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## Welcome to the second issue of NEVAmind!

NEVA, the Network of European Volunteers' Associations is pleased to bring you the 2nd issue of its electronic newsletter for all people and associations involved in the European Voluntary Service (EVS) and future European volunteers!!!

This is the second issue of the

newsletter after a long break of more than one year! During this period a lot of important things happened so you should start to read the newsletter immediately! This issue has lots of interesting

articles about how the situation of EVAs was in the beginning of this year and



those events, seminars and meetings that took place since the last newsletter. You will also read about the events that will take place in the near future.

Our desperate idea is to keep

on producing these fantastic newsletters so if you would like to publish anything about your EVA, please let us know! You can write about the EVA itself, events, activities, ideas and any other interesting things!

NEVAmind would like to be a further step towards a deeper

collaboration between EVAs!

**Enjoy NEVAmind!**

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## Take Off to the Future, NEVA seminar 27 November-2 December, Lanckorona (POL)

### One more seminar for 2007!

The last event this year will take place in Lanckorona, Poland organised by TRAMPOLINA, the Polish EVA. This seminar is a clear continuation of all previously organised NEVA events.

The aim of this meeting will be to increase the international cooperation and partnership between ex-EVS organizations from different European

countries within NEVA.

To reach the aim TRAMPOLINA brings together members of 11 ex-EVS organizations in order to:

- enable an exchange of the good work practices;
- enhance the NEVA network and analyze the possibilities for NEVA development;
- develop common international projects that could be developed after the seminar.

The participants of this seminar are preparing for this event in order to create a successful further cooperation in the frames of NEVA.

The main subject of the next NEVA newsletter, edited by TRAMPOLINA, will be this seminar and its results!!!

## TRAMPOLINA STRIKES AGAIN!!!!

### Experimental Creative Arts Workshops, XII 2006.

National Agency TRAMPOLINA has jointly organised in December 2006 in Krakow the Experimental Creative Arts workshops, due to celebration of 'International Volunteers Day'. On December 4-8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 a group of EVS volunteers were working with people with mental health problems in creative actions of ceramic, wood-craft, fabric, visual arts and animation sessions. All creative arts work were presented at the Final Concert on December 9<sup>th</sup>

**NEVA the next step, I 2007** "NEVA-the next step" took place in Krakow on January 11-14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 where a few organizations met for a working weekend to reflect on the present activities, work on future projects and discuss the future of the Network of Ex Volunteer Associations. One of the



main tasks was to discuss and prepare the coming seminar for NEVA, which will take place in autumn 2007.

### First Day of Spring, III 2007

The Local Group of Warsaw is known for cultivating Polish customs. That is why we could never forget the first day of the spring. That morning 10 people appeared in Szczesliwice Park in Warsaw. The Krakow's delegation was also there. Following the custom, we prepared a puppet symbolizing the

winter. Burning such a puppet indicates the arrival of the spring. To celebrate this moment we went to have a dinner in a bar!

### Weekend in Ojcow, IV 2007

With first breath of spring a group of volunteers met together in south Poland.



We came from different regions to change our experience and to rest a little bit in mountains. It was occasion to met each other and compare a work of regional groups.

### Good Gifts Day, V 2007

We met together with idea to made hand bags! Almost 2 hours we worked hard in a tea house in Warsaw. We had a nice time together, talking about ecological problems and discussing how they could help our planet.

### Midsummer's Eve, VI 2007

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we met in a group of 9 to take part in drum workshops. We played for 3 hours and became an orchestra. By the end we went to the Morskie Oko park to celebrate the Midsummer Eve. That's the way the holidays has began.

### Volunteers without borders, IX 2007

Inspired by our previous project

**„A group of ex-EVS people were working with people with mental health problems in creative actions...”**



**TRAMPOLINA**

promoting voluntary service in Podlasie region in September 2006, we decided to organize a similar project. We started on September 21<sup>st</sup> from Krakow. We were driving in 2 mini-buses. We spent weekend on getting to know each other and preparing the presentations of EVS. Afterwards from Monday till Friday we visited schools talking to the young people about EVS.

