“Removing barriers to international volunteering to improve youth social inclusion”

International volunteering supports young people to combat the risk of slipping into poverty, social exclusion and unemployment which many young people are facing throughout the EU.

European countries see the benefits of investing in young people to take up international volunteering opportunities, and took part to the IVO4all project.

A European partnership between representatives of France, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom has explored 15 measures and put in place a quality assurance tool to make international volunteering more accessible for all.

204 young people have benefited from these measures and went on a placement abroad

Over 25 organizations involved

More than 75% feel more confident about entering the job market

80% feel more committed to being an active (EU) citizen

*NEETs: Not in Employment, Education or Training (source of data: Eurostat, 2015)
To create a fair inclusive environment

WE RECOMMEND

- Set clear vision and targets for inclusion
- Design a coherent volunteer journey
- Advocate and support the removal of potential legal and political barriers
- Raise stakeholders awareness about the importance of mobilising young people with less opportunities in volunteering
- Create an environment that encourages strong partnerships between all relevant actors
- Support practitioners in both sending and receiving countries to remove barriers to participation

- Ex-ante evaluation
- On-going evaluation
- Ex-post evaluation

What to expect the 6th of June?

Building partnership
Interactive space to explore solutions to enable us to remove barriers and make international volunteering more inclusive for young people who struggle to access international volunteering opportunities.

Engaging with Policy maker
A space to share our experience and recommend strategies to make international volunteering more accessible to young people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

A quality assurance framework
The Quality Assurance self-audit process will enable field trials to assess and monitor accessibility of their scheme, to reflect on their position in relation to each of the quality principles, and highlight areas of good practice and actions to be prioritized.