

## Workshop/Conference: Volunteering in times of crisis

2 and 3 March 2012 | Venue: La Nau, C/Universidad 2 - 4a, 46003 Valencia

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### Draft agenda

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#### Introduction

The conference is organized in the framework of the **VIT project** which is financed by the European Commission and which deals with volunteering and democracy in an enlarged Europe. It seeks to promote volunteering in various European cities, raising debates on questions of active citizenship and participation. 19 partners - local and regional authorities, NGOs and associations - in the whole of Europe are working together during a period of three years. They will organize a series of conferences and workshops to reflect on how an active citizenship can improve European governance. Through this a platform of debate will be created collecting tools and good practices used by the regional and international actors involved.

The workshop in Valencia will take place on 2 and 3 March 2012 and will deal with "Volunteering in times of crises". Spain is among the countries which have been most affected by the current economic crisis with an unemployment rate rising to more than 20%, among young people even more than 40%. The conference will discuss the effects of the crisis on active citizenship and volunteering. The event will be held in Spanish and English and will invite a variety of experts, representatives of NGOs, local governments and others.

#### 2 MARCH 2012

Venue: La Nau, C/Universidad 2 - 4<sup>a</sup>, 46003 Valencia

14.30 Registration and NGO Fair

16.00 Welcome





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Moderator: Dorothee Fischer, Vice-President RECREATURA\_arts&culture

### 16.30 Round Table: Volunteering in times of crisis

Introduction and Chair: Dorothee Fischer, Vice-President RECREATURA\_arts&culture

Representative of the 15-M movement: a historic moment for Spain? Is a new generation born?

A university professor or academic on questions of participation and active citizenship in Spain

A member of the European Parliament

Representative of an NGO

18.30 guided tour in cooperation with the volunteering programme of the Nau and GA Valencia

21.00 Dinner

### 3 MARCH 2012

9.30 Different working groups

Group 1: on gender and intergenerational issues

Introduction by Ines Novella, expert on equality issues





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**Group 2:** on the participation of foreign citizens

Introduction by Olivier Bredyv, Association of Belgians living in Valencia

**Group 3:** One group on volunteering in urban policies

A representative of Sostre / Comboi a la fresca

**Group 4:** on the role of the social media in volunteering

Introduction by Dorothee Fischer, Vice-Presidenta RECREATURA\_arts&culture and European communication expert

**12.00 - 14.00 Brunch in cooperation with Desayuno de Viandantes**

**14.00 Free time**

**19.00 Conclusions of the workshops followed by RECREAparty in the neighbourhood of Ruzafa, exact venue to be confirmed**





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### Practical information:

#### Travel and accommodation costs of international participants:

The participants will be responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. However, the organizers are trying to set up a network of *couchsurfing* possibilities for the international participants. If you are interested to be hosted by one of our locals, please contact Dorothee Fischer from RECREATURA\_arts&culture ([dorotheefischer@gmail.com](mailto:dorotheefischer@gmail.com))

#### NGO Fair on 2 March

Associations and NGOs wishing to share their publications and materials, are invited to participate in the NGO Fair taking place on the 2 March. Tables can be provided for, but need to be reserved in advance by e-mail or telephone.

#### Registration and contact person:

Participation in the conference/workshops is for free, but all participants need to sign up by e-mail by 28 February at the very latest:

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More information on the VIT project can be found on the website of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), the lead partner of the project:

[www.alda-europe.eu](http://www.alda-europe.eu)