### Regional Reactivation, XII 2007

For TRAMPOLINA it is crucial to associate as many ex volunteers as possible. The association's activity is largely based on functioning of the local groups. Regrettably, not everywhere the ex-EVS volunteers success to create a local group in their city. We wrote an application for co-financing of the project to the World Bank within the Small Grants



Programme and we were selected. Within our project we organize three meetings of former EVS volunteers, during which they will meet each other, learn more about the TRAMPOLINA's activities, learn how to get involved and what they can gain for themselves from being in Trampolina.

## TRAMPOLINA BREAKING NEWS!

After hot and sunny summer, when we all had to take a rest, this autumn was really full of different activities run by TRAMPOLINA! We had both local and national events. What has been done in the chronicle order.

**PR Training (Aug. 24/27)** – our 16 members took part in four-day long training focused on Public Relations in NGOs. Thanks to the professional crew from *Creative PR Agency* we had a chance to learn a lot about the presentation techniques. It has been a big surprise for all of us to start the very first evening with preparing a press conference. The result – much fun while watching our conference registered on a video camera. During the training we have learned about the body language and self presentation and how to speak in front of the public. The



time spent on the training will surely be productive – we are building our image day by day.

**Podlasie on the road (Sep. 15/24).** We made a EVS promotion tour where it may be hard to get this information – in small, remote towns. During 10 days-long project we visited 10 towns in the north-east part of Poland – Podlasie region. We have been traveling in 2 gorgeous minibuses and meeting the youngsters at schools, culture centers and on the streets. We reached approximately 1000 people. Everytime we were presenting our EVS experience and telling what are their possibilities and how to take part in it. The organiser of the project was our partner association *Horisont*.

**Seminar in Małdralin (Oct. 19/22).** Some of us met the new Ex-Volunteers on the National Agency's Evaluation Seminar in Małdralin close to Warsaw. We had two days to discuss with the

other EVS people on our up-coming activities and to invite them to participate in them. We also continue to send TRAMPOLINA's representatives for the other – on-arrival and pre-departure seminars organised by Polish NA.

**Seminar in Łagów (Nov. 16-19).** About 10 members of TRAMPOLINA and 15 members of *Horisont* met to discuss about the missions, structures and activities of those two Ex-



Volunteers' associations. We exchanged our so-far experiences and talked about the possibilities of the future cooperation.

Due to this year's celebration of International Volunteers Day we are the official organiser of the **Experimental Creative Arts workshops (Dec. 2/9)** in Radwanowice, near Krakow. The main aim for this year of the International Day of Volunteer is promotion of EVS through creative work between international group of previous and present EVS volunteers, people with special needs and artists. From 4th to 8th of December group of ex-EVS volunteers will be participating in creative actions of ceramic, wood-craft, fabric, visual arts and animation sessions providing by talented artists. For the final evening of the International Volunteer Day in Krakow TRAMPOLINA prepares a big concert of klezmer music, which is free and open for all EVS volunteers and all those, who are interested in it.

TRAMPOLINA is also a partner organisation which prepares a **First Volunteering Festival** in Warsaw (**Dec. 4/10**). The members of our association will be present on one of the days to talk with the citizens of Warsaw

about volunteer's work abroad.

**NEVA the Next Step Seminar in Krakow (Jan. 11/14).** All of the representatives who took part in the seminar "EVA in ACTION" in Portugal, agreed on expanding NEVA. That is why we decided to organize the next meeting of our associations in 2007. However, TRAMPOLINA does not have an international experience yet, so we start with a feasibility visit. There we are going to meet people with more experience in such projects. We are glad to announce that the Polish NA approved our application. The aim of this project is to prepare the programme of the next annual meeting of all EVAs.

Apart from the events on national level, a very important part of TRAMPOLINA's activities are **Local Groups Small Projects**. This autumn the Warsaw Local Group met a few times to integrate TRAMPOLINA's members, the current EVS Volunteers in Poland with new Ex-EVS people. Together they cooked *bigos* (traditional meal made of cabbage), played mafia and went dancing. The same happens in



Krakow, Olsztyn and will happen soon in Torun. Local Groups in Warsaw and Krakow will meet to bake the gingerbread (Krakow will bake them in an orphanage) and to produce the Christmas cards.



## REVE recently

**The Spanish Network of European Ex EVS (REVE) is born to give an answer to ex EVS of European Voluntary Service's needs, to pass on our experience to next volunteers and to give support to current volunteers of European Voluntary Service.**

REVE's legally first steps were in March 2007 in the enigmatic town of Seville and REVE will be consolidated at the end of 2007 in Vasque Country.

