News

Let’s celebrate the International Volunteer Day 2019!

On 5 December, we celebrate International Volunteer Day. Here is the video message from the Director General of DG ECHO, Ms Monique Pariat to mark the occasion.

Selection results EU Aid Volunteers Deployment call 2019

The results of the EU Aid Volunteers Deployment call 2019 are available on the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency’s website.

DG ECHO visits EU Aid Volunteers in Tunisia, Colombia and the Philippines

In October and November, DG ECHO’s EU Aid Volunteer team had the opportunity to visit the EU Aid Volunteers deployed in Tunisia, Colombia and the Philippines.

The EU Aid Volunteers in Tunisia are deployed with We World / GVC, Danish Refugee Council and Médecins du Monde. Those in Colombia are deployed with Alianza por la Solidaridad, Acción Contra el Hambre, UNHCR and Movimiento por la Paz. In the Philippines, the organisations are the Finnish and German Red Cross, Action Against Hunger and Caritas. During the visits, we were accompanied by other colleagues from DG ECHO (from headquarters and the field) and a crew of photographers and videographers to collect audio-visual material to be used in the promotion of the initiative.
It was great to hear all about the experiences of our EU Aid Volunteers.

Conference “The International Volunteer Day: EU Aid Volunteers initiative”

On International Volunteer Day, 5 December, the European Commission is organising a lunchtime conference in the External Cooperation Infopoint.

**When?** Thursday 5 December 2019, from 12:30 to 14:00

**Where?** External Cooperation Infopoint, Rue de la Loi 43-45, Ground floor, Brussels

Information and web-streaming: [External Cooperation Infopoint](#)
A Celebration of Volunteer Engagement in Denmark (Danish Refugee Council)

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) would like to invite those who happen to be in Copenhagen on 5 December to celebrate International Volunteer Day together. The event will start with the movie screening of Human Flow (a film by Ai Weiwei) followed by a reception with food and drinks.

**Date:** Thursday 5 December  
**Time:** 16:45 doors open – movie screening 17:15  
**Location:** Cinemateket, Gothersgade 55, 1123 København.

If you are interested, please contact Astrid Sacristan (Astrid.Sacristan@drc.ngo).

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Story from the field

Marion is an EU Aid Volunteer working on gender issues in Kenya with WEFOCO.

“...Connecting local people with each other, including those with the expertise with those in need, is what will ensure the sustainability of the results...”

Check Marion’s story [here](#).

Read more [stories from the field](#) on the EU Aid Volunteers platform and discover the latest news on social media using the hashtag #EUAidVolunteers.

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About EU Aid Volunteers:

EU Aid Volunteers brings together volunteers and organisations from different countries, providing practical support to humanitarian aid projects and contributing to strengthening the local capacity and resilience of disaster-affected communities.