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Introduction

The Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations (the Alliance) is an International non-Governmental Youth Organisation (INGYO) that represents national organisations running international voluntary service projects ('workcamps'). Each organisation promotes community development, intercultural education, understanding and peace through voluntary service. While all members organise international workcamps, many are also active in other fields. The common aim of all international workcamps is to provide a resource and support to local communities, while at the same time giving individuals from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to meet and live an intercultural experience.

The Alliance aims to provide the voluntary organisations with opportunities to discuss and exchange experiences and information within Europe. It also aims to facilitate and improve the co-operation between voluntary service organisations. While the Alliance is a membership organisation, it aims to be open to other partners in the field of international voluntary service.

The Alliance functions through a fully democratic process: each year the members participate in a General Assembly through which the annual plan of action is debated and approved. An Executive Committee made up of six members (President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Fifth and 6th Member) is elected to take responsibility for implementing of the Plan. Working Groups are also formed each year to focus on specific areas of activity.

In January 2003, the Alliance consists of 23 Full Members in 17 countries (Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and UK) and 14 Associate Members in 12 countries (Belarus, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Spain, UK, and USA).

Dear friends,

Another year of Alliance has passed.

By no means it was a quiet or easy one - neither for members nor for networks as a whole. But it was a good year anyway. And of course it is a remarkable year - the year of **XX anniversary** of Alliance.

It would be too challenging task to analyze the evolution of Alliance through these 20 years. Fortunately this is not the task of this report. It is to give overview of the work EC for the period since last GA in November 2001 till today, present the achievements of Alliance and point out some failures.

But to begin let's have quick look to the past and ask ourselves - why Alliance was established 20 years ago? It was a will of six organizations reflecting their common need to create a platform which would provide voluntary service organizations with opportunities to exchange experience, facilitate and improve cooperation, present interests of members in international bodies.

After 20 years we can say that all these objectives are still actual. At the same time Alliance has been meeting these needs successfully, and the rapid growth of membership in Alliance is the best prove of it. Beginning with 6 members in 1982 Alliance has 33 member organizations now and there are 4 more membership applications presented for GA 2002. Alliance membership policy has been discussed at our forums many times, and although very clear answer was not given today's practice shows that Alliance is as open to the new members now as never before.

Such rapid growth definitely influences the shape of network. We are at the time when the quantity brings us to the new quality. And XX anniversary may be a good occasion to begin changes of structure and practices in order to keep abreast with the changes in the world around us and better cope with the new needs of members.

If I can compare the age of Alliance with the age of human being I may say that Alliance has reached the period of maturity which

means new goals, new tasks, new approaches. What does it mean in practice? First of all, the updating of the structure of Alliance - the work which has been started by EC this year and to be continued (may be more radically) in the coming years.

In concrete, EC has proposed to update **task descriptions** of EC members to bring it closer to reality and make work of EC more efficient and clear for members.

EC proposed the new form of contract for **AAA**. The very new idea is to offer AAA position to the organization carrying out the task of GS. We see it as the first step for Alliance permanent secretariat. Where it will stay and how exactly it will be organized is the members' decision. But the need to have on becomes more and more obvious when you look at the increasing number of activities and projects Alliance is involved and at the range of the new opportunities around.

Talking about EC structure I have to admit that we are still missing the **6th member**, new position in EC targeting at external relations. I want to believe it does not reflect the lack of interest from the members to the external matters but rather underestimating of own capacity in doing it. The good news however is that this year there will be a candidate to for this position. And another good news is that external relations have been under the special attention of EC and it resulted with proper representation of Alliance internationally. Thanks to the good share of external relation tasks among EC members Alliance external policy became more coherent and sustainable over past year. The good basis for future work of EC 6th member has been created. Alliance has further improved its relations with European Commission and European Youth Foundation, which are most important funding bodies for us. The relations with partner networks - YAP, SCI, ICYE, AVSO, NDVA were further developed and deepen. Relations with UNV and UNESCO Youth Unit were established. More detailed report on external relations will be presented separately.

Before reaching the evaluation of the Plan of Action I would like to mention, that each EC member spent about 12 days (not counting travel) to participate in EC meetings, at least twice as many to prepare it and to fulfill taken responsibilities plus the good number of days for external representation of Alliance. And what is truly amazing for the material world we are living in yet quite natural for Alliance - all this work is done by members absolutely voluntarily and for free. Isn't it a best prove of vitality of the Alliance based on the mighty force of volunteering!

