



# EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

100 000 volunteers supported in 20 years



Developing **skills and competences** by contributing to work of organisation

## Age



17 - 30 years old

## Duration



2 - 12 month, in some cases from 2 weeks

## Types



**EVS activities**  
Up to 30 volunteers in daily work of organisations



**Large-scale EVS events**  
More than 30 volunteers in European or worldwide events

## Organisations' roles



**Sending** **Coordinating** **Receiving**



Applies to National Agency for funding

## Charter



The EVS core values and quality standards are laid down in the **EVS Charter**



## Database



Around **5 000** EVS accredited organisations in the Volunteering Database

## Support



Programme covers volunteer's **travel and living costs, pocket money, insurance and a discount card.**



**Trainings** provided to volunteers both during and after the project

# Effects

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## EVS improves foreign language skills

97% of the EVS participants have learned to communicate better with people who speak a different language.



## EVS improves intercultural competences

97% of the EVS participants have learned to get along better with people of a different cultural background.

## EVS is an enrichment for local communities

92% of the EVS project leaders are convinced that the EVS was perceived as an enrichment by the local environment/communities.

## EVS promotes solidarity, tolerance, respect and mutual understanding among young people

More than 80% of the project leaders are convinced that the EVS project contributes (among other things) to young people's respect for cultural diversity, to the development of solidarity and tolerance and to fostering mutual understanding among young people in Europe.



## EVS helps to realise one's ideas

74% of the EVS participants have improved their competences in developing a good idea and putting it into practice.

## EVS helps identify future opportunities

80% of the EVS participants have gained experience in identifying opportunities for their personal or professional future.



## EVS improves the ability to manage personal finances

83% of the EVS participants have gained valuable experience in planning their expenses and spending their money in line with their budget.



## EVS volunteers become more confident in moving around on their own and travelling, studying or working abroad

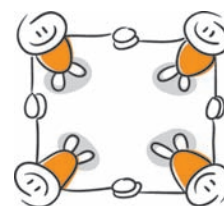
93% now feel more confident in moving around on their own in other countries (e.g. travel, study, work placement, job, etc.).

## EVS makes local communities more aware of the concerns and interests of young people

84% of the EVS project leaders are convinced that the local environment/community has become more aware of the concerns and interests of young people.

## EVS makes young people better team workers

85% of the EVS participants have learned how to cooperate better in a team.



## European Volunteers become more interested in European issues

56% feel that their EVS experience has stimulated their interest in European issues.



## EVS raises young people's awareness of common European values

85% of the EVS participants have become aware of common European values.

Data source: Ongoing research-based analysis and monitoring of the EU youth programme (Youth in Action/Erasmus+ Youth in Action) by means of RAY/www.researchyouth.net

The percentages stated above refer to EVS participants' responses regarding how they believe the EVS experience has affected them or to project leaders' responses concerning the effects of EVS projects on participants or on local communities where projects took place.

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