

GETting to Active CITizenship in Europe
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Online quiz on Volunteering and European values for the Europe for Citizens Project “GET2IT”
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- 1) According to the European Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers, a volunteer is defined as:
 - a) A person who is conducting socially responsible activities, regardless of whether or not they are getting paid compensation;
 - b) Anyone doing a difficult activity without pay;
 - c) **A person who carries out activities benefiting society, by free will and without financial reward¹**
 - d) Young people (under 30 years of age) working in internships
- 2) According to the European Commission, how many citizens are engaged as volunteers in their communities?:
 - a) **92-94 million citizens²**
 - b) 108-110 million citizens
 - c) 60-62 million citizens
 - d) 75-78 million citizens
- 3) What is the most common type of activity that volunteers take part in in their communities:
 - a) Military service
 - b) Education and training activities
 - c) Organizing cultural and sporting events
 - d) **Charity, humanitarian and development aid (including civil protection)³**
- 4) The following EU programmes and initiatives promote and support volunteering:
 - a) European Solidarity Corps - https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en
 - b) EU Aid Volunteers programme - https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/humanitarian-aid/eu-aid-volunteers_en
 - c) European Social Fund
 - d) INTERREG Volunteer Youth – https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/interreg-volunteers-initiative/testimonials
 - e) **All of the above**
- 5) The following age group is most active as volunteers in their communities:
 - a) >65 years of age
 - b) Young persons between the ages of 15-29.
 - c) **Persons in the ages 35-54 age group**
 - d) Persons between the ages of 30-60 years of age

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/citizenship-programme/docs/volunteering_charter_en.pdf

² These are estimates – 23% of the adult population - https://europa.eu/youth/eu/article/46/234_en

³ A Eurobarometer survey published in April 2015, revealed that the most common areas for volunteering are charity, humanitarian and development aid (44 %); education, training or sport (40 %), and culture or art (15 %). <https://epthinktank.eu/2016/10/20/volunteering-in-the-eu-plenary-podcast/>

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- 6) Based on OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) statistics, The EU country with the highest percentage of citizens involved in charitable activities is:
 - a) **Ireland⁴**
 - b) Germany
 - c) Austria
 - d) Spain

- 7) The European Union supports volunteering in the following way:
 - a) Providing financial support to organizations working with volunteers
 - b) Developing policy recommendations on how EU countries can manage volunteers
 - c) Connects non-profit organizations with potential volunteers via various programmes and portals run by the European Commission
 - d) **All of the above**

- 8) Managing volunteers is a major task for any non-profit organization. Which issues are considered serious challenges in managing volunteers:
 - a) Volunteers often come to the organization without the necessary skills, then they gain skills and then leave the organization
 - b) Volunteers come enthusiastic and then it quickly fizzles out.
 - c) Volunteers lack mentors that can provide them direction with their work
 - d) **All of the above**
 - e) None of the above

- 9) Globally, men are more likely to participate in volunteer activities than women:
 - a) True
 - b) **False⁵**

- 10) In the EU context, solidarity is an important value linked to volunteering. Solidarity is defined as:
 - a) **Unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest;**
 - b) Focusing on your community first with no regard for other citizens from other areas;
 - c) Taking a very rigid stance or point of view towards social issues
 - d) None of the above

⁴ 41% of Irish citizens dedicate their spare time to volunteer activities according to OECD statistics. The country with the highest rates of citizen participation in volunteering is New Zealand (2015)

⁵ Globally women volunteer more than men (57 per cent and 43 per cent respectively), UN statistics, 2019