Evaluation of the Plan of Action

1. Alliance events and projects.

A. Regular events.

- The **Post Camp Event** was hosted by **Concordia - France**. The theme was "International Lifestyle of workcamp organisations". **33 participants** took part in it. Evaluation showed general satisfaction and the clear sign that Alliance has to continue with this event aimed at activists and camp leaders.
- **Training for Trainer Seminar I**. The first part of Tft seminar with focus on objectives and structure of training took place in January 2002 in European Youth Centre in **Strasbourg**. There were **31 participants** representing 20 member organizations. The evaluation showed the success of this training event and satisfaction with the work of prep.team. It is good to see the development of cooperation with EYF granting the event and EYC hosting it. As a result Training for Trainers has become one the new regular event of the Alliance. The next training (part II) with emphasis on methodology of training will take place in January 2003 in Strasbourg or Budapest. The grant application is approved.
- **TM** was hosted by **Alternative-V** in Kyiv, Ukraine. Alternative-V is relatively new member of the Alliance from so called "third country". But the level of organization of the event proved their capacity. Now they plan to host PCE in

January 2003. Over **110 participants from 61 organizations** took part in Alliance TM. At the same time with TM Alliance Plenary Meeting took place as well meetings of several working groups.

- **GA & GC** are hosted by **MS** in Roenshoved Folk High School, extending a link between voluntary service activities, life learning and informal education.

B. Other events.

- **Training event on external relations** is slightly postponed and connected to the PCE in **Lviv** 3.-7.01.2003. Nowadays when we have to attend many training activities of different kind such solution of combining two things looks quite reasonable and even elegant.
- **Training event about exchange matters**, the need of which was highly recognized by members, is postponed mainly due to the lack of initiative from the members. To remind you, the final responsibility for this event did laid on members not the EC. Now the time for application and organizing the event this year is missed. However EC made a call for the prep.team for the event to initiate the process. It seems we can use the model approved by Tft with prep.team consisted of experienced member organizations being in charge of the event and for its follow up. EC hopes that use of this scheme would revitalize Staff Platform and help to move forward with such topics as exchange of leaders, exchange of information and practices on European Youth Programme, exchange of practices on work with LTV, etc.

*To assist members
in hosting Alliance events
the Guidance Notes were produced
by Sheila Smith (Vice President) and
Klara Dvorakova (General Secretary).
So Alliance got another practical tool
for its members.*

C. **Projects.**

- **EVS Workcamps.** The application for the new round of EVS Workcamps project together with SCI & YAP was accepted by European Commission and took place in July - October. UNAREC is still acting as a coordinator of this project using the experience gained in the past years. Although more member organizations involved this year Alliance have not reached its quota of 50 volunteers to exchange. At the moment only around 20 volunteers have been exchanged. The detailed report and analysis of the situation will be presented by the UNAREC, the coordinator of the project.
- **Cooperation with AVSO on CEE Large Scale Project** was continued this year. It is still Aleksander Kurushev (EstYES) and Waldemar Korycki (FIYE) acting as Alliance contact persons being the members of the project's Steering Group. This year was very intensive - 4 regional seminars took place: in Estonia (Baltic Region), Poland, Slovakia (Central Europe) and Romania (South East Europe). Alliance members from the region as well as a number of partner organizations took part in it. Another big event is Partnership Building seminar in mid-October in Czechia hosted by INEX SDA. Again it involves some Alliance members and partners from East Europe and EU interested in developing EVS and LT volunteering. This is a good respond to the growing interest of members to be involved in EVS. Another dimension of this project is the development of the relations with AVSO, a sister network playing significant role in lobbying for voluntary service in European institutions.
- **Alliance Guidebook.** Despite of delays caused by technical reasons the new Alliance Guidebook is finally ready and will be presented to GA.
- **IYV 2001 Campaign.** The Campaign was concluded by Symposium in January in Mollina, Spain. Six Alliance members, including President and General Secretary took part in the event, which was attended

by representatives of EC, UNESCO, UNV as well as main voluntary service organizations networks: SCI, YAP, ICYE, CCIYS, AVSO. Our participation gave a good possibility to promote Alliance among European institutions and partner networks. Some further actions were planned and participation of Alliance in it is under control of EC. Generally, the participation of Alliance in the Campaign raised its profile among funding bodies and brought Alliance to closer cooperation with other networks. This is probably the main measure of success.

- Develop the use of **web site.** There will be a special report on developing the use of Alliance web site. Here I can only say that EC spent enormous amount of time discussing the development of Alliance web site. Thanks to the Alliance webmaster Kemal Abiska of Jeunesses et Reconstruction web site has been maintained and taken a good care of. One can clearly see many improvements: it is better = more logically structured, easier to use, permanently updated. Besides new features are added, like GA & GS documents online, registration via Internet, etc. These examples show the way Alliance web site could develop to become interactive everyday tool for the members. And I use this moment to thank Kemal Abiska for his efforts improving and developing Alliance web services.
- **Alliance Database** is another new tool offered and maintained by Waldemar Korycki of FIYE, Poland. It is a very interesting instrument for exchange of volunteers with the great potential, which has been tried by members this season. We need now a feedback and evaluation from members on its use. Definitely there is a way to improve it, and this work will be continued. It should be mentioned that after negotiations with EC Waldemar, the owner of this technology agreed to maintain it as Alliance's Database. The respective link from Alliance web is created.

