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**EU Aid Volunteers**  
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# EU Aid Volunteers

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# What is EUAV?



- An opportunity for well trained and well prepared **junior and senior humanitarian volunteers** from the EU to help local communities in third countries
- Based on **concrete humanitarian needs and gaps** identified jointly by sending organisations in Member States and hosting organisations in third countries
- Providing **technical assistance and capacity building** for humanitarian organisations themselves – both sending and hosting - strengthening the system

## Sending Organisations



European Organisations



...active in the field of  
humanitarian aid



...including the International  
Federation of National Red  
Cross and Red Crescent  
Societies

## Hosting Organisations



**Third country  
organisations**



**...active in the field  
of Humanitarian Aid**



**...including International  
agencies and  
organisations**

# What is EUAV?



- Supplementary tool - **complimentary to ECHO's core emergency response work** – contributing to strengthening the resilience and capacity of local communities to deal with disasters
- Providing **networking opportunities** for organisations and volunteers – facilitating transnational partnerships, sharing knowledge and good practices, access to vacancies including online volunteering. Dedicated IT platform will be available May 2016.

# Why EUAV?

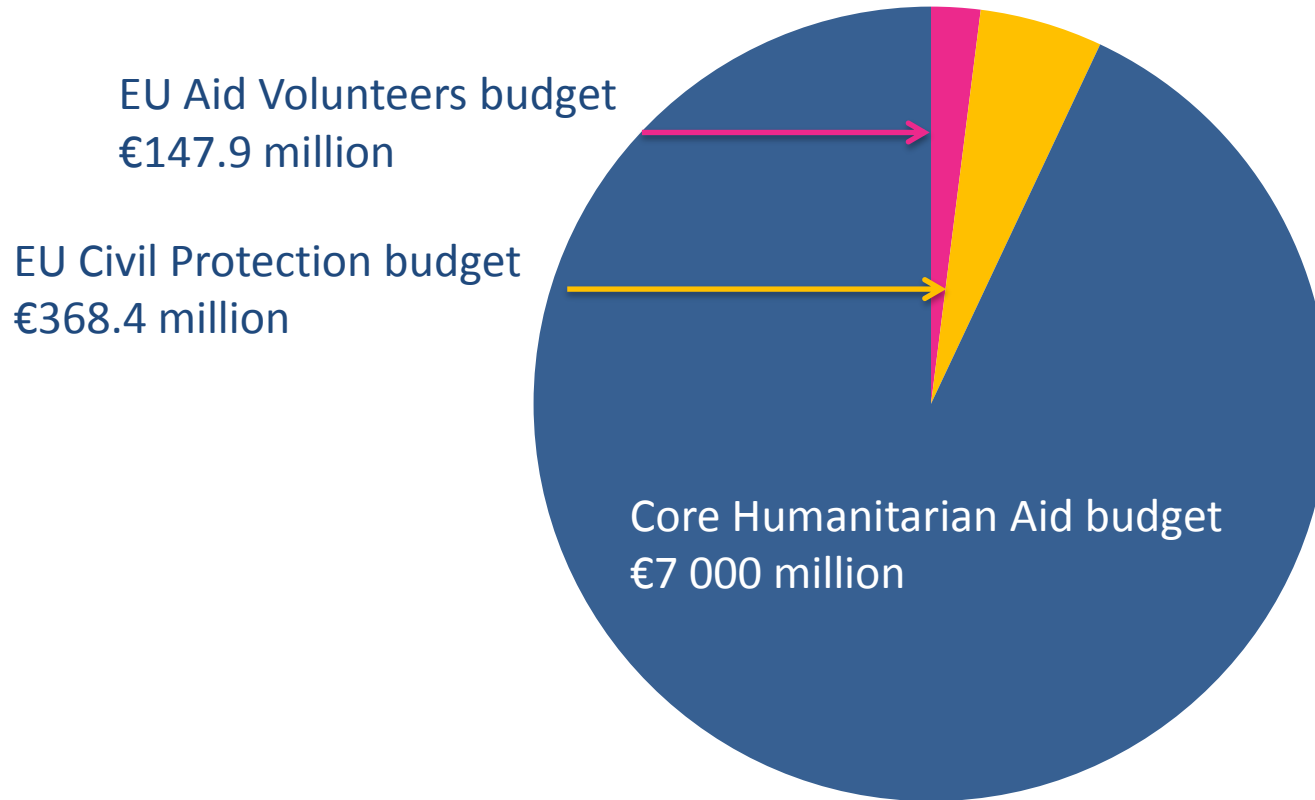


- **Solidarity** - responding to the requests of EU citizens to support those most in need in the world
- **Increasing number of natural and man-made disasters** - more efforts needed to prevent hazards becoming disasters
- Need for more trained and well prepared people to **support local organisations and communities**
- Support for **improvements in the humanitarian sector** –need for a stronger more robust system

