

***An international conference promoted and organised by  
Centro Nazionale per il Volontariato,  
Region of Tuscany, CSVnet, Cesvot and Fondazione volontariato e partecipazione***



## **Volunteering across Europe. Research as a tool for policy making**

***In collaboration with the partners of the research on voluntary work in Europe:  
CSVnet - SPES Lazio – CSV Friuli Venezia Giulia – Celivo Genova – AVM Marche  
Lombardia CSV Coordination Body***

**12 – 13 November 2009**

**Lucca, Auditorium San Michele  
Via San Michele, 3**

Research as a tool for policy making. This is the significance of the international conference organised by the CNV – in collaboration with the Region of Tuscany, CSVnet and Cesvot - in which situations and experiences of voluntary work in Europe will be compared, on the basis of what has emerged from the research studies promoted by SPES, the Centre of Services for voluntary organisations in Lazio, starting in 2003 and today involving almost all the countries of the European Union, an active role being played by numerous centres of support for voluntary work in Italy and in Europe as a whole.

The CNV - which has followed this initiative with interest since its beginning and which is now part of the research group – sees this conference as an opportunity for reflection on the part of institutions and voluntary associations alike, on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the setting up in Lucca of the CEV (*il Centro Europeo del Volontariato*, or European Centre for Voluntary Associations), and of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the CNV itself.

The research studies, and indeed the conference itself, aim to help both to overcome any prejudices regarding the diversities of “volunteering” in Europe and to promote a common language based on key concepts referring to the solidarity and subsidiarity that characterize the European culture of volunteering and its various roles, both “expected” or actually carried out. In particular, the intention is to carry out an in-depth analysis of the action of voluntary work in building social cohesiveness, of the legislative/regulatory framework in which it operates in the differing social contexts, and of the various methodologies for measuring the social and economic impact. Indeed, elements emerge from the analysis that will constitute the basis of the policies to be developed along a common pathway with full respect of our diversities - the opportunities of 2011, the European year of volunteering.

*(Simultaneous translation from English to Italian and vice versa)*

**Thursday 12 November**

14.30 – 15.00      Introductory address  
**Giuseppe Zamberletti**, President of CNV  
**Patrizio Petrucci**, President of Cesvot  
**Giovanni Cattani**, President of *Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca*  
**Mauro Favilla**, Mayor of Lucca  
**Stefano Baccelli**, President of the Province of Lucca

Introduction of the work  
15.00 - 15.30      **"Voluntary service and institutions for the development of solidarity"**  
**Gianni Salvadori**, Councillor for Social Policy of the Region of Tuscany  
**Rita Cutini**, Vice president CNV

15.30 – 17.00      **Presentation programme of the Conference**  
**Rossana Caselli** Training courses and European relations for CNV

Session I      **"The action of voluntary organisations in Europe: common points and specificities"**

Chair                **Stefano Tabò**, President of Csv Celivo Genova

Speaker            **Caroline Gijssels**, University of Leuven  
Discussant        **Ugo Ascoli**, University of Ancona

17.00                Coffee break

17.30                **Lester Salomon** Johns Hopkins University  
Workshop on voluntary methods of survey

20.30                Cocktail with **Corrado Corghi** ex Vice President CEV  
                         **Eva Hambach** current President CEV  
to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the CEV (24 November 1989) and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the CNV at Lucca (12 November 1984)

21.30                Concert of music by Puccini

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**Friday 13 November**

Introduction of the work  
9.00 – 9.15        **"The contribution of voluntary organisations to economic and social cohesion"**  
**Marian Harkin**, member of European Parliament

9.15 – 11.00      Session II                    **"Measuring the impact of volunteering"**

Chair    **Enrico Marcolini**, President of CSV – A.V.M. *Centro di servizi delle Marche*

Speaker            **Lester Salomon**, Johns Hopkins University  
Discussant        **Costanzo Ranci**, Politecnico Milano

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 Discussion: **"Voluntary organisations of Europe. Towards 2011, the European Year of Volunteering"**

Participants:

**Elena Montani** Representation of the European Commission in Italy \*  
**Marina Gerini**, DG for Volunteering, Associations and social bodies of the Work Ministry

**Maria Pia Bertolucci** Vice President of the *Centro Nazionale per il Volontariato* (National Volunteering Centre)

**Marco Granelli**, President of CSVnet

**Silvia Costa**, Member of the European Parliament

**Marian Harkin**, Member of European Parliament

**Francesca Balzani**, Member of European Parliament

**Members of the European Parliament supporting the intergroup on volunteering**

Chair **Renzo Razzano**, Vice President of CEV – European Volunteer Centre

13.00 – 14.00 Buffet

14.00 – 16.00 Session III **"Legal Framework for volunteering"**

Chair **Enrico Rossi**, Councillor of Tuscany Region

Speaker **Emanuele Rossi**, University of Sant'Anna, Pisa  
**Stefano Ragghianti**, President of Fondazione Volontariato e Partecipazione

Discussant **Mike Nussbaum**, Volunteering England

16.30 **Conclusions**  
**Claudio Calvaruso** President Scientific Board CNV

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