2. Management of the Alliance.

A, B. Members Survey.

I am happy to inform you that long awaited analyze of Members Survey is finally done. We have the first results and will report on the key issues, which may become the topics of the working groups during GA. Unfortunately the delay with the presentation of the results to EC and dissolution of the Strategic Working Group made EC unable to come up with the very concrete and detailed conclusions and proposals. This work is left to GA working groups now. The good thing is that the results are here and we can make the next step for (re) defining the identity, mission and goals of the Alliance and towards structural changes necessary to achieve the goals set. Some work can be done at GA, the rest will be a task for new EC elected by GA.

C, D. Plan for external representation and affairs.

Due to the absence of EC 6th member the plan is not created. But some work in this direction was done and will be presented in the report on the external activities. Anyway the 6th member elected at this GA will have some basis material to elaborate such plan.

D. Setting up a group.

Again because of absence of 6th member in the EC and lack initiative from members this point is not fulfilled. The idea of EC now is to use the occasion of PCE to initiate such group. For this reason the theme of PCE this year is "From workcamp to the active youth representation in the international institutions".



Co-operation between members.

A. An introductory session on the Alliance was held for newcomers at TM in Kiyv.

B. Nothing common for the Alliance was done for the issues on exchange of camp leaders.

C, D. Nothing common for the whole Alliance was done in this area although there have definitely been permanent consultations and exchange of knowledge between members on practices with European Youth Programme as well LTV (and particular EVS).

E. The training group has not been set up.

As a general comment: for future EC request very clear responsibilities when a point of the Plan of Action is left to members not the EC. It is proposed to name either organisation(s) or group(s) in charge of these actions to ensure the progress on it. EC expresses the hope that Staff Platform might take the responsibility for some of these tasks.

3. Information and communication.

A. Production of Newsletters was abandoned since there was no clear interest from members.

B. Alliance web site has been successfully updated and maintained by Alliance web-master Kemal Abiska of Jeunesses et Reconstruction.

C. Nothing was done.

At the end of this report I want to say that if something was not done it indicates the lack of physical capacity of EC caused by overwhelming number of issues EC has to follow. And it is a sign showing urgent need of structural changes in Alliance and better involvement of members in Alliance activities, working groups, etc.

At the same time I want to thank you all organisations and people who made this year of Alliance success - hosting events, participating in the projects, dedicating their time to the working groups. I want to thank you EC members for their hard work for the Alliance. And of course all members for serving the Alliance and using its services to promote peace, international understanding, solidarity and friendship among people.

Aleksander Kurushev –
Alliance President

This report gives an overview of Alliance activities in the period between Alliance General Assemblies 2001 and 2002, which were followed by me as General Secretary.

In December 2001 and January 2002 I was, together with Nils Bertelsen, Alliance Administrative Assistant (MS Denmark), working on **Annual Report 2001**, which was successfully finished, contained exhaustive information on Alliance in 2001 and was distributed to all members.

In the end of January 2002 together with Alliance President Aleksander Kurushev (EST YES, Estonia), we represented the Alliance together with four more participants in the **Final Symposium** of IYV Joint Campaign of the Alliance, AVSO, CCIVS, ICYE, SCI and YAP in Mollina, Spain. The Symposium brought results of work on five topics (Accessibility of Voluntary Service, Interregional Exchange, Work for Peace, Returned Volunteers, Legal Status of Volunteers) and gave the participants a unique opportunity to learn more about the other networks / international organisations and came up with a final recommendation document.

In the beginning of 2002, I was helping the Alliance Treasurer Francois Ribaud (UNAREC, France) with **A3029 grant** application form collecting data from members.

In March 2002 almost all members participated in the **Technical Meeting** in Kiev, Ukraine, very well prepared and organised by Alternative V, who also offered to host the Post Camp Event 2002 in January 2003 in Lvov.

Over the year, I was also responsible for the **Invitation List**, especially for the procedure of adding new organisations. Marie Jean Dupuis (UNAREC, France) maintained the list practically. She was updating the contacts as well as dealing with situations when the organisations split up into two.

Concerning the development of the **Internet tools** and Alliance **website**, I was in touch with Alliance webmaster Kemal Abiska (J&R, France) supplying him with documents to be put on the site and informing members about new possibilities.

Apart from all activities mentioned above and apart from attending the EC meetings, the regular contact to members and partners, answering their questions concerning Alliance events and projects, belonged to my tasks, as well as contact with organisations interested in Alliance membership.

Information on the activities of AAA will be included in a separate report.

Altogether, I think we can say, the year 2002 was very progressive in the life of the Alliance and hopefully this trend will continue.

