

09.00 Opening of conference

- Jean Kieffer, President of the "Association du Bénévolat Luxembourg"
- Xavier Bettel, Deputy Mayor of Luxembourg City
- Belina Scheurer, Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg
- Dr. Marijke Steenbergen, CEV President
- Marie-Josée Jacobs, Ministry of Family and Integration, Luxembourg

09.30 Opening plenary – panel discussion: Setting the scene

Chair: Markus Held, Director CEV

- Keynote speech: Paul Estgen, Sociologist at SESOPI-CI (Center for research on immigration)
- Bernard Laporte, Secretary of State for Sport, French Presidency of the Council of the EU (tbc)
- Pavel Tychtl, European Commission, DG Education and Culture
- Jacques Küntziger, Counsellor on Volunteering, Ministry of Family and Integration, Luxembourg
- Suzanne Monkasa, President of the Council of African Communities in Europe and in Belgium, Consultant in Communication and Diversity Management
- Brenda King, Chief Executive, African & Caribbean Diversity, and member of the European Economic and Social Committee

11.15 Coffee break

11.45 Dialogue café

13.15 Lunch

14.30 Good practice session I – 3 parallel workshops

Workshop I:

Intercultural experiences and intercultural dialogue in the Voluntary Service for all Ages

Deutscher Caritasverband, Germany

Transnational Senior Volunteers Exchanges across Europe as a means of Intercultural Dialogue

SPES, Italy

Workshop II:

Colorful Neighbourhoods and the Management of Diversity

MOVISIE, The Netherlands

Neighbourhood: an intercultural meeting place!

AMSED, France

Workshop III:

*"Courant d'air littéraire",
Literary Stream*

Amitié Portugal - Luxembourg,
Luxembourg

*Festival of Migrations, Cultures and
Citizenship and the Cultures and
Book Fair*

CLAE, Luxembourg

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 Good practice session II – 3 parallel workshops

Workshop I:

*RIVER SEE, Regional Integration
through Volunteer Exchanges For
Reconciliation of South Eastern
Europe*

SEEYN, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Youth Work in Contested Societies -
People Understanding Borders*

The Corrymeela Community, Northern
Ireland, UK

Workshop II:

Anti-racism tools in sport

ENGSO, Europe

Workshop III:

*Out and About in Leeds: Promoting
Good Relations among refugees
and local community*

BTCV, UK

*"Talent on Wheels": through volun-
teering to get people to participate
in society and to develop compe-
tences*

Samenlevingsopbouw Antwerpen stad,
Belgium

18.00 Closing plenary

18.30 Ends

20.30 Reception and Gala dinner



CEV, the European Volunteer Centre, is a network of 67 national and regional volunteer centers and volunteer development agencies in 27 countries representing over 17.000 organisations on a local level. As a voice for volunteering in Europe we receive an operating grant of the European Commission under its Europe for Citizens programme.

Organizing two thematic conferences per year is part of our annual work programme. The autumn conference in Luxembourg will provide a volunteer organisation's input to the discussions and events of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008. CEV members and other invited organisations will present good practice on how volunteering can foster intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning. It is very often the volunteers who are at the forefront when it comes to enhancing dialogue in societies, using active engagement for a common goal as a tool to create bonds of trust and leading to mutual understanding.

The conference is hosted by the European Commission in Luxembourg and co-organized by CEV's national member organisation in Luxembourg, Agence du Bénévolat.

For further information, visit
[http://www.cev.be/111-2008_november_\(luxembourg\)_volunteering_and_intercultural_dialogue-EN.html](http://www.cev.be/111-2008_november_(luxembourg)_volunteering_and_intercultural_dialogue-EN.html).

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