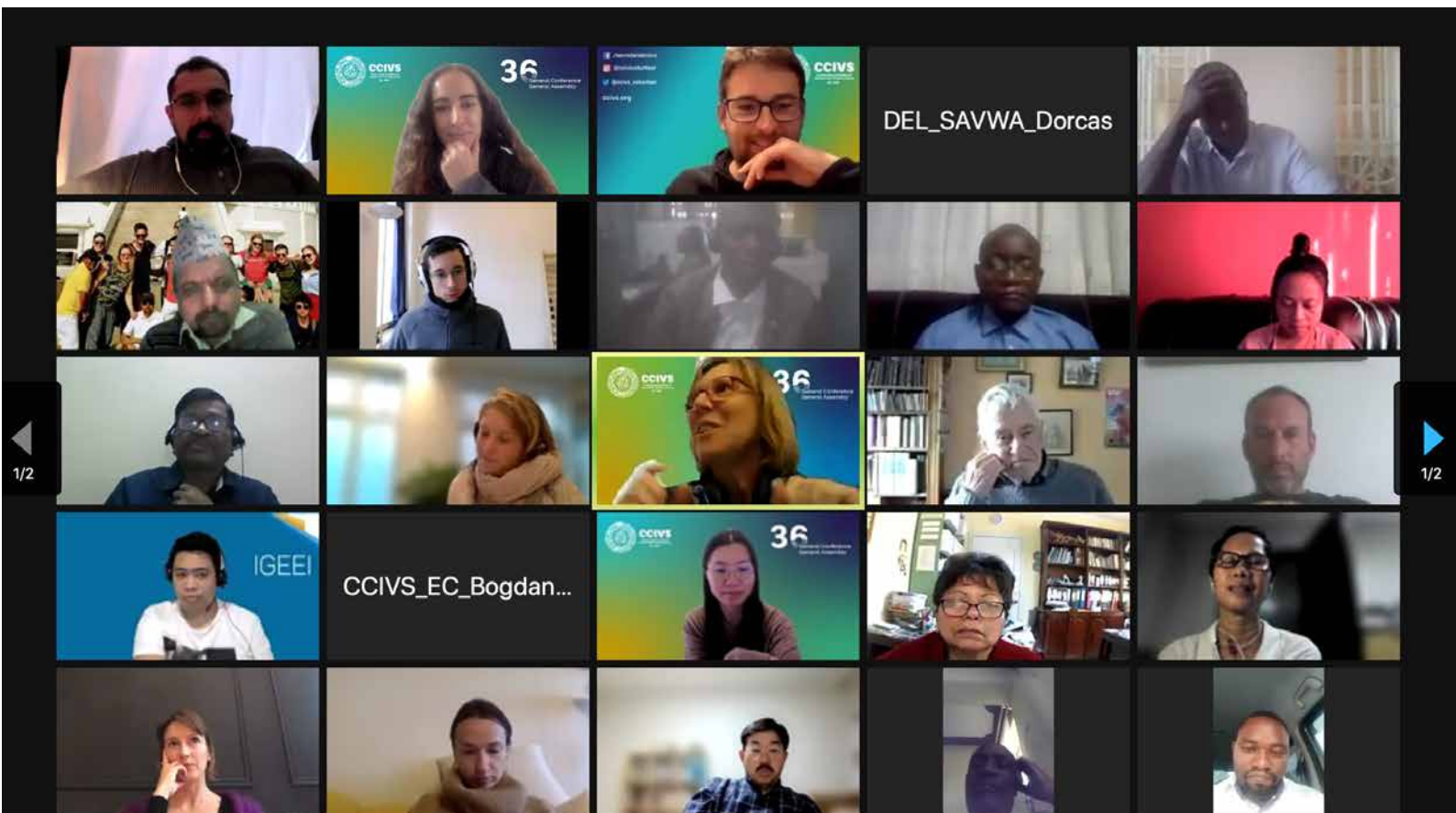
The foundation is laid and now it is time to build the walls; to fill this nice plan with actions and to work together on the implementation and monitoring making sure the construction is solid and it goes the right way.