Klara Dvorakova
INEX – SDA, Czech Republic
Alliance General Secretary

The 2001 accounts

These accounts are showing :

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- a surplus of 9.699,70 euros (confirmed after auditions),
- a balance clear and transparent, with a return to a better level of Liabilities (capital or reserves) that will help to keep us sustainable in the future,
- an improving situation regarding the grants from EYF and EU (that will take effect in 2002)

All figures were approved and commented by, first, the External Auditor, Christian GAUZY, then, second, by the Internal Auditor, Denis LECLERC, Chantiers Jeunesse.

Accounting and work of the Treasurer

Following the last GA in Litomysl, the work was concentrated on :

- Preparing 7 grant applications, follow up and reports
- Bookkeeping and accounts of the financial year 2001 and 2002
- Financial flow and payment
- Co-ordination with UNIBANK (absorbed by NORDEA) with, since January, a second account in Euro.
- Clarifying relations with member organisations concerning events and projects (contract, agreement, ...);
- Improving our permanent accounting procedure using a regular accounting plan, and our Banana software;
- Reinforcing relations with our 2 mains sponsors : the Council of Europe (European Youth Foundation & European Youth Centre) and the European Commission (Youth Unit)

Alliance's EURO account bank references

Name: **NORDEA / UNIBANK**

Address: Postboks, 72

D-8100 Aarhus, Danemark

Bank registration n°: 2251

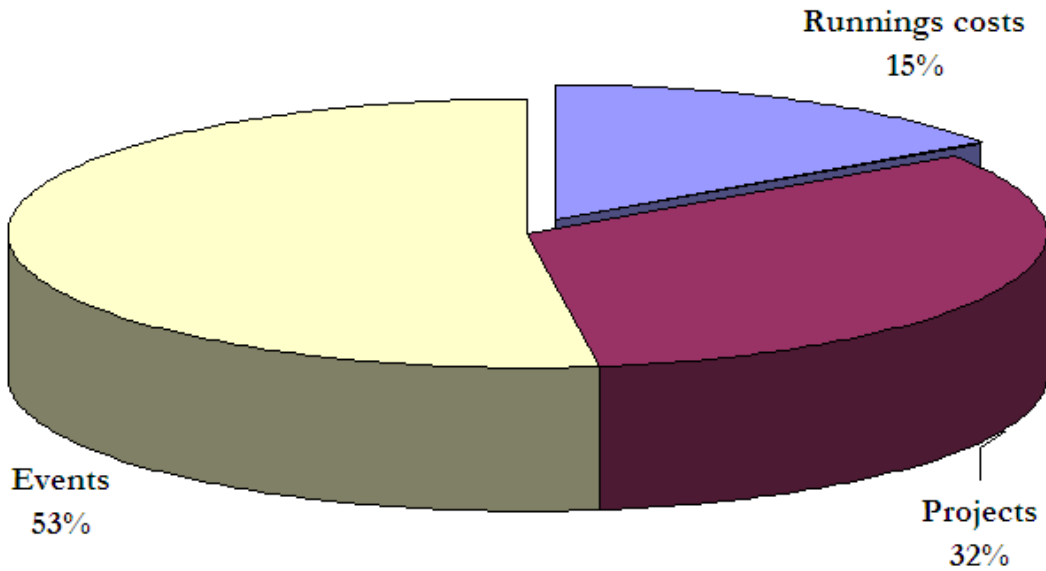
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François RIBAUD,
UNAREC
Alliance treasurer

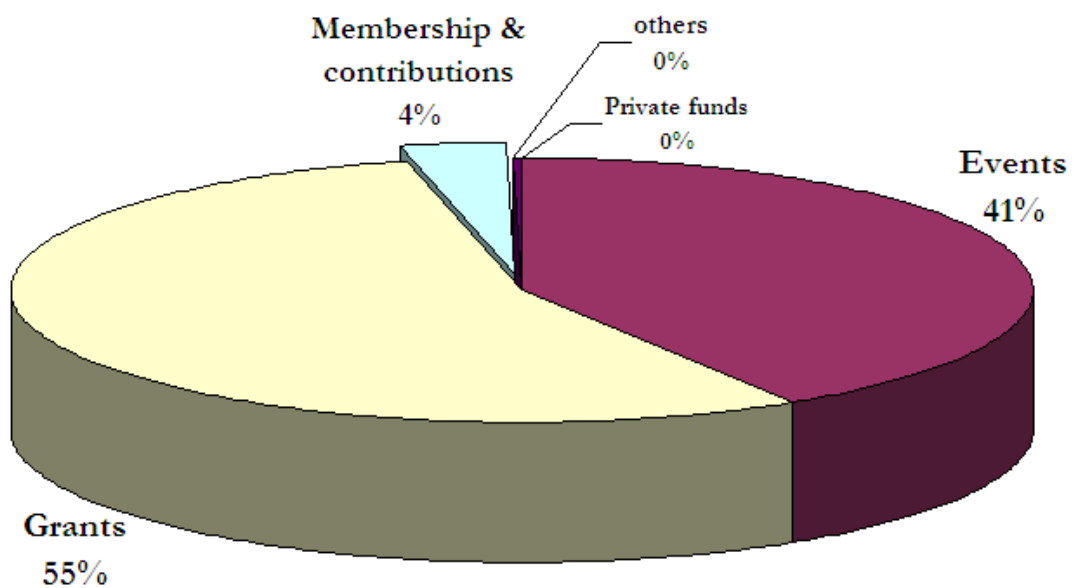
HOW DO WE SPEND OUR RESSOURCES?