Each member and partner have carried out their own activities before Seville's meeting, although we can say that we have an experience at a national level: The European Youth

Week in November 2006 which has been our first important project. It was an opportunity given by Spanish



National Agency to give several lectures on European Voluntary Service

in Spain. It has taken place in Madrid, Murcia, Valladolid, Gijón, Valencia, Zaragoza...

REVE will have its award ceremony in front of technical commission of Spanish National Agency very soon. The elaboration of brochures or other projects as EVS friends, consultancy EVS and EX EVS, notebooks to share, newsletters... will follow this presentation.

Besides, we have taken part in Krakow thanks to José, who was our representative in this seminar in January 2007 and we have previewed to participate in seminars of France, Turkey, Poland and Sweden.

**Don't forget to find the group of NEVA in Facebook!**

## Good moments ahead in Ikinuovot!

In Finland we've had a fructuous fall and winter. Before Christmas most of our "staff" changed. The coordination group of the tutoring and on-arrivals changed completely. The three experienced who had been running the group for couple of years already, Leena, Heidi and Bram, trained well their followers and in November they left their responsibilities to the hands of Anna, Katri, Taru and Riina. Also most of the board members are now new faces. Kaisa, Valerija, Jenni and Tiina seem to have a lot of energy and new ideas. Now it's our mission to see to it that that energy doesn't go into waste.

One of the new ideas was that someone from the Ikinuovot could participate to the volunteers' mid-term meeting. That is an easy way to reach many volunteers face to face, ask how they are doing and plan future events with them. We are

spent a hilarious international weekend in the archipelago. The program of the weekend included games, music, sauna and swimming. It was quit a cold shower to jump into the freezing sea water, you can be sure.

**"Good moments with nice people from all around Europe"**

trying that out in June. Our superactive French volunteers in Turku wanted to invite some of the Swedish volunteers they met in Stockholm to visit Finland. So, we organized together a WE weekend in Turku, rent a cabin and

Biking trip in the summer in the beautiful archipelago or the forestry eastern Finland are under the planning. And would we have time to go hiking in the autumn colors of Lapland together in September? We'll see. But we will have good moments with nice people from all around the Europe in a way or another.

## 2006-2007 - Busy years for ExistT...

2006 and 2007 have been very busy years for ExistT.

The Ex-volunteers from our Association have taken part in lots of activities related to EU initiatives such as



conferences, seminars, youth exchanges etc...And it is with great pleasure that we have acknowledged the approval of some projects we presented to the Italian National Agency.

In the framework of Action 3.1 of the Youth Programme we have implemented a project called "Young Europe Laboratory – LEG" which aimed at promoting the Youth Programme through interactive laboratories (theatre, music, movie and arts) involving youngsters with fewer opportunities.

Furthermore we have started the project on information and communication called "Radio Lab FVG – Frequenze Very Giovani": the purpose is to create a

space where young people of our Region can meet, participate and have the possibility to communicate with their peer, sharing their own interests and competences.

At European level we are participating more and more to the international meetings organized by NEVA in order to improve our relationship with other EVAs and to promote our activities.

We also gained more space on local media (newspapers and radio) and we are planning to realize our official website: [www.exist-youth.eu](http://www.exist-youth.eu).

But for now you can contact us at [info@exist-youth.eu](mailto:info@exist-youth.eu). We all hope to hearing soon from you!!!



## VERA and the French Network of EVAs

The 2, 3 and 4th February 2007 in Gigors et Lozeron (France), VERA (Association of Ex volunteers of Rhone Alpes: [www.creabc.com/vera](http://www.creabc.com/vera) ) has organised a meeting for ex volunteers from all the country focused on the theme « What you can do after your EVS ? ».

This meeting called « the Rebound » was mainly set up to overcome the lack of return seminars for most of the French EVS. It has been a perfect opportunity for the participants who where there to share experiences about their return from EVS and about the projects they are leading now.

This encountering was the second “post EVS seminar” organised by French

EVAs in the frame the SVE connexion project. The project has been run since 2001 with the financial support of the European Commission by a group of French ex EVS, members of the various regional associations of ex-volunteers.