36th General Conference and General Assembly

The 36th General Assembly of the CCIVS was hosted online. The General Conference open to CCIVS members and invited guests and provided a space discussion about proposals related to the work of the network. Three pre-GA sessions took place online, with the CCIVS General Conference taking place from the 15–19th of November.

During the General Assembly, there were 29 organisations present on Saturday 20 and 34 on Sunday 22 November with voting rights, from members around the world. Over two days the organisations voted on the documents which had been discussed during the CCIVS GC focusing on internal organisational issues and future strategic planning.

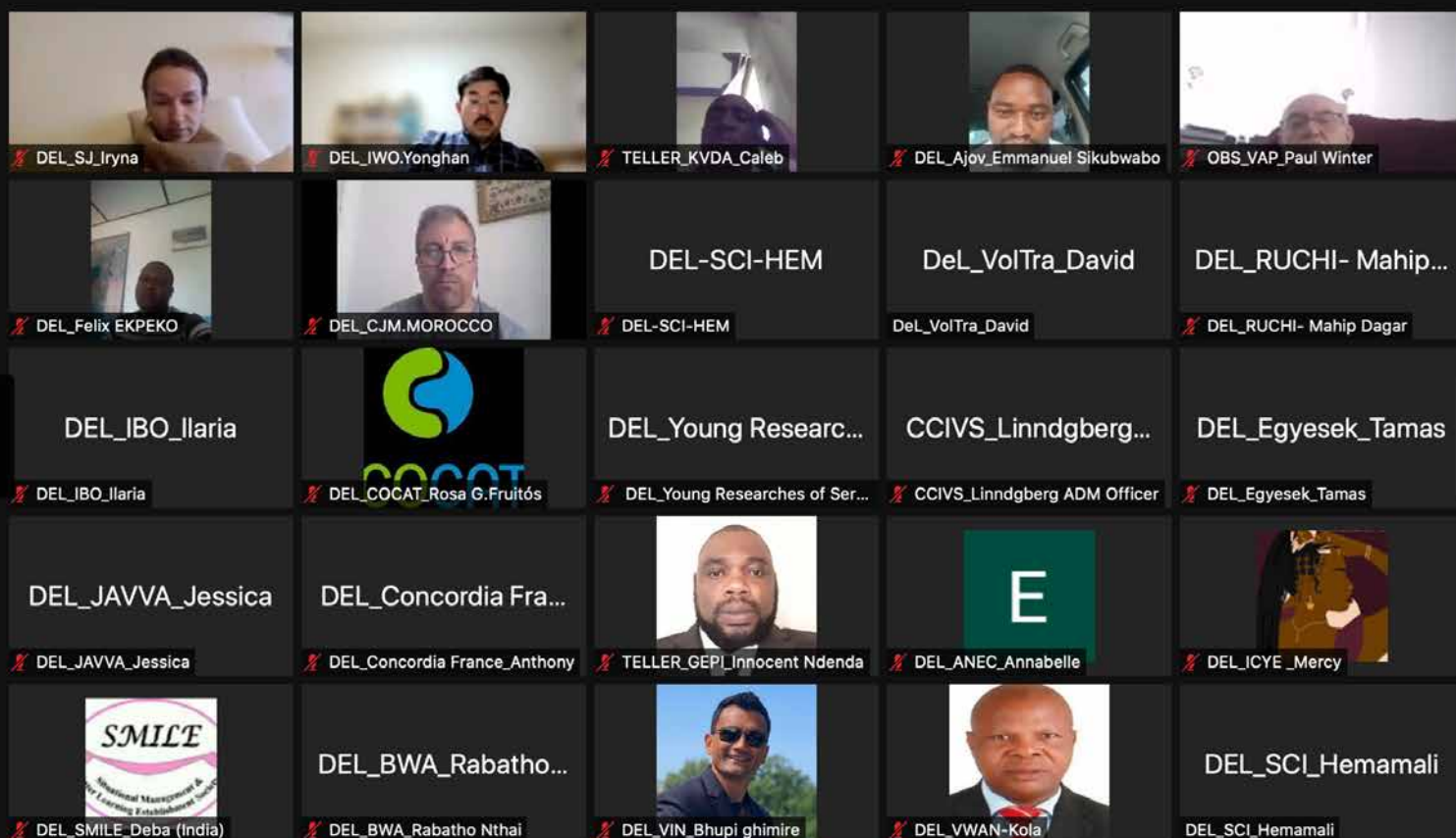


Elections of the EC 2022-2023

Role	Responsible	Organisation
President	Rolando Kandel	Subir al Sur/Fundacion SES - Argentin
Treasurer	Denis Asimwe	UVDA Uganda
General-Secretary	H. Hemamali Perera	SCI International
EC member	Ratherford Mwaruta	ZWA Zimbabwe
EC member	Dr. Anja Stuckert	ICYE International
EC member	Rhenely Queen P. Dadulo	GREAT, Indonesia

And a new Internal Auditor Kata Somlai from SCI International

The next CCIVS EC in 2023 will take place in Greece hosted by SCI Hellas.



REPRESENTATION & PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

Vicky Lovelock, CCIVS Director was elected by the International Conference of NGOs in 2020, and subsequently assumed the role of the Vice President of the Committee on invitation of the newly elected President Davide Grosso of the International Music Council. Ingrid Danckerts, CCIVS President is a suppliant to the position and has also joined several of the online meetings.