Running costs 31 313 € Projects 66 665 € Events 107 285 €



HOW DO WE FINANCE OUR ACTIVITY?

Membership & contributions 7 228 € Grants 113 413 € Private funding - € others 384 €



The various external representation tasks were distributed amongst the EC due to the lack of a 6th member.

Important representation was carried out by Klara Dvorakova and Alexander Kurushev, along with various member organisations, at the IYV symposium and follow up meeting in Mollina.

In the frame of YFJ and EVS workcamps, the co-operation with SCI and YAP continued.

Due to a lack of time and representatives, none of the EC could attend the SEEYN meeting in June, but thanks to MS the Alliance's wish to co-operate with the network could be expressed. The same problem caused the EC's absence at the AVSO meeting in October.

In November, some important meetings will take place. The first is a meeting between the Alliance and UNESCO, the second the Youth Forum Jeunesse (YFJ) General Assembly. Claudia Nickel and Farid Grich of CBB will represent the Alliance at the latter meeting. Claudia Nickel has attended meetings with YFJ on previous occasions this year. She explained that Alliance representation is difficult at these meetings, since voting on topics far from the Alliance often takes place.

A question was raised as to why the Alliance often abstained from voting during the YFJ meetings. The answer was that most discussions and voting matters in YFJ are political and the Alliance is a technical platform. However it is sometimes necessary to vote to present the Alliance in a more serious light to other organisations. An example of a vote in which the Alliance participated concerned increasing grants for Youth Non-Formal Education.

Claudia Nickel

VJF

Executive Committee fifth member.

The activities of the Alliance are arranged to support and develop the programmes and interests of members.

In addition to the General Assembly, there are 4 regular events each year.

The **Post Camp Event** in December/January which is aimed at the active volunteers of member organisations, to provide a themed programme of workshops and activities.

**28 Dec. to 03rd Jan. CONCORDIA-France hosted in Merlieux
33 participants from 19 organizations
on the topic "International lifestyle of workcamp"**

the **Training for Trainers** in January/February is an activity which support the leadership training abilities of member organisations. Since 2000 it has been a two-part course to develop the skills and abilities of individual trainers inside the organisations. The programme is supported by the Council of Europe through the provision of the European Youth Centre.

**January 2002 in European Youth Centre in Strasbourg
31 participants from 20 organizations
1st part with focus on objectives and structure of training**

the **Technical Meeting** in March which enables the members and invited partner organisations to exchange annual workcamp programmes and discuss relevant issues, principally through bi-lateral discussions.

**5 to 12th March 2002: Alternative-V, Ukraine hosted in Kiev
110 participants from 61 organizations**

the **General Conference** in November which provides opportunities for the staff and volunteers of member organisations to exchange ideas and experiences about subjects of common and current interest.

**25 to 10th November 2002: MS, Danemark hosted in Roenhsoved
90 participants from 50 organizations
on the topic "breaking down the stereotypes"**

The Guidebook

At the 2002 GA, Sheila Smith, UNA Exchange and Vice President of the Alliance, was proud to finally be able to present the Alliance Guidebook. All members will receive a free copy as well as those organisations who are elected members on the second day of the GA. Partners must pay a contribution to obtain a copy.

Sheila Smith expressed her hope that the Guidebook will be an important tool for existing and new members of the Alliance. She proposed that members obtain copies for partner organisations in the South and for regional offices, and use the Guidebook as a resource to raise the profile of the Alliance.

200 copies have been published and preferably there should be no copies left by the next TM.

Copies can be requested from members of the editorial team: Sheila Smith, UNA Exchange; Marie Jean Dupuis, UNAREC; Denis Leclerc, CJ; or Helle Seiersen, MS.

The Guidebook was a two year project funded by the European Youth Foundation (EYF). Closure of the project proved difficult because the second EYF grant was less than anticipated. The publishing costs of the Guidebook therefore had to be reduced. The good thing, however, is that this means the contribution for obtaining a copy is also reduced. The contribution will be 25 EURO instead of the initial 40 EURO.

Further explanation of the production costs of the Guidebook: the full cost of each copy amounts to 70 EURO. This includes meetings, travels etc. 20 EURO is contributed in kind by the editorial team and 30 EURO was contributed by the EYF. The actual printing/publication costs amount to 40% of the total costs.

EVS Workcamp Project

(see details page 17)

The latest development in the EVS Workcamp project is the setting up of a Steering Group. An evaluation meeting, "the Big Weekend", was set up again this year and was hosted in October in Dresden, Germany by IBG. As in 2000, it was a great success.

