



**« Workshop on Youth volunteering issues »
Dr Bénédicte Halba – dr Jürgen Schumacher
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1. General presentation European team on Youth volunteering issues (B. Halba)

- Aim : a European network to exchange knowledge and experiments on youth volunteering issues
- Partners : a European team of 6 countries (France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom), 6 experts (AEVOL, FIVOL, IRIV, IRV, ISIS, NOV)
- Context : a European program, the Youth for Europe Program : a program for all young people and the European Youth Foundation for the publication

2. Youth volunteering and National Policy (J. Schumacher)

- Figures on Youth volunteering and its development over time in the countries participating – Evidence for decline in some countries, assumption in others
- Background of political action : fear that the value of solidarity could become less binding for society, volunteering of young people as a means of wealth
- Political programs, institutions or actions set up during the last decade in the 6 participating countries

3. Youth volunteering promotion : strategies, methods and tools (B. Halba)

- Strategies : general framework of action in the 6 countries (in a comparison perspective : common points and specificity)
- Methods youth volunteering issues on the point of view of both youngsters and associations
- Tools : Measures to improve youth volunteering or to promote it (such as guides, web sites, medias...)

4. Prospective and recommendations (J. Schumacher)

- Information and communication about volunteering
- Attractive opportunities to volunteer : fun, challenge, meeting people, travel
- Official recognition : Formal status, gratification and credits
- Volunteering and education : an issue in school and university
- Volunteering and labor market : competition or complementarity

5. a European team on Youth volunteering and after ?(B. Halba)

- Dissemination of the information : a publication in English (first trimester of 2001) and presentation on the partners' web sites
- Extension of the network to other countries, in Europe and outside Europe
- Further developments : an exchange program of voluntary experiments among youngsters (to show good practice in each country), a permanent observatory for exchanging news, information and new trends in the field of youth volunteering (through a web site for instance)

Testimonies : Kristin Sverdrup, from AEVOL, for the Spanish context
Tiziana Cruciani from FIVOL for the Italian context

Debate : What would you expect from a European team ?
Should youngsters volunteer ?

Timing 20 minutes for J. Schumacher's points
20 minutes for B. Halba's points
5-10 minutes for K. Sverdrup's intervention
5-10 minutes for T. Cruciani's intervention
15-25 minutes for the debate with the public