The Liaison Committee meets online on a regular basis to work on the Recommendations as voted by the NGOs in Official Partnership. In March Vicky travelled to Paris to accompany the President in meeting with the UNESCO Director General.

Vicky's responsibilities include:

- Working on the inclusion of NGOs around the world
A proposal was made and approved to develop online meetings with NGOs in official partnership around the globe. A first global presentation meeting of the Committee and the Strategy was pre-recorded followed by a live Q&A in the first half of the year. An informal online meeting took place in the LAC region in June 2021. The formal regional meetings will start in the final trimester of 2021, inviting NGOs in official partnership in the region, along with the UNESCO Secretariat and invited Field offices.
- Co-chair of the working group for the NGO Forum on Global Citizenship Education
Which took place in December, following the UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship Education hosted by the Republic of Korea at the end of November 2021. CCIVS submitted a video highlighting IVS work in this field for the Forum.
- Support to the youth representative, Thaís Queiroz - World Scouting
Providing ideas for a youth position paper to be presented during the 75th anniversary of UNESCO. Júlia Pérez Lema was the Youth Delegate for the CCIVS contributing to this paper.
- Support for Communication
Providing feedback on the Communication plan led by Nick Newland of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Thanks to the hard work of Nick, the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee has [a new website](#) where you can read all about our work.

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Develop or self-develop - Who is the volunteer in relation to colonial history?