Furthermore it is planned to continue the development of a brochure on accessibility, and a follow up on former EVS Workcamp volunteers from 1999 until now. A meeting concerning the evaluation of former EVS ST volunteers is planned for January 2003.

Finally, the Steering Group has improved the evaluation tools for the EVS ST project.

AVSO CEE Large Scale Project

The Alliance is represented as a partner in this project, also within the Youth programme. AVSO leads this project to support and prepare organisations in Central and Eastern Europe to work within the Youth programme.

Alliance Administrative Assistant

For the past five years MS has held the post of Alliance Administrative Assistant. Their overall experience is that the task was much easier to carry out when MS also held the post of General Secretary in the EC, rather than when MS was President.

Due to staff reductions, MS found it difficult to maintain the work of AAA. For this reason they would like to hand over the role to a new member by 1st of January.

It has been difficult to handle the work of the AAA with five working hours. MS therefore proposes an increase in working hours.

MS also recommends linking the role of AAA with the General Secretary : it is difficult to be AAA and not be part of the EC.

In spite of handing over the post as AAA, MS would like to maintain the official Alliance Address. The EC supported and GA accepted this proposal, in order not to cause too much confusion to partners.

Therefore, in 2003, the AAA will be attached to Alternative V in Ukraine.

Web services

www.alliance-network.org

At the GA, the report was divided into two parts: an EC report and a report by the webmaster Kemal Abiska, **Jeunesse et Reconstruction**.

During the past year, positive improvements on the Alliance website have been carried out. It is updated efficiently and a new feature is proposed: registration for the GA and availability of proposals and other materials for events.

It is important that members of the Alliance comment and come up with ideas for development of the web site. It is not just a task for the EC.

The EC has discussed the financing of the website development. The Treasurer applied for, and was granted, a website development project. The next step will be to train Alliance members, not only in using the website, but also in improving it.

A new point on the web site is a note about the 20th anniversary of the Alliance.

*Note : a new WEB project was studied in 2002 for implementing a **Web directory for international voluntary service projects**, a tool for member organisations to ease the exchanges projects (from sending to host organisations). General Assembly agreed to launch this new service in January 2003. This project is managed by FIYE.*

in 2002

37 Alliance Members

16652 volunteers

- 72% sent abroad
- 28% in the country

34 % males – 66 % females

10% under 18

70% between 18 and 25

20% over 25 years old

1337 workcamps

17072 places proposed

Environnement	37%
Renovation	19%
Culture	8%

15348 volunteers present

90% of the places filled

5% of Teenager projects (68)

117 persons staffed by Alliance members to run the workcamp programme

in 1997

24 Alliance Members

12675 volunteers

- 71% sent abroad
- 29% in the country

48 % males – 52 % females

14% under 18

75% between 18 and 25

11% over 25 years old

983 workcamps

11441 places proposed

Environnement	33%
Construction	17%
Renovation	13%

9908 volunteers present

86% of the places filled

7,6% of Teenager projects (75)

