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Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY)

INTERREG Host Organisations



In this document you will find useful information about what to do in order to:

- 1) host a volunteer as “Interreg Reporter” in the framework of the Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) initiative;
- 2) involve project beneficiaries to host “Interreg Project Partners” in the framework of the Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) initiative.

Background Information

The [Interreg Volunteer Youth \(IVY\)](#) initiative is part of the broader [European Solidarity Corps Initiative](#) launched by the European Commission and announced by President Juncker in his State of the Union Speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 14 September 2016.

IVY officially started on 1st March 2017 and is a 1-year pilot action to offer the possibility to young Europeans aged 18-30 to serve as volunteers in the cross-border, transnational or interregional programmes and related projects. Each experience is between 2 and 6 month long.

The IVY is structured around two main strands:

1. the **Interreg Project Partners**, that will help with Interreg project implementation focusing on specific aspects or difficulties to be solved in fields such as solidarity projects, people to people projects, health projects, community-based projects, projects focusing on the social dimension of Interreg cooperation. The Interreg Project Partner will therefore be deployed in the territory of one of the **Interreg project beneficiaries**;
2. the **Interreg Reporters** that will help with disseminating information on the benefit of territorial integration on the ground, through reporting successful Interreg projects. The Interreg Reporter will

therefore be deployed either in the offices of the **Interreg Managing Authorities and/or the Interreg Joint Secretariats**.

Support and visibility through volunteering are the leitmotiv of this initiative.

The [Association of European Border Regions](#) (AEBR) has the great pleasure and honour to manage IVY on behalf of the European Commission because of its great experience in the field of EU project management, its wide network across most European borders as well as its interest to support European youth and boost values such as solidarity and cooperation among Europeans of all ages.

Why should Interreg Programmes & Projects host a volunteer?

The initiative is aimed at involving young volunteers to support, promote and report the concrete achievements of Interreg programmes and projects, as well as generally promote cooperation across European borders and related values such as solidarity.

All Interreg Programmes & Projects are strongly encouraged to host volunteers because:

- 1)** a young motivated **volunteer could significantly support their activities** in a unique and valuable way by providing a **fresh, dynamic and effective approach** to the implementation/communication of INTERREG results.
- 2)** they would significantly **increase their visibility** towards European Institutions, the other Interreg Programmes & Projects as well as the broader European public and especially young Europeans and local communities and institutions.
- 3)** they would **“make a difference” in some young Europeans’ lives** as IVY will give volunteers the opportunity to familiarise with the Interreg programmes and projects, **make them aware** of the many benefits of collaboration among EU internal borders as well as **enhance their sense of European solidarity, citizenship and civic engagement**. Moreover, thanks to the IVY, volunteers will acquire a unique experience of personal growth as well as enhancing and gaining skills that they can employ in their future experiences.
- 4)** **it is very easy to join the initiative:** AEBR takes care of financially support volunteers and provides a comprehensive insurance coverage to the volunteer onsite. Moreover, AEBR also organises a pre-departure training for volunteers and remains at the volunteer’s and host organisation’s disposal during the whole experience.

What to do in order to host an Interreg Reporter

In case you are interested in hosting Interreg Reporters, **you will need to fill in the Programme Note** (sent to you in a separate document) and **send it to Ms. Alessandra Cardaci (ivy@aebr.eu)** who is **the Project Manager of this initiative at the AEBR**.

What to do in order to host an Interreg Project Partner

- 1. Circulate this document among your Interreg project beneficiaries and send them the Project Note** (sent to you in a separate document) so that they can host Interreg Project Partners and join this exciting pilot project. They can send the Note directly to **Ms. Alessandra Cardaci (ivy@aebr.eu)**.
OR:
- 2. Send a list of projects** (with contact details) **that fit the scope of IVY to Ms. Alessandra Cardaci (ivy@aebr.eu)** so that she can contact them directly, if you prefer.

How does the match work?

Once AEBR receives the Programme or Project Notes, a pre-selection of maximum 3 candidates from the volunteers' database will be made. Then the host organisation can decide either to be in touch with all the 3 pre-selected volunteers in order to choose the most suitable one or if AEBR can proceed with the selection of the successful candidate based on the pre-selection.

Once the most suitable candidate is identified, he/she will receive an official offer from AEBR. Once the candidate accepts the offer, AEBR will immediately send him/her an official confirmation letter together with the Info Pack/training material and relevant information regarding the pre-departure compulsory training call to be made with AEBR.

In the meantime, AEBR will put the candidate in touch with the host organisation so to start making the match a true success and make sure that the host organisation provides the volunteer with the information regarding his/her IVY onsite experience.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and looking forward to welcoming you as IVY's host organisation!

More Information

For more information about IVY, please contact: ivy@aebr.eu and visit: <https://www.interregyouth.com/>

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