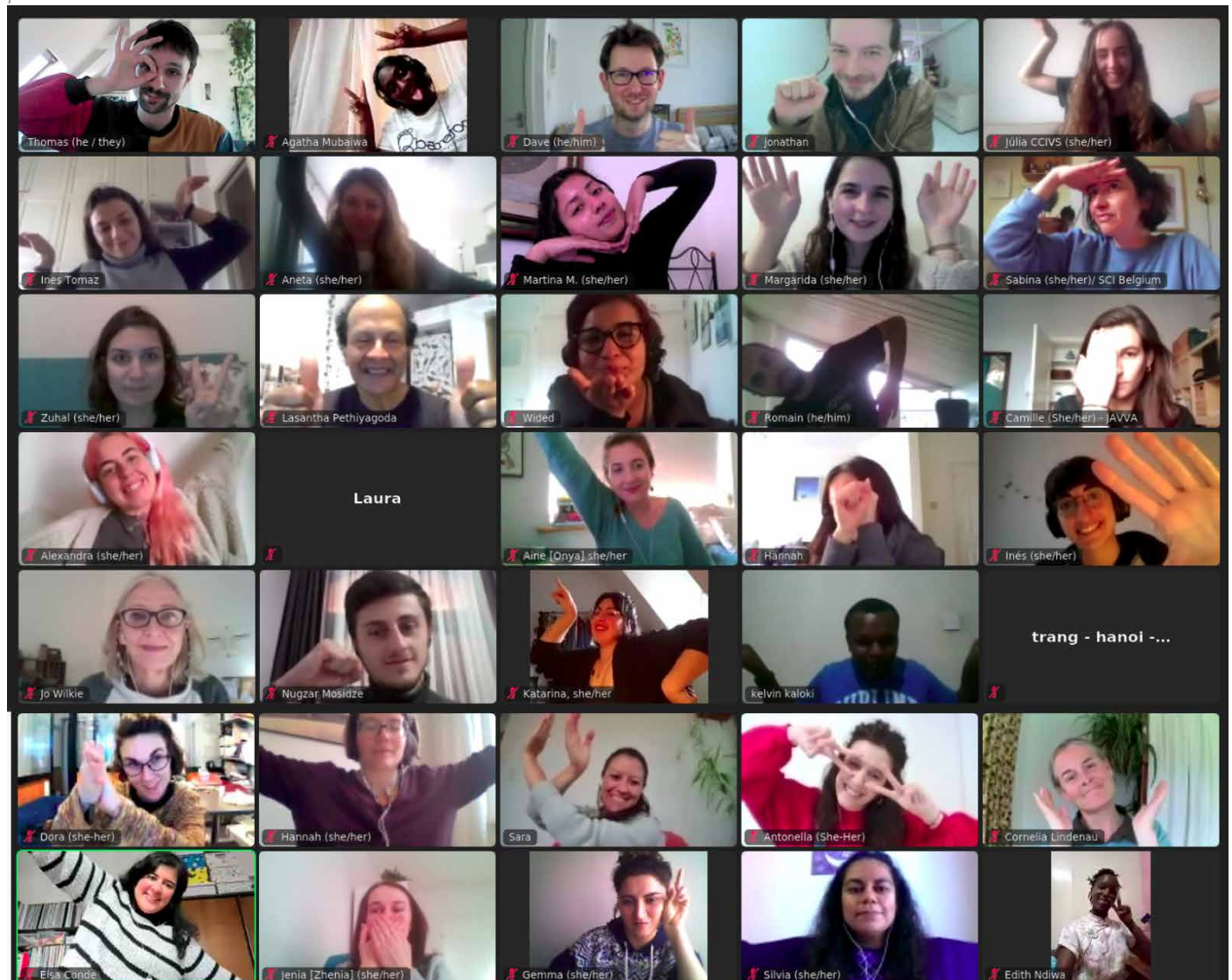
Julia Perez Lema joined the seminar “Develop or Self-Develop - Who is the volunteer in relation to colonial history?”. The event took place online after it was postponed due to the start of the first wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Europe, re-scheduled to 12-14 and 18-21 March 2021. The organiser, SCI Austria, was also able to invite participants from other continents to the international seminar to exchange with other (former) volunteers about colonialism, racism and development cooperation.

With the facilitation of Thomas Schallhart, Service Civil International Project Manager, and Sara Andrea Vaca, UNIDO Project Administrator, participants were able to question global power relations and inequalities as well as the role of volunteers in the fight for global justice. The involvement of participants from the Global South and the Global North allowed the participants to focus on different perspectives and listen to different experiences, challenging mindsets and opinions.

At the end of the seminar, participants were able to update the toolkit 4th version “Picturing the Global South: The Power Behind Good Intentions”, which SCI Austria has been creating with a series of post-colonial seminars in the past few years. Participants were also able to share their recommendations on the future approach of the topic.

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What can the youth sector do to make its projects and activities more sustainable?