It also includes the modernization of the SVE Connexion website (<http://www.sve-connexion.org/> ) . This site aims at bringing together all the French volunteers, ex volunteers and foreigners who are doing their EVS in France. It provides informations such as experiences of the members, a data base of volunteers, contacts or useful links about EVS and Ex-EVS. All the news about the activities of the local french

EVAs are also available on the website (date of the meetings, reports, projects, informations about the Youth Programme...).



**Did you know that there is/will be a new NEVA website? A basic but useful one that all EVAs will be able to use and benefit from: <http://neva.4evs.net/joomla/> ! Check it out and you will see that there is still sooo much to do! What can you do for the website? Our network needs IT people! If you can help, please tell NEVA!**

**This coordination seminar was the first event of the Summer! Without keeping you up more, let us publish some parts of the final report of the organiser EVA, called VE-IDF! We all thank them for their hard work and especially for making us easier to edit this newsletter...**

“NEVA stands for *Network of European Volunteers Associations* and is an international structure currently being established in Europe. Under the motto: ‘Keep the spirit alive’ this network of *European Volunteers Associations* co-operates on an international level, to promote voluntary service among young people.

“From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, the European Volunteers’ Association from the Paris region VE IDF organised a working weekend. It involved the representatives of the most active organisations in NEVA. The objective was to discuss the development strategy of NEVA and prepare the NEVA's august meeting in France. “

“We divided the weekend into 2 different workshops which all participants were involved in. We decided to save a large amount of time for non-formal debate in order to create real cohesion in the group. We managed to increase the energy of the group compared with the formal workshops.”



“Generally speaking, it seems quite clear that the development of NEVA could help in reaching at least 3 of the 5 general objectives of the Youth in Action Programme:

- Promote young people’s active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular;
- Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries;
- Contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;”

The difficulty lays in defining projects and tasks for NEVA, taking into account the fact that we are all

**"this network of European Volunteers' Associations cooperates on an international level, to promote voluntary service among young people"**

volunteers and “*the days are only 24 hours long*”. Moreover, it seems obvious that the limited resources we have, should be focused on developing our national organisations.

We agreed to keep as main objectives the aims defined during the feasibility visit in Krakow:

1. to keep and strengthen the international cooperation of our organizations
2. to serve as a platform for sharing our experiences
3. to fasten the flow of information between EVAs
4. to serve as a great recourse of information, ideas and partner organizations



5. to promote EVS and ex-EVS and work on the quality of EVS”

“Discussion about the future organisation of NEVA :

The future organisation of NEVA was also discussed during this seminar. A first discussion was held through a brainstorming session on Saturday, giving us the possibility to emphasise the advantages and disadvantages of an International NGO . After exposing the different aspects of the international NGO's functionality and listening to each participant's point of view, a majority of them expressed their wish to see NEVA take this formal structure, especially to give it a legal personality.“

“We decided that the French seminar that takes place in Grenoble from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007 should focus on the theme of internal and external communication. In this purpose we agreed to have 4 different workshops : strategy planning workshop, EVS inter-generational workshop, NEVA website, exchange of the national practices of EVAs”

**Network of European Volunteers' Associations instead of Network of Ex Volunteers' Associations.** During this seminar the decision was taken to change the meaning of NEVA. It was obvious that “European volunteers” instead of “Ex volunteers” suited the activities of the national EVAs and the actions we intend to do in this network!

## NEVA: A step further, 14-17 August 2007, Grenoble (FRA)

### Study visit on an EVS evaluation meeting organised by VE-IDF, 17-20 August 2007, Valsenestre (FRA)

**A long title kills the article! But not in this case! Those who have been there will read with good memories. Those who have not been there will read with great curiosity!**

The second international event of this Summer was again organised by VE IDF and connected to a study visit for those who were interested in it. The seminar was about further cooperation of NEVA. The study visit was about how to organise and lead an EVA evaluation meeting by an EVA.

“NEVA, a step further” had the general objective to contribute to build a European Network of EVAs. Through this seminar we have tried to produce concrete tools useful to EVAs activities and to create an appropriate framework for the elaboration of new projects at national, transnational and European level, as for example the exchange of best practices. The seminar brought together 30 young people coming from 13 different countries.

