



The MOVE project focuses on mutual recognition of skills and competences learned through volunteering among different stakeholders from the voluntary sector, business, formal education and government as well as accreditation bodies and European institutions. It brings together various stakeholders with their tools and experiences in the field of identifying, assessing and recognizing skills gained through volunteering.

The core of the project is our MOVE conference at the Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, 22-24 May 2007, which will be attended by an estimate of 100 persons.

The project consortium invites **60 experts and practitioners** in the field (and another 40 delegates audience) who will present and discuss good practice on

- **How to identify, assess and validate skills, competences and knowledge learned through volunteering**
- **How to ensure mutual recognition of these skills, competences and knowledge by different stakeholders such as institutions of formal learning (schools, universities, etc), the business sector and state agencies as well as accreditation bodies.**

Participants will discuss barriers that may hinder collaboration of the different stakeholders and open a European debate on the mutual recognition of learning outcomes through volunteering. Participants will also debate the possibility to develop a “European Volunteer Pass”, a portfolio of skills and competences acquired through volunteering that could contribute to the current work of the European institutions on the recognition on non-formal learning and the European Qualification Framework. The results and the experience of the seminar will establish a European Thematic Network that will take further the debate at a European level and work on implementation of the results.



Partners:

- The European Volunteer Centre, CEV (Brussels)
- BITC, BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY, UK
- European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA), Brussels
- INBAS-Sozialforschung GmbH, Germany
- Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk, Belgium
- SPES – Volunteer Development Agency Lazio Region, Italy
- Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR), UK
- ÖKA, National Volunteer Centre, Hungary
- Deutscher Caritasverband e.V., Verbund Freiwilligen-Zentren, Germany
- MOVISIE, Dutch National Institute for Social Development, the Netherlands
- Federació Catalana del Voluntariat Social, Catalan Federation of Social Volunteering, Spain
- ARBES Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bürgerschaftliches Engagement und Seniorengenossenschaften e.V., Germany
- Ring Oesterreichischer Bildungswerke, Austria
- THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, UK
- Association of Voluntary Service Organisations, AVSO, Brussels
- Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement BBE, Germany
- National Volunteer Center Association, Poland



Objectives:

- Bring together volunteer organisations, the business sector, governmental players and other stakeholders and experts;
- Present good practice on how to identify, assess and validate learning outcomes through volunteering;
- Discuss different perspectives of the stakeholders concerning mutual recognition
- Provide an overview of good practice in the field of mutual recognition of skills, competences and knowledge acquired through volunteering;
- Building a network amongst different stakeholders to further develop the results and outcomes of the seminar.



Conference: 22 – 24 May 2007, at the European Economic and Social Committee

60 invited experts (travel and hotel expenses covered by MOVE project)

Invited experts represent:

- **Volunteer manager and representatives of volunteer development agencies**
- **European institutions (Commission, Council of Europe, European Economic and Social Committee)**
- **University and research**
- **The corporate sector / business**
- **Officials from government at national level**
- **Employment agencies**
- **Vocational training experts**

The panel discussions will follow on:

Panel I: Identifying, assessing and recognizing - skills, competences and knowledge of volunteers – but how and by whom?

Panel II: Volunteering to raise skills and competences for employability: Mutual recognition by volunteer organisations and business?

Panel III: In-formal and non-formal learning “versus” formal learning –How to bridge between two worlds?

Panel IV: The policy perspective: Recognition of non-formal and informal learning outcomes by policy makers at EU and national level. How to get it official?

12 Workshop sessions with 24 presenters will give an overview of existing good practice of identification, assessment and validation of skills, competences and knowledge acquired through volunteering – and good practice of collaboration between stakeholder for mutual recognition.

DEADLINE OF NOMINATION OF PARTICIPATING EXPERTS:

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