

VolinHA – SO

Our consortium

Coordinator: *The European Guild*

Partners: *Humanitarian Logistics Association, Comhlámh, FOCSIV, ActionAid Hellas, Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation, Zavod Volontariat, Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council, Esi Labs*

Associate partner: *France Volontaires*

Our project

Partners of the **Volunteering in Humanitarian Aid – Sending Organizations** (VolinHA-SO) project will mutualize their efforts to **increase best practice** both in the management of humanitarian aid volunteers in the framework of the EUAV Initiative, and incidentally in the implementation of volunteer programs currently run by each organization.

The project will **improve the standards and procedures** in volunteer management; bridge gaps between organizations specialized in humanitarian aid and those specialized in volunteer management while strengthening links between EU sending organizations and build a common ground for the definition of humanitarian aid volunteering; and find ways to manage the multicultural aspect of sending EU volunteers in third countries.

As a result, each partner organization will strengthen their volunteer management practice and therefore **have the capacity to undergo EUAV certification**. Comparing policies and procedures, finding where expertise resides, writing and implementing new procedures based on received guidance and shared experience will contribute to empowering each partner.

Thanks to the dissemination of the results throughout the consortium networks at national seminars, the project will impact many more organizations and continue beyond its lifetime.

We believe that **the consortium brings together the expertise required** to reach European standards. New and old EU member states have a lot to share and to learn one from another, while reinforcing their relationships. Having built close partnerships over the course of the project, partners may indeed **initiate new joint projects** in the context of the EUAV initiative and will act as ambassadors within their respective networks to replicate the project and help improve best practice according to European standards.

As such, creating a European corps of Humanitarian Aid Volunteers will take on its full meaning, starting with a European Corps of EUAV sending organizations.

Our objectives

1. Improve the procedures in volunteer management in order to reach the EU's requirements and standards for certification to the purpose of sending EUAVs to third countries. This activity will bring about behavior change/organizational development. This will help "enhance coherence and consistency of volunteering across Member states" (Reg. 375). Partners will be able to recruit a Civic Service Volunteer in order to facilitate this task. Each organization will then disseminate the newly acquired capacities by organizing a national workshop.
2. Bridge gaps between organizations specialized in humanitarian aid and those specialized in volunteer management while strengthening links between EU sending organizations and build a common ground for the definition of humanitarian aid volunteering. This will be implemented through conferences and workshops during 4 consortium meetings: Rome (October 2015), Paris (Salon des Solidarités, June 2016), Athens (November 2016), and Paris (July 2017).
3. Manage the multicultural aspect of sending EU Aid Volunteers in third countries, through conferences and workshops during the 4 consortium meetings.



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