As it was stressed in Krakow (Jan.'07), **communication** is a very important issue at this early stage of NEVA development. That's way it has been chosen as central theme of the seminar: basically NEVA network has to be consider as a tool for *internal communication* (between EVAs) and at the same time has to develop an *external communication strategy* (to give recognition and legitimacy to the network).

As for the working method we chose to combine plenary session meetings with works in four different thematic



workshops: strategy planning, exchange around national practices, intergenerational movie and the web-site.

**The history of NEVA started somewhen in 1999 but restarted in 2005 (Slovakia). In 2006 (Portugal - Aneve) the first newsletter was created. In 2007 cooperation in NEVA grew (Poland - Trampolina, 2X France - VE IDF) . In the next event (Poland - Trampolina, Nov-Dec 2007) common projects are going to be created! 2008 is your year to go on with NEVA!**

The participants take actively part in the different working-groups and the outcomes of the event are really positive: concrete tools to promote EVAs such as the web-site (to be finalised) and a movie and a good moment to think about our strategy,



entity and common projects...

The last pages of the newsletter contain a first database collecting information on some of the EVAs that participated at the event... the objective will be to complete the database and make it available on-line, but for the moment we think it could give useful information to those who were not there.

It was also pointed out that we should strengthen our collaboration with National Agencies and established a more fruitful dialogue with them both in terms of inputs and feed-backs.

#### Study visit in Valsenestre

The study visit followed the meeting in Grenoble and allowed to 14 representatives form European EVAs to take part in the French Post-EVS seminar “Un pont plus loin”. It has represented an incredible way to deepen the exchanges on national projects! In addition... having ex-volunteers coming from other countries was very appreciated by French ex-volunteers as it contributed to maintain the European atmosphere of the EVS! ....*keep the spirit alive*... this is our motto!!



## „Solenne artykul”



Solenne Horellou, a French ex-EVS being in Poland participates in the events of - the star of this issue - Trampolina. Find her “artykul” about a recent event:

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September, an interesting action was organised in Poland, precisely in the region of the Polish Carpats (Podkarpacie, at the Ukrainian border). The aim was to promote EVS towards youngsters, in schools and streets. Trampolina organised this action, with the support of the Polish National Agency.

We were thirteen people, with two organizers, going from city to city, meeting young people, introducing them to EVS and trying to communicate to them the desire to live this experience that we have all appreciated so much!

We first met in Cracow on the 21<sup>st</sup>, where we discovered our two vehicles

(a red van and a blue minivan), and immediately headed to Gorlice. There we spent the all weekend, getting information about the coming week, preparing our interventions, and overall getting to know each other better.

We were thirteen, five guys and eight girls, ten Poles and three non-ones, all having one important common point : we were or currently are EVS volunteers!

The weekend was very active and on Monday morning we had our first intervention in two schools of Gorlice, the group being split up.

During the whole week, each intervention was unique and different. It depended on the school, the number of students, the interest they showed, the number of us intervening (from 2 to 7), etc.

We had also prepared a little play depicting the volunteer’s route, from the discovery of the EVS to the end of the adventure... Very funny!

We tried to explain to the youngsters everything about EVS: what it is, where, for how long and how they can

do it, how it works, which sending organization they may contact in their region, etc. We also distributed to them leaflets and gadgets, answered their questions and overall shared with them our own experience of EVS!

In general they were very enthusiastic and had many questions. On our last day we met the sending organization of Rzeszow (the one to which we had directed the youngsters). What satisfaction to know that they had already been contacted by a girl we had met on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of our tour!

As for me, this action was very efficient and well organized. I enjoyed a lot being part of this experience and of this team. Everything was great: the presentations, the logistical organization, the hotels, the moments for resting, visiting or eating J,... and the team’s cohesion was perfect!

Merci beaucoup à Kinga et Monika!!

Maybe it could be a good practice to be picked up by some other countries!?

## Birth of VE France, the Federation of French local EVAs

After two years of activities thanks to the European Commission’s grant of 2005, the French Network of EVAs decided in september 2007 to create a new structure federating French EVS associations. VE France aims at supporting the already existing local associations in their activities. It represents them at national level and works for the development, improvement and recognition of EVS. You can be sure you’ll hear about French Volunteers soon...



