



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AWARD

XXV EDITION

Event information

Event name **25th International Volunteering Award**
Date Thursday 29th of November – from 2.00 to 8.30 pm
Place Rome - Italy
Issue INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING, VALUES AND COMPETENCIES

Categories

- 1. Young European Volunteer**
- 2. Local Volunteer from the Global South**

1. Young European Volunteer

A category aimed at enhancing the youth dimension of Volunteering, carried out through various European programs with different commitments in contexts of active citizenship, social commitment, inclusion, in Europe and the world – for example *National Civil Service abroad* (Italian law n. 64/2001); *Service Civique à l'étranger* (Loi française du 10 mars 2010); *European Voluntary Service – EVS* (ERASMUS Plus KA1 Mobility of the Youth); *Civil Peace Corps – CPCs* (experiment regulated by L. 64/2001); *EU Aid Volunteers Initiative*; *EU Solidarity Corps*; *Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale – VSI* (Loi française du 23 février 2005); *Missionary Volunteering*; *United Nations Volunteers – UNV* etc. ..

2. Local Volunteer from the Global South

The objective of this category is to recognize the important contribution that the citizens from the Global South countries (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Middle East) give to the



processes of civil society and their country growth, with considerable personal dedication, sometimes with several risks. In this way we intend to change the main narrative that identifies people from the South in a permanent poverty and liabilities status, with the only possibility of escape and asylum in the countries of the North of the world. This idea ignores the fact that the first actors of the changes that are occurring now in developing countries, are people and citizens of those countries that we can only assist, lead, encourage, but never replace.

FOCSIV accounts whether confer any **Special Mentions**.

Preferential selection criterion

The preferential selection criterion for the two categories, in continuity with the previous edition, will be the commitment to interventions aimed at promoting **Integral Human Development according to the spirit traced 50 years ago from Popolorum Progressio, reconfirmed and expanded by Laudato Si' Encyclical.**

Eligibility Criteria Young European Volunteer

The opportunity to nominate own volunteer is open to all **coordinating, sending and hosting Organizations of all the various National and European volunteer programs**, in addition to all Organizations that have volunteers engaged in the **National Civil Service with project abroad.**

Eligible candidates are young people (**max 30 years old**) currently involved in a project lasting at least 6 months in a country other than that of residence or who have completed the service in the current year. Experience less than 6 months is not allowed.

Referring to young people in National Civil Service abroad, are allowed volunteers who will be on service at December 2018 or who have completed the service in the current year.

Applications from European Entities can be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria Local Volunteer from the Global South



We intend to identify a volunteer (man or woman) citizen of the rest of the world, involved in cooperation and construction activities of social value in his/her own country or in favor of it. The candidate may be :

- An activist of sustainable development, engaged in lobbying and advocacy initiatives close to the local communities.
- An immigrant in Italy who is committed, with an Association, in co-development activities of his/her country of origin.
- A person resident in a country of the South who, within the context of an association/local cooperative, has contributed to the growth of his(her community with dedication and effectiveness.
- A person from the South who's working with an international organization and has given a significant contribution (even with the coaching of Italian volunteers) for the success of the initiatives/projects in the country.

NOTE (for all categories):

- ❖ Will be accepted volunteers applications received and applied exclusively by an associative entity (not individuals).
- ❖ Only application for lay volunteers will be accepted, nor will be accepted religious candidates, who are part of religious commands, communities, or congregations.
- ❖ FOCSIV reserves the right to reject an application if it considers, at its unconditional judgment, that this is inconsistent with the values and principles of the Church's Social Doctrine and the Laudato Si' Encyclical.
- ❖ Finally, if during the competition the candidate or the Association do not comply strictly with these Terms and Conditions, FOCSIV reserves the right to exclude the candidate from the contest.

How to participate and deadlines

(extensions of the deadlines could be evaluated)

Applications: opened from July until August

Applications must be accompanied by a self-produced **video presentation** of the volunteer and the project in which he/she is involved. The video can be realized with any



device (non-professional cameras, cameras, smartphones, etc.), **lasting up to 3 – three – minutes.** Video quality is not a selection criterion. The application can also be accompanied by a **slide show lasting up to 3 – three – minutes.**

Applications must be received by August 27th.

Voting phase: September

Candidates will be selected through a dual mechanism: **Online Voting** and **Voting by the Jury.**

Voting will take place at a single stage on a specific section of the Focsiv website.

The candidates will be shown through their video and presentation uploaded on a dedicated website and shared on social networks to invite friends, supporters and users to vote.

The website will indicate the exact day and hour in which the voting will be closed.

The winner for each category will be the one who has reached the highest number of votes from the net audience, plus the votes received by the Jury members.

Choices of the Jury

The Jury consists of **members** with several qualifications and experiences in Communication, Volunteering and the Third Sector.

The Jury members will express their votes for their favorite candidate in each of the two categories together with users of social networks.

A single vote of each Jury member will have a value of 150 votes online. The weighted sum of votes received will determine the total score obtained that will be shown on the site in conjunction with the award ceremony.

In case of equality between two candidates, will be given priority to the candidate who has received the highest number of votes by the Jury members.

If the two candidates have received the same number of votes from the Jury members, will be chosen the candidate with a longer service life.

Press and communication



The winners of the two categories will be invited to participate in the final awards ceremony held in Rome, the 29th of November 2018, with the opportunity to intervene and tell their stories in national and local television and radio.

It will be guaranteed adequate visibility to the winners volunteers and their organizations in the making of materials and the communication campaign.

The winner volunteers will be invited to stay in Rome during the period before and after the awards ceremony. It will be required to give priority to media appointments obtained by FOCSIV instead of any appointments organized by the organization or volunteers at the local level.

The costs of travel, accommodation and meals for the two winners will be covered by FOCSIV.

In order to allow the press office work, for an adequate visibility of the winners, the organization will be required to prepare and provide, in time:

- **Video images** of the volunteer and the project in which it is committed, in format Mp4. The video can be realized also with smartphone or camera, but in a quality that can be used for TV.
- **At least 10 high-resolution photos** of the volunteer and the project.

The identities of the winners are hidden until the event's day, only during the awards ceremony they will be announced to the press. The organizations of the winner volunteers in all categories will be required to keep the news confidential, unless there are different indications by FOCSIV and/or in occasion of public recognition by the institutions involved, in which case organizational changes may become necessary.

The organization is aware that the images collected may be used by FOCSIV during the awards and in any other opportunities for public awareness and communication campaigns.

FOCSIV reserves the opportunity to realize a **press tour** for the production of a **reportage** or a **video** edited by a Media Partner, in the country in which the winner of one of the two categories operates.



In any case, FOCIV will promote the winners' experiences, through the production of press materials.

In the eventuality of press tour, the costs covered are:

- **FOCSIV will support:** travel costs (return flights) of the press components mission; the cost of travel, accommodation and meals of the award winning ensuring his personal participation in the award ceremony, other institutional events and for the entire period in Rome for conducting the media campaign.
- **The organization will support:** the costs of accommodation and meals for the press tour components (troupe of journalists and any FOCIV staff); internal mobility costs. It is suggested to the organizations to identify an accommodation that can guarantee to journalists the best organization of their work.

The organization is also committed to providing the most complete availability and cooperation with the troupe and any staff member for the realization of the video; considering the return in terms of image also for the organization, it is invited to support with its contacts the search for sponsorships already started by the Secretariat of the Federation.

The sending of the application form signed implies the acceptance of this Terms and Conditions.

Failure to comply with the following Terms and Conditions and the public dissemination of false and defamatory information by the candidate or the reference body will result in the cancellation of the application