

EURAVON Project Overview

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EURAVON:

European System for Recognition and Validation of Non-formal & Informal Youth Learning Deriving From Voluntary Civil Service



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- **EDOS FOUNDATION (P₇) Netherlands**



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Project's Aim:

- **The Project aims to create a systematic tool for monitoring, recognition and certification of key transversal competencies acquired via non-formal and informal learning during voluntary service experiences, which also enables the transfer of EU mobility in that sector.**

The need of EURAVON can be explained through the background and challenges regarding voluntary work....



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Background Information

- **Volunteer work, often referred to simply as “volunteering,” is a crucial renewable resource for economic, social, cultural, political and environmental problem-solving the world over.**
- **Volunteering is a pathway to integration and employment and a key factor for improving social cohesion.**
- **Volunteering can be a means of gaining knowledge, exercising skills and extending social networks.**



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- **Volunteering acts like an additional educational qualification or form of work experience, boosting a person's curriculum vitae and adding to their monetary rewards over time.**
- **Above all, volunteering translates the fundamental values of justice, solidarity, inclusion and citizenship.**
- **Volunteering, therefore, not only contributes to skills development and the economy, but also strengthens solidarity and social cohesion, and can make a contribution to inclusive growth, as envisaged by the Europe 2020 strategy.**



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Challenges for Volunteering

- Study on Volunteering in the European Union (2010) identified the lack of adequate training to volunteers for the increased transparency/image of the voluntary sector as the potential challenges to volunteering.

Therefore the major challenge to volunteering is:

- *“how to provide adequate accredited professional training, guidance and supervision for volunteers, which by providing them with competencies and tools allows them to support the provision and delivery of voluntary services.”*



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Challenges for Volunteering

In EU there is:

- a current lack of a clear logical framework: In Turkey, Bulgaria, Cyprus and The Netherlands currently do not have a clear legal framework and clear rules for youth volunteers and volunteering.
- a current lack of recognition: skills that are gained through volunteering activities are not always sufficiently recognized or given credit.
- a current lack of supportive tools for the TSOs.
- insufficient data on best practices and examples on volunteering.
- Johns Hopkins University' study namely "Volunteering in the European Union" (GHK 2010)

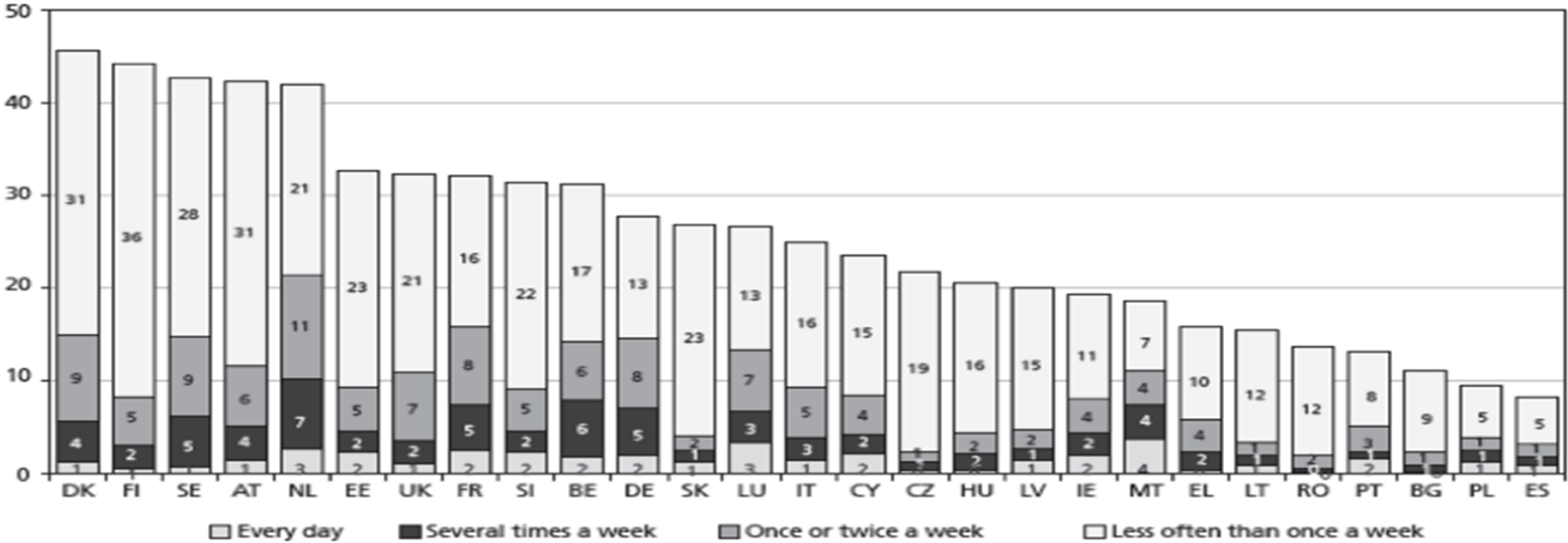


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Challenges for Volunteering

Mismatch between supply and demand: Volunteers are available for short-term projects, while organizations need people to make long-term commitments.

Frequency of participation in voluntary and charitable activities by EU Member State (%)



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EURAVON Intellectual outputs

- **O1: Consolidated survey findings**
- **O2: EURAVON system for recognition, validation and certification non-formal and informal learning deriving from voluntary civil services' experience of youth**
- **O3: Instructions Guide for the system of competencies monitoring in the voluntary civil service**
- **O4: Adaptation & Enhancement of 8 Key Competencies Toolkit**
- **O5: Usability report**
- **O6: Project website & e-learning platform**



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EURAVON Multiplier events:

- **E1: Final EU Conference in Turkey**

EURAVON blended mobility of young people:

- **Three activities: C1 in Bulgaria, C2 in Cyprus and C3 in Turkey**



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Target Groups:

- Youth volunteers (≥ 500 per Turkey; ≥ 100 per Bulgaria, Cyprus and The Netherlands)
- Third sector organizations
- Universities
- Organizations managing voluntary service programs



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Budget and Duration

- 280.742 €
- Project Duration: 24 months, 01.12.2014 – 30.11.2016
- Project Coordinator: Yildirm Beyazit University



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