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### ***Tell Us What You Think!***

*Each NEVAmind edition will be coordinated by a different EVA. This time has been the turn of **TREX** (Turkey) and we hope you have found it interesting!*

*Any comment or suggestion about the newsletter will be greatly received! Please contact us at: [neva.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:neva.newsletter@gmail.com)*

## EVAs in the time of the Grenoble meeting

One great achievement of the Grenoble meeting was to create an up-to-date database of participating EVAs . We hope that for the further cooperation you will be able to use the information below:

<b>Country</b>	Austria
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	4eva
<b>Date of creation</b>	Spring 2007
<b>Number of members</b>	13
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national, internationalFF
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	- 4eva is the only ex-EVS association in Austria - Activities are mainly organized and carried out in the region of Upper Austria.
<b>National context</b>	- local activities for future, current and former volunteers - cooperation with NA, especially through some regional offices of the NA
<b>Funding</b>	Funding for one year by the National Agency, starting on 1st of September 2007
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	- Monthly meetings - Cinema night - Meetings with local YOUTH organisation - participation in nationwide meeting of ex-EVS
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- Monthly meetings - Information desks in schools - Film evenings - Welcome weekend for foreign volunteers - visiting cultural and other events - dancing workshop - international cookies day with local NGO - “Punsch” stand - Curling (“Eisstockschiessen) - Snow&Fun day - cultural city visit - cycling tour - Trip on the Danube - Story-teller-night
<b>Website</b>	- so far we have only set up a blog, which we plan to fill with contents once we’ve started with our activities

<b>Country</b>	Bulgaria
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Bulgarian Association of the Ex-European Volunteers “Compass”
<b>Date of creation</b>	18/10/06
<b>Number of members</b>	Around 40
<b>Level of intervention</b>	National
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	It is the only organisation of ex-European volunteers in the country
<b>National context</b>	<p>- Bulgaria became a partner country to the Youth Programme in 2001 and since then sends and receives European volunteers. Compared to other members of the EU, EVS is still a little known programme and needs more promotion to reach to a bigger number of young people.</p> <p>Another important issue in Bulgarian context is the improvement of the quality of the hosting EVS projects.</p> <p>BAEV “Compass” maintains a close relationship with the National Agency, which supported its establishment and recognised it as the national body representing ex-EVS in Bulgaria. NA invites ex-volunteers to its pre-departure / upon arrival trainings. It also organised a training for evaluation and accreditation of future EVS hosting organisations and appointed members of “Compass” as accreditators. So far the NA had not supported “Compass” financially.</p>
<b>Funding</b>	No funding
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration to the trainings of the NA (pre-departure and upon arrival)</li> <li>- Accreditation of new EVS hosting organisations</li> <li>- preparation and broadcasting of a radio show promoting EVS</li> <li>- Support for newly returned volunteers trough informal meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Projects for the future</b>	<p>accreditation as an EVS hosting organisation</p> <p>development as a coordinating organisation</p> <p>development as one of the main partners of the NA in the organisation of pre departure and upon arrival trainings</p> <p>organisation of post-EVS seminars for returning volunteers</p> <p>promotion of EVS among young people and the wider public in Bulgaria</p>
<b>Website</b>	In construction

<b>Country</b>	Czech Republic
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	DUHA
<b>Date of creation</b>	90's
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national, international
<b>National context</b>	Great cooperation with the NA
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sending and hosting organisation for EVS</li> <li>- workcamps</li> <li>- work weekends</li> <li>- etc</li> </ul>
<b>Projects for the future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to cooperate with other national EVAs</li> <li>- to be the Czech EVA</li> <li>- we just received national grants for 2 big projects</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.duha.cz">www.duha.cz</a>

<b>Country</b>	Finland
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Ikineuvot Ry
<b>Date of creation</b>	1998
<b>Level of intervention</b>	National
<b>National context</b>	Ikineuvot has good cooperation with the NA. They have been supportive towards our association during the years and have offered help when the activity has been rather unstable Ikineuvot is cooperating, among others, with Finnish ICYE and Ushanga ry : an association sending socially disadvantaged youngsters to do short-term EVS abroad
<b>Funding</b>	Call (2005-2007)
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to organize the first weekend of each on-arrival training for incoming volunteers</li> <li>- to take part in pre-departure and evaluation meetings for outgoing volunteers</li> <li>- to take part in mid-term meetings for the volunteers in Finland</li> <li>- to organize different kinds of events, such as winter fests, Eurovision party, etc</li> <li>- regular meetings between members</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ikineuvot.net">www.ikineuvot.net</a>