On June 15th at 16:00 CET, the World Forum for Democracy hosted the presentation of the sustainability checklist, which will serve as guidelines for youth initiatives across Europe. The checklist was developed by the EU-CoE youth partnership, in cooperation with the Task Force on greening the youth sector, and in consultation with youth organisations. CCIVS Director, Vicky Lovelock, presented the work of CCIVS in the field of environmental sustainability and joined the discussion. If you missed the event, you can still [watch the recording](#).

Vicky - CCIVS

CCIVS
The Global Coordinating Body
for International Voluntary Service Organisations

COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

VOLUNTEERING FOR PEACE

CCIVS created under the aegis of UNESCO in 1948 is a global network engaged in the field of International Voluntary Service

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actively engaged in community-based projects

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Weaving ties of solidarity through volunteering

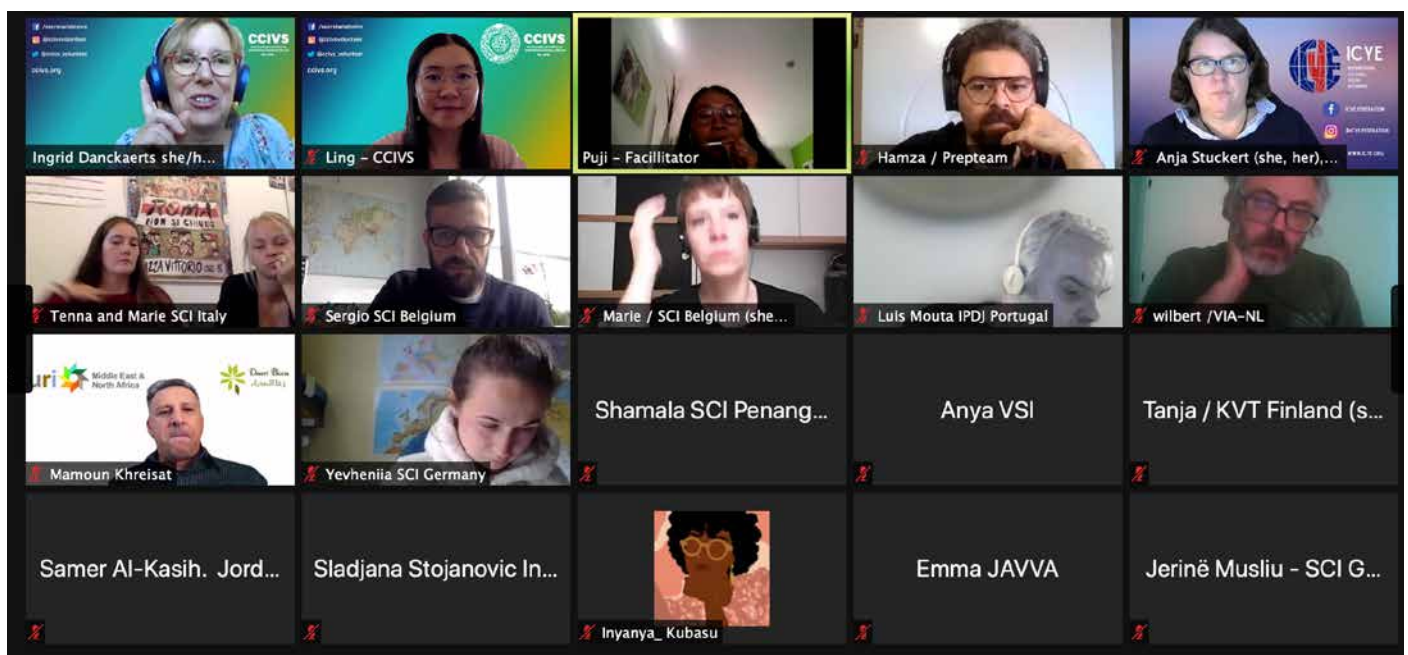
In the framework of the Official Closing of the “Cycle of Volunteering Workshops – First edition 2021”, CCIVS Vice-President for the Americas, Rolando Kandel, joined the international virtual discussion “Weaving ties of solidarity through volunteering”. In this event, representatives of national and international volunteer networks from Mexico, Argentina, Chile and Ecuador, shared their experiences for the creation, maintenance and articulation of voluntary action networks.

