



# Building cohesive communities through solidarity and volunteering

**Participatory session**

**Wednesday 10. October, 11:30 - 13:00**

**Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Avenue de Cortenbergh 79, 1000 Brussels**

**Organisers:** Aarhus Municipality, Konjice Municipality, Guimarães Municipality, Košice Municipality and Sligo Volunteer Centre in collaboration with Central Denmark EU Office (CDEU) & European Volunteer Centre (CEV).

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## AGENDA

**11.00-11.30** **Arrival and registration**

**11.30-11.35** **Welcome** from Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU

**11.35-11.40** **Steen Bording Andersen**, Member of Committee to European Volunteer Capital 2018  
European Volunteer Capital 2018

**11:40 - 11:50** **Szilvia Kalman**, Policy Officer, European Commission  
Policy perspectives on volunteering and solidarity

**11.50-12:00** **Aarhus, Košice, Sligo, Konjice and Guimarães** give 2 minute poster presentations of strategies and approaches that illustrate how local and regional policymakers are considering the contributions, and potential contributions, of volunteers across different policy fields, including youth policy, that contribute to increased social and economic cohesion.

**12:00 - 12.50** **World Café discussions** on 5 tables moderated by the organising municipalities focussing on questions such as:

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- How to facilitate the the voluntary involvement of diverse groups of young people in local Youth City Councils as the representative voices and active actors in the development of Municipal Policies?
- How do we succeed in adapting to the change of youth involvement as volunteers in society and in the development of a cohesive Europe as a part of the Cohesion Policy?
- How do we protect young people from engaging in potentially harmful activities and 'educate' them to become active European citizens as volunteers that take responsibility in social development?
- How do we build a more systematic cooperation among Volunteering Capitals candidates and winners in order to address a wide range of questions on youth social participation, solidarity and volunteering?

**12.50-13:00** **Gabriella Civico**, Director, European Volunteer Centre  
Exchange of key points - conclusions and recommendations