<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Association des volontaires européens d'Ile de France (VE IDF)
<b>Date of creation</b>	2006
<b>Number of members</b>	16
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, international
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	VE IDF works in cooperation with other local EVA (VERA in the Rhône Alpes region, VEO in the western part of France...) and with SVE Connexion, a web association that became the national platform of French EVAs in 2005.
<b>National context</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- many established voluntary structures in France (tradition of "éducation populaire")</li> <li>- good relationship with NA (ongoing cooperation); recognised as the official EVA structure in Ile de France region and about to be represented in official committees</li> <li>- starting cooperation with other youth organisations</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	Call (EC, 2005-2007) via SVE Connexion, Training and cooperation plan (TCP) of French NA.
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- integration activities of foreign volunteers</li> <li>- promotion of EVS and mobility (events directly organised by the association + in cooperation with other organisations)</li> <li>-post EVS seminars</li> <li>-NEVA meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Projects for the future</b>	New activities of the integration for foreign volunteers. Coaching for ex-EVS that want to organise youth exchanges.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ve-idf.org">http://www.ve-idf.org</a>

<b>Country</b>	Hungary
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Volunteers 4 Volunteers
<b>Date of creation</b>	1997
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	There are several clubs in the country. Organisation located quite far from other big cities : problem to take part in decisions
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- base program for NGOs in Hungary (national)</li> <li>- grant from the Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promotion of EVS</li> <li>- 3 road-shows (in schools) to reach young people with less opportunities</li> <li>- clubs involving return volunteers</li> <li>- organisation of post-EVS seminars</li> <li>- sending organisation</li> <li>- one employee (currently nobody)</li> </ul>

<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Ex-EVS -Netzwerk (ehemaliger) europaischer Freiwilliger
<b>Date of creation</b>	1999
<b>Number of members</b>	5 (coordination), about 300 (database)
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	Decentralised organisation in local and regional groups
<b>National context</b>	- established voluntary structures in Germany (FSJ, ADA, ZIVI,...) - good relationship with NA (ongoing cooperation); recognised as the official EVA structure in Germany and represented in official committees - little cooperation with other youth organisations
<b>Funding</b>	Call (EC, 2005-2007)
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	- 2005 : study trip to Strasbourg, participation at « Projekt P » (festival in Berlin) - 2006 : kick off seminar for new local/regional groups, support « Europeers » project (German NA), relaunch website - 2007 : study trip to Brussels, kick off seminar for new local/regional groups - several local small scale projects
<b>Projects for the future</b>	Several local and regional projects
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ex-evs.de/">http://www.ex-evs.de/</a>

<b>Country</b>	Poland
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Trampolina
<b>Date of creation</b>	2005
<b>Number of members</b>	
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	Main group in Warsaw and Krakow + few local groups in the country
<b>National context</b>	Good cooperation with the NA
<b>Funding</b>	Call from the European Commission and Youth Programmes
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	- Mikuszewo meetings : common dialog between Polish and German volunteers (in cooperation with the German EVA Horizont) - International Volunteers Day - Podlasie on the road - Tandems in Krakow - International evenings with EVS volunteers (French Day, Spanish Day, etc) - Cultural meetings and holidays celebration (Easter, 1st day of Spring, Christmas, etc) - Workshops (drum sessions, handmade bags, origami, animation and arts workshops, PR public relation) - 2 NEVA seminars
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- “Regional Reactivation” aimed at creating new local groups - Podkarpacie on the road
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.trampolina.org.pl">www.trampolina.org.pl</a>