# Budget



ECHO Total budget: €7 516.3 million



**The EU Aid Volunteers budget is separate to the core Humanitarian Aid budget**



## Regulation 375/2014

### Implementing Regulation 1244/2014

- **Volunteer management procedures**
- **Training programme**
- **Certification mechanism**

### Delegated Regulation 1398/2014

- **Standards on recognition, equal opportunities, partnerships and the competence framework.**



# The Pilot Phase 2011-2014



- 12 pilot projects in three phases funded under the action. 300 volunteers deployed in 49 third countries
- Lessons learnt:
  - Demand for humanitarian professionals
  - Demand for specific skills
  - Training provision central
  - Need for establishment of volunteer management standards
  - Demand for capacity building of local organisations to ensure lasting impact of the work.

# Benefits for Organisations



- Human Capital- investment in the professionalization of the sector
- Focus on resilience building and preparedness
- Partnerships, information sharing, knowledge transfer
- Additional Complimentary Funding Resource



# The Programme for Organisations



- Certification leading to **Deployment**  
**€8.4 million in 2016**
- **Capacity Building and Technical Assistance**  
Technical Assistance for sending organisations  
Capacity building in host countries  
**€7.6 million in 2016**
- ECHO funding 85% of total project costs

# The Programme for Volunteers

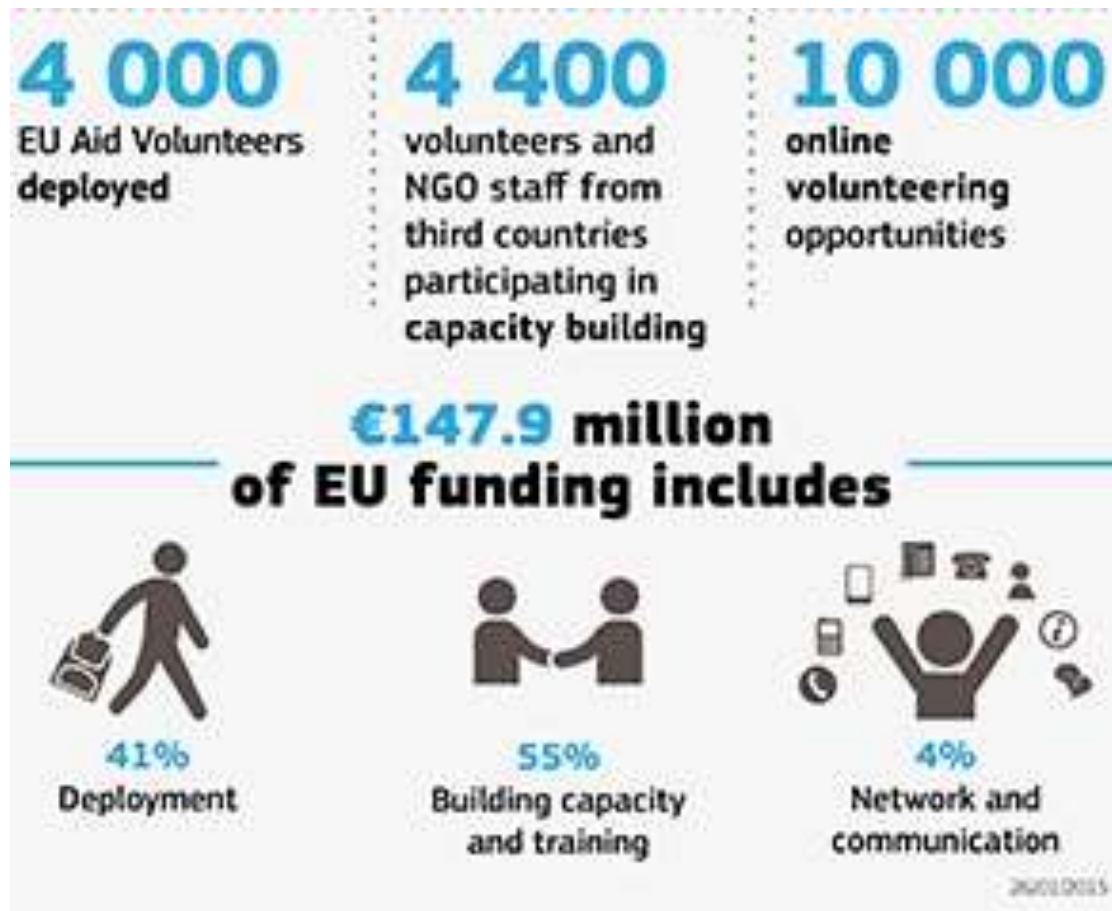


- From Member States – age 18 or over – **junior and senior** (min five years' experience) volunteers. Placements from **1 to 18 months**
- Flights, accommodation, subsistence allowance and insurance provided – safety and security a priority - no deployment to conflict areas
- **Centralised training** and possibility of 6 months apprenticeship for junior volunteers
- Vacancies for **specific profiles** following needs assessment - online volunteering also possible –from mid 2016

# The Programme



## 2015-20 - Opportunities



# Working with the EACEA



- **Project Selection & Management**

Calls for proposals: 1) Technical assistance and capacity building  
2) Deployment

Calls for tenders: 1) Training  
2) Insurance

- **Project Monitoring**



# Organisations - How to get involved



## Certification

### STEP 1



Become a certified EU Aid Volunteers sending or hosting organisation

Certification is now open!

#### Apply here:

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/actions/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/actions/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations_en)



You are now certified, showing your organisation commits to the EU Aid Volunteers standards in volunteer management and is ready to send or host volunteers under the EU Aid Volunteers initiative

# Organisations - How to get involved



## Consortium Building

### STEP 2



Build a consortium of sending and hosting organisations



Looking for a partner, check out this helpful tool:

<https://euav-infodaytool.teamwork.fr/>



# Organisations- How to get involved



## Submit Proposal

### STEP 3



Once certified and part of a consortium, submit a project proposal for deployment of EU Aid Volunteers to humanitarian contexts.



Calls for proposals will re-open in 2016'

