



# CVS-BULGARIA

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## ABOUT

CVS-Bulgaria is a non-governmental organization that has been working in the field of international volunteer exchange since 1998 and was officially registered in 2002 as an organization working in public benefit. CVS-Bulgaria is a branch of the international peace and volunteer-exchange network of Service Civil International (SCI – [www.sci.ngo](http://www.sci.ngo)) and a full member of South Eastern European Youth Network (SEEYN – [www.seeyn.org](http://www.seeyn.org)). In 2019, the organization also became a member of the civil association "[Ravni BG](#)", which brings together 30 civil organizations that believe in democratic values and work in the field of human rights protection, vulnerable groups, sustainable development, advocacy, etc.

## AIMS

CVS-Bulgaria **aims** to promote the values of volunteer work through organizing variety of voluntary activities; to motivate young people to be active and participate in volunteer actions – thus taking part in the development of the civil society; to promote and support intercultural understanding and solidarity, social justice and environment preservation.

One of the **goals** it is our organization's job to spread pan-European values and raise awareness about social justice in society. We have organized and conducted hundreds of different volunteer events activities and initiatives along the years, as we have always tried to include young people in unequal situation. Our approach is not to organize activities solely and exclusively for people with fewer opportunities, but to realize those in which everyone can participate, regardless of their capabilities, on an equal basis start with everyone, without discrimination and with dignity. Our approach is not to organize activities solely and exclusively for people with fewer



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opportunities, but to realize those in which everyone can participate, regardless of their capabilities, on an equal basis start with everyone, without discrimination and with dignity. For us, each person is an individual being with their specific needs and everyone should have an opportunity and an equal chance for active involvement in everyday life at all levels - personal, professional, political, cultural, educational, environmental, and public.

### ACTIVITIES

#### **The main activities of CVS-Bulgaria are:**

- promotion of volunteering as a form of active civic participation
- organization of short-term and long-term voluntary international projects: volunteer camps, youth exchanges and trainings; seminars and conferences
- organization of short-term and long-term voluntary local projects for work with marginalized groups and their social inclusion /eg. refugees, children deprived of parental care, people from small settlements, people with disabilities, young girls and women, etc./
- organizing and participating in cultural initiatives and initiatives for environmental protection and promotion of sustainable development
- hosting and sending volunteers/ incl. within the European Voluntary service and the European Solidarity Corps/ in support of socially significant projects in Bulgaria, Europe and the world
- working with local NGOs and institutions to support their activities by coordinating volunteers and volunteer initiatives of a different nature: cultural, sports, educational, etc.
- work in partnership with other NGOs in order to protect human rights, the inclusion of refugees and others marginalized groups
- organization of trainings for different age groups according to the various described above topics.

The experience of the organization within programs such as "Youth", "Youth in Action", "Erasmus+", "Europe for citizens", "Civitates" and the "Asylum, Migration and Integration" Fund includes organizing and participating in trainings, seminars, youth exchanges, welcoming and sending long-term and short-term EVS/ESC volunteers, organizing campaigns, observations, analyses, volunteer programs, mentoring programs, actions, initiatives, festivals and creation of materials for dissemination of the results of various projects.