The initiative that is part of the #EnLazando project funded by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and implemented by France Volontaires with the support of the Program of Volunteers of the United Nations, the VASE-IYCE Foundation and the Red Ecuatoriana de Voluntariado. You can [watch the event on Facebook](#).

Needs assessment on social inclusion projects: how international voluntary service enhances the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

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26 participants from IVS organisations took part in the online session of Needs Assessment on Social Inclusion Projects: how International Voluntary Service enhances the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. This online needs-assessment session is organised by [Service Civil International](#) as part of its Exchange Platform Meeting, in cooperation with CCIVS. Thank you all for your active participation and insightful discussion.




RISING together – The unheard Stories of Peace

On November 15th, 2021, CCIVS took part in the online event “RISING together – The unheard Stories of Peace”, an initiative organised by the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University. The event was structured with parallel “tracks” featuring presentations, film screenings and discussions which enabled participants to broaden their understanding of the basic tools of peacebuilding and to know more about the contribution of volunteers to peace.

CCIVS was invited to share a video and to conduct a discussion on the second session of the day, focusing on the theme of “Peace, Legacy of Conflict”, moderated by Laura Payne. After showing a video edited by Hamza Al-Shayeb which displayed the history of the International Voluntary Service and current projects of IVS members throughout the world, Mauro Carta and Ismi Novia provided more details on the opportunities to join IVS projects and on the latest challenges met by the movement during the pandemic.

STRUCTURAL MANAGEMENT



CCIVS Members



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185 Member
Organisations



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CCIVS Executive Committee

The CCIVS EC met every two weeks during 2021 in online meetings, in June 2021 the Finances and General Purposes meeting actually managed to take place in Catalunya, inviting the President, Treasurer, Vice President for Europe and the Director. It was a welcome break from online meetings and a full week was not enough for all the work we needed to do.

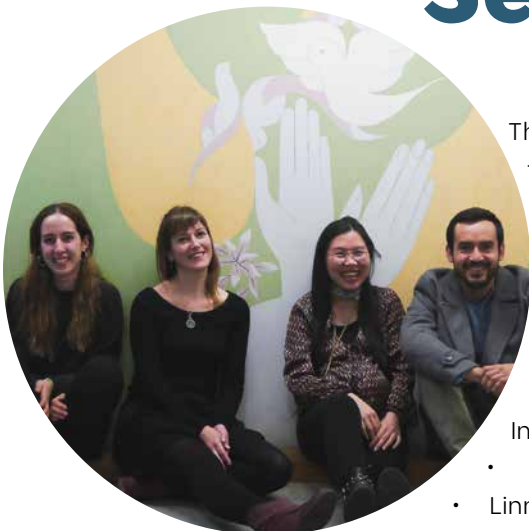
The current EC members are listed below.

- Ingrid Danckaerts, President
- Ratherford Mwaruta, Vice-President for Africa
- Bogdan Imre, General Secretary
- Rakesh Soans, Treasurer and Vice-President for Asia
- Tamas Mahner, Vice-President for Europe
- Rolando Kandel, Vice-President for the Americas



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Secretariat



The indomitable CCIVS Secretariat continued its hard work during 2021 further adapting to a new way of working, hybrid office/home working, online meetings, and learning new skills in terms of transferring of-line training to interesting and captivating online events.

Due to the pandemic we were unable to receive volunteers, however, during the month of October an intern jumped on board.

In the photo you can see the current CCIVS Team.

- Victoria Lovelock, director
- Linndgberg Ruballos, administrative officer
- Zhuoling You, programme coordinator
- and Julia who was interning with the team at the time of the photo

Volunteers & Interns

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not viable to host Service Civique volunteers. However, there are those who still supported and volunteered their efforts in different ways. We thank them immensely. We greatly value their time and energy!