<b>Country</b>	Portugal
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	ANEVE
<b>Date of creation</b>	27/10/2000
<b>Number of members</b>	65
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national, international
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	- ANEVE has six local branches, which represent ANEVE on a decentralized level, with the purpose to promote EVS more effectively, and reach more remote parts of the country.
<b>National context</b>	- Good relationship with the National Agency. We collaborate in the promotion and valorisation of EVS. The NA have supported the meetings of ex-EVS, The celebration of the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EVS in Portugal amongst other activities. Training and formations to the EVS and to the SOHO.
<b>Funding</b>	Instituto Português da juventude Application for YOUTH programme Support of activities of structures of former EVS volunteers, Call for proposals DG EAC 15/05, European Comission, approved in 2005, the project ends in November 2007.
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	-Meetings between ex-volunteers from the local branches and with ex-volunteers, National level, with proposals for the local groups and loads of activities. -Manual of the volunteer, -Post-EVS seminar, -Seminar for EVA's on the European level, (2006), -Celebration of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EVS -Cooperation with several International Organisations.
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- October, VI meeting of National ex-volunteers - Celebration of the International day of the Volunteer (5 of December) - Trainings on Volunteering, Team Leading, Project Managing on International Projects to Organisations. -Pre Departure Trainings - Publishing a new manual - Promotion and valorisation of the EVS to youngsters
<b>Website</b>	- <a href="http://www.aneve.pt">www.aneve.pt</a>

<b>Country</b>	Spain
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	REVE (Spanish Network of European (Ex)-Volunteers)
<b>Date of creation</b>	10/03/07- legally established at national level like a socio-cultural association at the third Spanish ex-evs meeting in Seville
<b>Level of intervention</b>	National
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	- REVE is a network for individual ex-EVS and already established organisations run by ex-EVSs in several regions
<b>National context</b>	- more hosting than sending country - the reality of EVS is different depending the region you consider. - lack of collaboration between SO and HO - voluntarism is known but not as strong as in other countries. - cooperation step by step easily with NA, especially through some regional officers of the NA
<b>Funding</b>	Meetings funded by the NA through the application of some of its regional officers.
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	- implementation of an EVS meeting for foreign volunteers in Castilla y Leon - participation to an European ex-EVS meeting in Slovakia 2005 - 2006: SOLE applied and developed the first national ex-EVS meeting in Valladolid, to put together the active Spanish ex-EVS volunteers and to know the situation at national level. We decided to create a platform to be formally set up at the future meeting in Seville (March 2007). Meanwhile the Spanish Youth Institute and NA (INJUVE) asked for our participation at the « European Youth Week » at national level to promote EVS - yahoo group for communication - participation in pre-departure and on-arrival trainings telling our EVS personal experiences
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- Participation to the European events, at national level, to promote EVS. - next meeting (the 4th one), in October 2007 in the Basque Country - mentoring, training, sending organisation through local committees ongoing
<b>Website</b>	- <a href="http://www.ex-evs.es">www.ex-evs.es</a> - partially updated

<b>Country</b>	Sweden
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	nOva
<b>Date of creation</b>	2005
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national, international
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	IKU/ICYE Sweden was appointed by the Government as the Swedish National ex-Volunteers organisation in 2005. nOva is a thematic association within IKU, working exclusively as ex-volunteers association.
<b>National context</b>	- good and encouraging contact with the NA - cooperation within the main non-profit volunteer organisations in Sweden : IKU/nOva is in charge of the volunteers follow up when they come back and they become members of nOva almost automatically
<b>Funding</b>	NA, Commission, other governmental grants
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	Commission grant 2005-2007 - seminar on validation - international networking - school visits/visits to youth/outgoing EVS info - webpage - mentor/contact person for new outgoings
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- brochures
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.iku.nu/nova">www.iku.nu/nova</a>

<b>Country</b>	Turkey
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	TREX
<b>Date of creation</b>	15/03/07
<b>Number of members</b>	60
<b>Level of intervention</b>	Local, regional, national, international
<b>Relation with local EVAs</b>	- TREX is the 1st ex-EVS association in Turkey
<b>National context</b>	- Difficulties: Turkey is big - voluntarism is difficult because of the economic situation --> volunteers have to work - TREX created by an ex-volunteer (his Future Capital) - NA positive but no real help at the moment - Cooperation with other NGOs quite poor at the moment
<b>Funding</b>	No funding at the moment
<b>Activities yet realized</b>	- National meeting (2 times): 20/30 participants - regional + local meetings: 10/20 participants - Yahoogroup: 80 people - Forum on Website: 50 people - Newsletter: chances for jobs scholarships, projects, news - Participation to the « Gepgenc » festival
<b>Projects for the future</b>	- NEVA seminar in Turkey in Spring 2008
<b>Website</b>	- <a href="http://www.trexevs.org/">http://www.trexevs.org/</a> - running, updated, but some things missing