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The EU Aid Volunteers newsletter shares news, events and stories about the EU Aid Volunteers initiative with the EU Aid Volunteers network.

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EU Aid Volunteers news

Call for proposals Deployment 2018 of EU Aid Volunteers

Is your organisation interested in sending or hosting EU Aid Volunteers? The 'Deployment 2018' call for proposals for humanitarian aid organisations to deploy EU Aid Volunteers has been published. Organisations wishing to apply need to form a project consortium, meet the criteria and be certified/under certification as an EU Aid Volunteer sending or hosting organisation.

Not yet certified? Your organisation can still participate by applying for certification before 9 March 2018, and then submitting a proposal for deployment by 6 April 2018 (by 12:00 midday, Brussels time). For more information go the [call page](#).

Certification further simplified

Revised self-assessment forms for certification of EU Aid Volunteers sending and hosting organisations are now [online](#). The documents for both sending and hosting organisations have been shortened and the submission of mandatory documents waived for two of the five sections in the form for DG ECHO's FPA partners.

New vacancies for EU Aid Volunteers

New EU Aid Volunteers vacancies are now open: we have just published a range of vacancies in deployment countries like Uganda, Cambodia and Bolivia, with profiles including communication, finance, logistics and more. Online volunteering opportunities are also available.

Find out more on our [vacancies page](#).

Stories from the field

Lorna Lalor, Programme Coordinator for the EU Aid Volunteers project with Concern Worldwide, recently went to Malawi where she met with EU Aid Volunteers deployed there. Lorna particularly enjoyed the opportunity to make the link between the apprenticeship and deployment phase and seeing the connections that the volunteers are making at a local level:

"I travelled with EU Aid Volunteers Caroline and Sarah in the middle of my trip. I had spent time with them whilst they were in Dublin on their three month apprenticeship and the trip provided an opportunity to see

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them in action in their deployments. Meeting with the volunteers, beneficiaries and local staff helped me to put into context the programme that is so central to Caroline and Sarah's EU Aid Volunteers positions with Concern. The skills that they brought to the team and the roles they fulfilled added value to the programme."

Chiara is an EU Aid Volunteer based in Lebanon. She told us about her background and how she got into volunteering with EU Aid Volunteers:

"I worked as a quantitative researcher in the asset management industry for seven years in London. I came across the EU Aid Volunteers vacancy with GVC in Lebanon in April 2017 and it seemed a unique opportunity to visit a new Middle Eastern country, practice my Arabic and gain relevant professional experience in a new industry. Initially, I could not see how my experience in financial markets could be of interest to an NGO but GVC saw beyond that and went to the core of my competencies: I was good at data crunching, an activity that is gaining increasing relevance, I liked their openness and willingness to leverage cross-industry expertise and they liked my positive attitude and interest for humanitarian aid."

Read more stories from our EU Aid Volunteers and partners on our EU Aid Volunteers [platform](#) and more messages on social media with the hashtags [#EUAidVolunteers](#) and [#WeCareWeAct](#).

EU Aid Volunteers partner events

EU Aid Volunteers partner organisation ADICE will hold the event "Enjeux et Opportunités du Volontariat International" on 21 March 2018 in Lille. The event will bring together ADICE's EU Aid Volunteers partners from 12 countries along with other local, national and international organisations interested in hearing about ADICE's volunteering programmes. To find out more go to: <http://adice.asso.fr/> and to register <http://bit.ly/2C4SafA>.

About EU Aid Volunteers:



[EU Aid Volunteers](#) brings together volunteers and organisations from different countries, providing practical support to humanitarian aid projects and contributing to strengthening the local capacity and resilience of disaster-affected communities.

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