

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 reward<sup>1</sup>**
  - 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 citizens<sup>2</sup>**
  - 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)<sup>3</sup>**
  
- 4) The following EU programmes and initiatives promote and support volunteering:
  - a) European Solidarity Corps - [https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)
  - b) EU Aid Volunteers programme - [https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/humanitarian-aid/eu-aid-volunteers\\_en](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](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

<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/citizenship-programme/docs/volunteering\\_charter\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/citizenship-programme/docs/volunteering_charter_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> These are estimates – 23% of the adult population - [https://europa.eu/youth/eu/article/46/234\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/eu/article/46/234_en)

<sup>3</sup> 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://eptionkank.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:
- Ireland<sup>4</sup>**
  - Germany
  - Austria
  - Spain
- 7) The European Union supports volunteering in the following way:
- Providing financial support to organizations working with volunteers
  - Developing policy recommendations on how EU countries can manage volunteers
  - Connects non-profit organizations with potential volunteers via various programmes and portals run by the European Commission
  - 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:
- Volunteers often come to the organization without the necessary skills, then they gain skills and then leave the organization
  - Volunteers come enthusiastic and then it quickly fizzles out.
  - Volunteers lack mentors that can provide them direction with their work
  - All of the above**
  - None of the above
- 9) Globally, men are more likely to participate in volunteer activities than women:
- True
  - False<sup>5</sup>**
- 10) In the EU context, solidarity is an important value linked to volunteering. Solidarity is defined as:
- Unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest;**
  - Focusing on your community first with no regard for other citizens from other areas;
  - Taking a very rigid stance or point of view towards social issues
  - None of the above

<sup>4</sup> 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)

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