Interns:

Alexandra Högberg / Sweden - Role: Project support

SOIL4LIFE Manifesto online volunteers:

Yibo Jia, Yanni Xiang, XinYue Luo, Xinting Zhao, Sara Andrea Vaca Sanchez, Qingwen Zheng, Melissa Nora, Markus Schnarr, Kseniia Ivanova, Inês Tomas, Ibrahima Sory Sow, Helicia Nicolas Hawladar, Ferina Nawangsari, Esraa Mostafa, Baiqi Wu, Antonina Gaidukova, Alyaa Firdaus Harvestya.



Alexandra Högberg

Freelancers

The following expert facilitators, trainers, project support, designers have joined the CCIVS team these past four years. (In reverse alphabetical order):

Dr Zainab Mai-Bornu, Yasin Duman, Valerie Weidinger, Tilemachos Boni, Teddy Tezira Babirye, Sudam Jayasinghe, Samuel Musanyusa Zziwa, Rocio Ruete, Rita Albuquerque, Pujiarti, Oriol Josa, Nunzio Soricaró, Miki Ambrózy, Mick Petersmann, Mauro Carta, Matina Deligianni, Madeleine Joss, Laetitia Barbry, Khadija Amahal, Katerina Stoyanova, Kate Curtis, Julia Nieto, Jelisaveta Jovanovic, Jelena Ristic Beronja, Javier Larios, Hamza Al-Shayeb, Govina Sharma, Gianni Orsini, Georgios Konstantinou, François Ribaud, Francesco Volpini, Clara Giberga, Cihan Kilic, Borja Franco Garzón, Bogdan Imre, Belén Fernández, Ariel Gonzales, Andrea Alderette, Adrienn, Adam Elsod.

Francesco Volpini launched and implemented a number of innovative, multi-stakeholder global research on the impact of International Voluntary Service and non-formal education on volunteers, communities and organisations.

Júlia Pérez Lema has been managing CCIVS Communication.

Communication

'The World with Us' was meant to be the title for CCIVS Communication Plan for 2021. We had foreseen a series of communication actions with the aim of giving visibility to the activities carried out by CCIVS and the IVS network. We had envisaged a plan that didn't count with an ongoing pandemic situation and with physical events going online for another year. Media contacts were developed for the Raising Peace and Involve Final Conference in France. A project was written to improve CCIVS' website as the core of our internal, organisational and external communication (including the development of iLearn as IVS elearning portal).

Even though there were some difficulties, CCIVS managed to carry on communication focusing on the ongoing projects and campaigns. For the Workplan 2021, The Raising Peace page was updated to launch the call for actions and map the actions registered under the Raising Peace and IVS for Climate Justice campaigns. The communication also focused on the creation of camp cards for the local actions and its promotion on our social media pages and profiles. Many events took place online which meant a major use of external communication to look for participants and reach stakeholders. External communication allowed us to reach out more people in projects like Empowering Youth that arrived to a larger audience during the Webinars on Project Management, broadcasted on Facebook Live. The closing conferences of IVS4Peace and Empowering Youth were hosted on Zoom involving participants from around the world. We also want to highlight that the Involve Final Conference press release was published in the newspaper Le Dauphine Libéré (paper and digital version).

During 2021, CCIVS produced and shared promotional tools for the different ongoing projects and campaigns. We answered to the needs of promotional materials (posters, flyers, social media graphic designs) for Empowering Youth, Raising Peace and IVS for Climate Justice, STEPS, IVS4Peace, Involve, Soil4Life.



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1,221
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640
followers



86
subscribers

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Website

The [CCIVS website](#) is the core of CCIVS communication. It gives visibility to the organisation with transparency and integrity, answering to different communication goals as well as bringing together projects and actions completed and ongoing, making available an infinite amount of resources for volunteering organisations. This year we would like to highlight the creation of the Soil Manifesto page, bringing together a petition available in 10 different languages; the Palestine Resource Center, with materials and personalities recommended by experts on the field; the iLearn platform, CCIVS e-learning portal with almost 500 single users and the blog Words to Empower You(th), with inspirational and useful stories from people involved in the EMpower Youth project.