106 persons staffed by Alliance members to run the workcamp programme

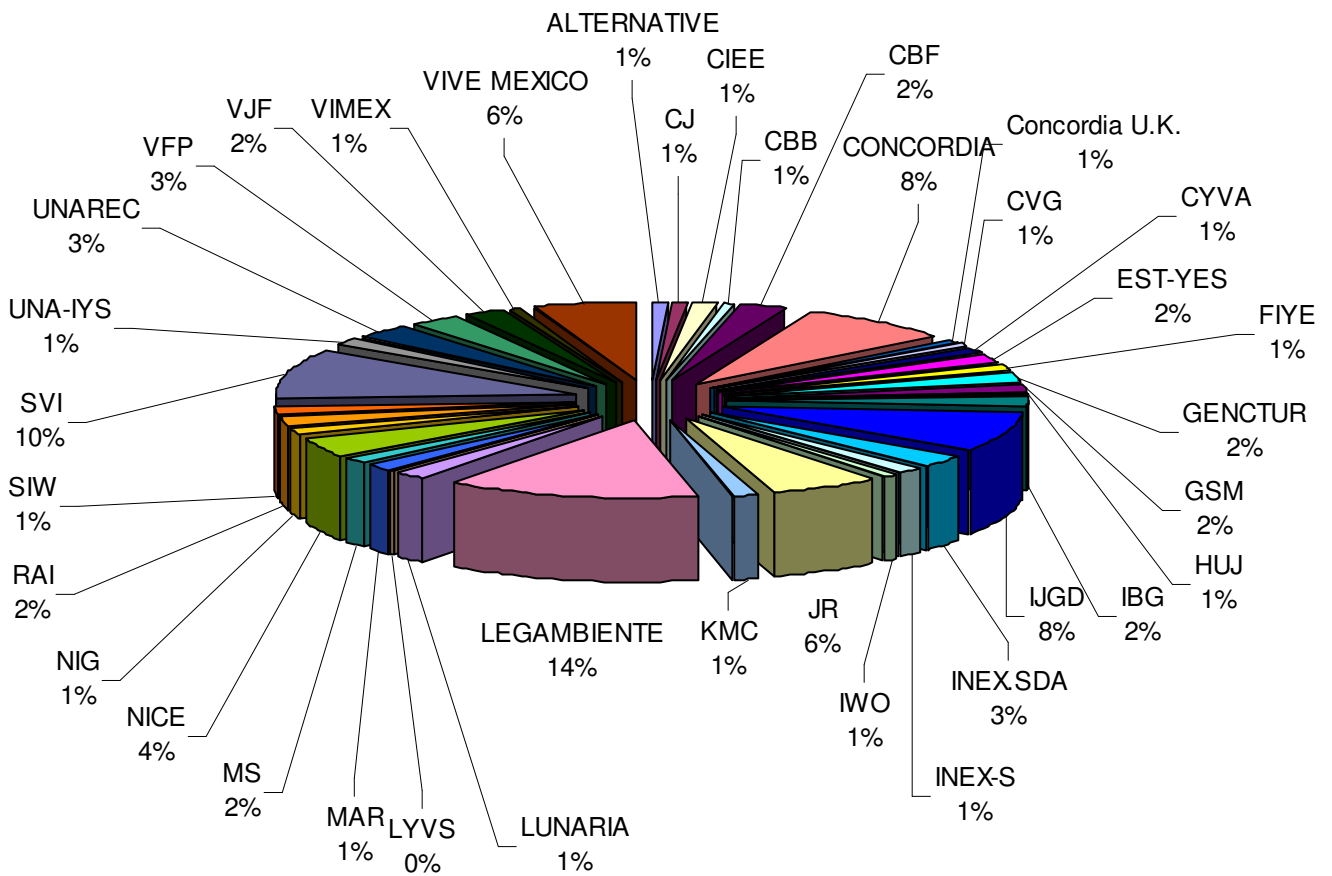
Some highlights of the 2002 Statistics are:

- the number of camps and exchanges of volunteers increased, mainly due to the increased number of Alliance members.
- the percentage of exchanges with Alliance partner organisations in general has increased, but exchanges with YAP and SCI have remained at the same amount.
- more than 1000 volunteers cancelled, adding up to 8% of our work which is wasted.
- 86 projects were cancelled.
- some members sent in the statistics very late or only answered certain questions. This constitutes a problem in completing the Statistics fully and in due time.

It was further mentioned by Concordia France that the completion of the Statistics by the end of the year is difficult when the responsible organisation runs activities, seminars or projects during this time.

We remind the GA that the Statistics are an important tool during the discussions and for reflection on the past and future of the Alliance.

Volunteers placement by Alliance Members



*The Alliance EVS Workcamps is an operation set up in 1999 on a request of the European Commission ; it helps **youth from disadvantaged backgrounds** to participate in a first voluntary service experience.*

Alliance EVS Workcamps 2001

PLACEMENT : In 2001, 32 exchanges have been realised in the EVS workcamp pilot project (on the 50 planned). The placement work started quite late (end of June 2001) - due to the late agreement of the DG - and ended in March 2002

EVALUATION

- *Tools*

We created 2 evaluation tools:

1. the « Travel Journal », personal tool for the volunteers. Up to now we have not seen many of them and we don't know if this tool was really used (and useful).
 2. the « Evaluation Tool »: a tool for mentors, staff in the structures and camp leaders in the workcamps. We have received 12 evaluation tools for 2001.
- A questionnaire has been sent to members involved since 99 in order to evaluate our work for the Commission and to show that we follow volunteers.
 - Big Week End : An evaluation meeting has been organisation in October in Italy, hosted by Legambiente – 15 volunteers participated (with 5 trainers in the Prep Team).

CO-ORDINATION : UNAREC was in charge of the co-ordination for the ALLIANCE with the support of the Steering Group.

FINAL REPORT : The Final report has been sent for the 1st of December 2002.

Alliance EVS Workcamps 2002

PLACEMENT : Up to now, 40 exchanges have been realised in this program on the 50 planned. Placement work is not finished yet ; new places are open till the end of April 2003.

EVALUATION :

Tools : We continued using the « Travel Journal », and the « Evaluation Tool ».

We added some improvements in the Travel Journal in order to make it more attractive. We wish to see some members involved in the work of evaluation in order to develop better our tools.

Big Week End : An evaluation meeting has been organisation in October in Germany, hosted by IBG (report attached).

CO-ORDINATION UNAREC is in charge of the co-ordination for the ALLIANCE.

FUTURE 2003: meeting with the Commission (2nd of October): we already know that practical details will change ; it will concern Co-ordination (less granted), but the exchanges should not be modified.