# Certification



**Ongoing call for applications for Certification** of sending and hosting organisations (open until 2020)

Self assessment forms in which organisations:

- commit to adhere to the standards and procedures referred to in [Article 9 of Regulation \(EU\) 375/2014](#)
- confirm that they are active in the field of humanitarian aid as defined in point (d) of [Article 3 of Regulation \(EU\) 375/2014](#)

# Certification



## The form: standards and procedures



Performance Management



Living conditions



Working conditions



Contract with the  
volunteer



Integrity & Code of  
conduct



Debriefing

# Deployment



- **Call to be published:** 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2016 - Info-Day (date tbc)
- **Activities:** Deployment of senior and junior EU Aid Volunteers to humanitarian aid projects in the area of DRR in third countries based on identified needs.
- **Partnership:**  $\geq 2$  certified sending organisations from 2 different countries and  $\geq 2$  certified hosting organisations; may include other partner organisations specialised in any areas relevant to the objectives or the actions of the project and associates
- **Volunteers:** junior or senior professionals (more than 5 years' experience)
- **Apprenticeship** (junior professionals): in one of the participating EU Member States for max. 6 months
- **List of countries for 2016 for deployment and capacity building in third countries to be published shortly**



- **Call to be published:** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2016
- **Objective:** Strengthening the capacities of sending and hosting organisations intending to participate in the initiative and ensuring compliance with the standards and procedures.
- **Partnership for TA:** organisations from  $\geq 3$  EU countries; applicant active in the humanitarian aid field for at least 3 years; applicant or one of partner active in the volunteer management for at least 3 years;
- **Partnership for CB:** organisations from  $\geq 3$  EU countries and  $\geq 3$  third countries in which humanitarian aid take place; all EU organisations active in the humanitarian aid field for at least 3 years; at least 2 third countries' organisations are active in the humanitarian aid field; applicant or one of partner active in the volunteer management for at least 3 years;



The **application package** contains the following parts:

1. Application form: e-Form
2. Supporting documents as annexes to the e-Form and submitted electronically with the application form:
  - Detailed budget/ Indicative breakdown/ Operational capacity/ Financial capacity (Excel file)
  - Work plan
  - Declaration of honour (PDF)
  - Mandates (PDF)

# Step 1 before applying: PIC



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- EU Aid Volunteers

If you plan to submit a project proposal under one of these programmes, or wish to participate as an independent expert, you are required to register your organisation or expert details here. For informal groups of young people, one member of the group should register, as a natural person, in the Organisation tab, on behalf of the group. In the Organisation tab you will be able to search for registered organisations.

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