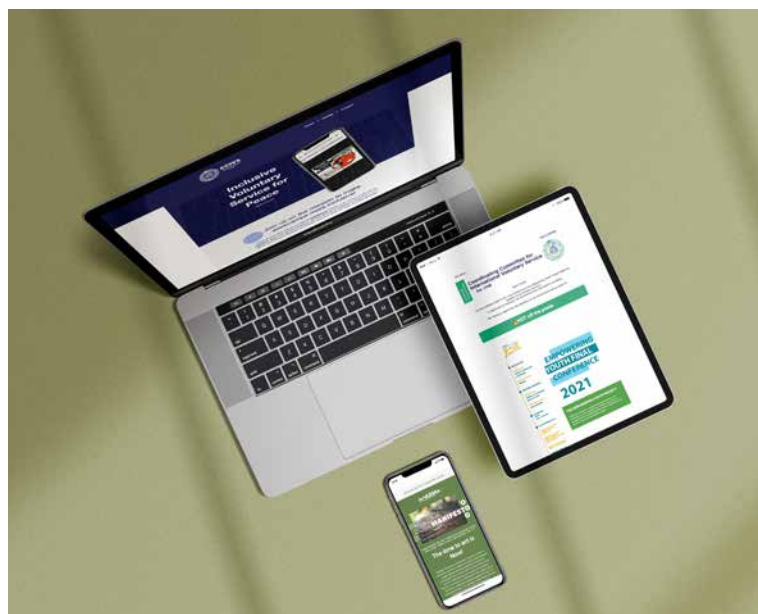
In the second half of 2021, CCIVS started to develop a new concept for the website to answer the needs of the organisation, its network and the audience groups that visit our website with different needs.

In the period of January to December, 2021, 25,786 users visited the CCIVS website. We received more than 59,100 page views during this period. If we look at the demographics of the audience, the 10 countries where the users mostly come from are Philippines, India, United States, France, Spain, Italy, China, Turkey, United Kingdom and Germany.



Newsletter

Due to the increase of subscribers and contacts on the CCIVS external contacts database, from 2021, CCIVS' External Newsletter is managed by using SendinBlue. In 2021, CCIVS sent 4 regular external newsletters in March, June, October and December following the trimester timeline. Furthermore, special newsletters were created to promote special events including the Call for participants of the "Online training course to Improve Knowledge & Skills in the field of Volunteering In Conflict Areas", the call for the CCIVS side event on the ECOSOC Youth Forum (including afterwards a confirmation and a reminder newsletter), the launch of the #IVS4Peace MOOC "Join us on the mission to make workcamps more inclusive!" and the Launch of the Soil4Life Manifesto "[Soil Manifesto] The time to act is now!".



Internal Communication

During the second half of 2020, CCIVS changed the internal communication within our network to a regular format that would provide constant news and avoid overwhelming messages: Tuesday Mailing and Internal Newsletter.

In October 2021, CCIVS published the 25th Issue of its Internal Newsletter. Aside from the regular issues, CCIVS has also shared with its members [Soil Manifesto] The time to act is now!, Join us on the mission to make workcamps more inclusive!, CCIVS side event on the ECOSOC Youth Forum (including a confirmation and a reminder newsletter), Online training course to Improve Knowledge & Skills in the field of Volunteering In Conflict Areas.

FINANCES



Income Structural Grants from COE/EACEA

2020	2021
€50,000.00	€49,141.00
Erasmus+ programme of the European Union Administrative Grant	

2020	2021
€20,383.00	€20,383.00
European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe Structural Grant	

Expense & Income

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	Income	Expenditures	Result
2019	€624,909.00	€604,557.00	€20,352.00
2020	€234,387.00	€232,397.00	€1,990.00

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