

Volunteers want to do meaningful work, they can enjoy and love. Sincere appreciation by the organization of the work they conduct is important for them. In addition, some volunteers work because they want to expand their knowledge and skills and pave their way to a paid job. The Europass Certificate for volunteers can help to explain what volunteers have learned during a period of voluntary activities.

WHAT IS A EUROPASS CERTIFICATE FOR VOLUNTEERS?

The Europass Certificate for Volunteers is a unique document for individuals to earn in recognition of their volunteering commitment. It is very important for volunteers to clearly articulate and explain what they have learned during a period of voluntary activities. For example, when volunteers apply for a job or further education they can refer to their Europass Certificate for Volunteers. This document gives a clear and objective description of the work carried out by the individual. The organization appoints the experience gained by the volunteer and highlights his or her qualities. The volunteer is then able to present himself better and increase his position within the labour market.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Many organizations are depending on or working with volunteers. It is very important to bind volunteers to an organization. By issuing the Europass Certificate for Volunteers the organization shows the appreciation of the work the volunteer has done and wants to invest in his career path. When a volunteer asks for a reference, the organization does not have to develop an extra document.

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EUROPASS

Europass is an initiative of the European Commission, and consists of five documents that employers can use to show their skills and competences clearly and unambiguously. The basis of the Europass is the cv which you can supplement as you wish with the other documents of Europass, f.e. the Europass Certificate for Volunteers. The result is a digital portfolio which you use throughout Europe: the European Skills Passport.

The Europass Certificate for Volunteers gives information about:

- The volunteer involving organization
- Type of work
- The period of voluntary work
- The skills and competences gained



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