



## **Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service**

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### **AFFILIATION TO THE CCIVS NETWORK**

CCIVS is an International non-governmental organisation engaged in the field of International Voluntary Service (IVS). Created under the aegis of UNESCO in 1948, CCIVS offers organisations and institutions the possibility to join the Global Network, which reaches from grassroots organisations to the United Nations system.

CCIVS membership includes over 180 international and national organisations from all over the world, which actively engage in community-based projects and include the participation of over 30.000 volunteers per year.

International Voluntary Service aims to pursue peace and be the catalyst for change within individuals and society, to help breakdown prejudices and stereotypes for a world of mutual respect and understanding. It strengthens local and global civil society and promotes active participation and shared learning.

IVS gives people the possibility to participate as an active member of society and work on a task, which can benefit a community. Volunteers learn that through their active participation in IVS projects, they can create change, furthermore, our research proves that they experience enhanced self-confidence and strengthened personal competences.

Membership of CCIVS brings you into our worldwide network which is itself linked to other regional and international structures including those of the United Nations system. Just some of the benefits include the opportunity to:

- Actively participate in a diverse global network bringing together IVS organisations from different networks and backgrounds;
- Improve the recognition of your organisation and provide you with a means to communicate and develop partnerships and exchanges with IVS organisations around the world;
- Receive information on IVS organisation's programmes;
- Have a link to the UN system through the CCIVS status with UNESCO, ECOSOC and FAO;
- Exchange and participate in events with international agencies;
- Provide visibility for your organisation by appearing in the CCIVS membership book which is published on diverse platforms and promoted through our website;
- Be kept up to date on CCIVS activities and events through our mailinglist;
- Benefit from capacity building provided for CCIVS members; access funded/partially funded training opportunities and have your projects promoted through our global campaign and programs;
- Join in the development of the CCIVS Global Network and in its Plan of Action to develop common programmes and activities.



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**The CCIVS Constitution foresees three different kinds of membership:**

**Candidate organisation**

Any nonprofit organisation whose activities and objectives are consistent with those listed in Chapter 1 of the CCIVS Constitution and which is actively involved in International Voluntary Service and/or the coordination of it, may apply for candidate membership of CCIVS. Following a decision of the GA they may immediately be accepted as a full member. (Cf. Art 5.1 of CCIVS constitution).

**Full member**

Any CCIVS candidate member wishing to become a full member may apply to the General Assembly for full membership after having completed a minimum of 1 year of candidate membership. (Cf. Art 5.2 of CCIVS constitution).

**Affiliated organisation**

Any organisation which holds membership within an international/regional network which is a full member of CCIVS is considered an affiliated organisation. (Cf. Art 5.3 of CCIVS constitution).

**CCIVS Supporters**

Any organisation or individual that does not fit the above criteria but wishes to support and remain in regular contact with CCIVS can become a “supporter”. (Cf. Art 5.4 of CCIVS constitution).

The network promotes the cooperation between members through projects and campaigns, seminars, regional structures and joint actions. It also promotes the concept of voluntary service in new areas and encourages pilot projects and initiatives in different thematic fields of work, supporting the capacity building and quality improvement of volunteers involving organisations.

Please note that all following items will be required in English in order to have your organisations application considered for membership approval. \*



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Checklist:

All supporting documents must be sent to the CCIVS secretariat via e-mail ([secretariat@ccivs.org](mailto:secretariat@ccivs.org))

A completed online application form <a href="https://form.jotform.com/221494189526060">https://form.jotform.com/221494189526060</a> (You may request an offline version)	A copy of your organisations constitution or statutes
A recent activity report	Two support letters from CCIVS member organisations which prove exchange and collaboration with your organisation
An overview of activities for the year ahead	Payment of one year's subscription, refundable in case of non-acceptance
A recent financial report	Payment of a non-refundable administration fee of 25 Euros for the treatment of your request

Applications are considered by the CCIVS Executive Committee (EC) on a rolling basis. The acceptance by the EC is subject to ratification by the General Assembly of CCIVS, taking place every two years (2023/2025 etc). Following the decision of the EC your organisation will receive an e-mail from the CCIVS Secretariat about your affiliation. In case your application cannot be considered favorably, the inscription fee paid by you in advance shall be reimbursed. The administration fee is not refundable.

We look forward to hearing from you and to cooperating with your organisation.

“If you have to help me you are wasting your time,  
But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, Then let  
us work together”  
(Aboriginal activist group, Queensland, 1970s)