*The Steering group is a working group set up in November 2000 ;
it aims to develop the accessibility of our workcamps to any kind of public,
particularly persons from disadvantaged background.*

Members of the Steering Group:

Sheila SMITH (UNA Exchange), Christoph MEDER (IBG), Anna DEMUSIAK (FIYE), Andrea KOCHER (VJF), Sylvie DUMOULIN (CBB), Hanna PITT (UNA Exchange) Christelle LATRASSE, Marie Jean DUPUIS & François RIBAUD (UNAREC),

Objectives of this Group:

1. Follow up of the EVS workcamp (short term) pilot action 2002 started in June.
2. Educative strand and strategy with the European Commission and National Structures
3. Decision about the "youth post camp" (EYF A grant application rejected)
4. Preparation of the final evaluation in Feb./March 2002.
5. Study the future of this action (policy) within the Alliance

• Plan of action agreed

Orientation till the end of the EVS workcamp 2002 project

1. the Steering G. is preparing the last phase of the project and consider what could come after
2. continuation of what has been done up to now and ensure that the work is integrated in the Alliance activities (and linked with TFT, workcamps, Website)
3. transfer the experiences in a better/closer way of co-operating together.

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>planned</i>	<i>realised</i>
Big Week End Prep team	Sylvie, Christelle, Marie-Jean, Anna Christoph	18-21/10	Dresden (IBG)	Volunteers	15	15
Steering group report (GA Day 1)	Christoph,	4/11	Roenshoved	Members		
Evaluation meeting (GA Day 1)	Andrea & Marie Jean	4/11	Roenshoved	Members involved	20	30
Working group (GA Day 2)	Sheila	5/11	Roenshoved	Members	15	25
Booklet workshop	Christoph & Christelle	During GC	Roenshoved	Some members	5	5
Evaluation meeting	Sheila & UNAREC	16-19/01	Clermont-Ferrand	Members part of the project	10	22
Lecture in TFT (tools)	François	February	Strasbourg	Leaders trainers		
Something in the TM	Working group	March	Bratislava	Members	20	
Joint evaluation SCI & YAP	co-ordination	March	Bratislava	Steering group	8	

The Big Week end is a Youth Post Camp gathering volunteers (disadvantaged young people) who participated to an Alliance EVS workcamp.

Big Week End, Dresden, 18-21/10 2002

Following the evaluation of volunteers engaged in the European Voluntary Service Short Term, the ALLIANCE proposed for the second year to organise a Youth Post Camp for the participants of this program.

This Youth Post Camp was hosted by IBG in the FachWerkHof in Dresden.

10 participants participated to this evaluation:

from 5 members (Conc-Uk, Estyes, IBG, INEX, Legambiente, Unarec) in 5 countries –
7 males, 3 females

- 5 trainers :

- Sylvie DUMOULIN, *CBB, Belgium*
- Anna KOOZINA, *ESTYES, Estonia*
- Christelle LATRASSE, *UNAREC, France*
- Marie Jean DUPUIS, *UNAREC, France*
- Christoph MEDER, *IBG, Germany* (hosting organisation)

And a big support from local people from the Fachwerkhof and a great help from Harry, IBG camp leader who came to join us during Zis Week end.

In the EVS ST program run this year again by the Alliance, one of our priorities is still the evaluation and the follow up of the volunteers.

It was very important to meet these volunteers and to give them the opportunity to participate to a “Post Camp” like other volunteers, and share their experience.

The different backgrounds of volunteers and trainers brought a variety of experiences and specific approaches.

This week-end gave us the opportunity to meet these volunteers: through games and talks we have evaluated with them their experience and we have helped them thinking about their future, through volunteering... or not.

It was very interesting to be hosted in a place so used to receive international volunteers (IBG has just organised there its 25th workcamp in the FachWerkHof). Local hosts were very much involved in the preparation and did a lot to give us the best chance to organise a nice and fruitful event.

Comparing with last year, we had much more time to prepare the event in Dresden (the prep team arrived on Wednesday). We could prepare lots of details to care of the volunteers and help them feel comfortable and relax (post offices where participants could write messages to each others;



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We also had the chance to visit Dresden ; one of the German participant was our guide and was happy to show us the city.

More time was given to talk with the volunteers ; they could share their impression with young people from their age who have lived the same kind of experience ; they got the opportunity to know more about volunteering, on a short or long term.



On 10 participants:

- ◆ 1 is really in a research of EVS long term and has a quite precise idea of what he would like to do, when, where...
- ◆ 3 plan to join a EVS LT or MTV projects after their studies or vocational training, before finding a paid job (and motivated to continue participating in workcamps until then)
- ◆ 2 are not ready for an EVS LT, and willing first to continue in short term or mid-term volunteering (workcamps or MTV)
- ◆ 3 are more concerned by a research of a job but are motivated to continue volunteering on short period (workcamps)
- ◆ 1 is already on an EVS LT (since end of September)

All the volunteers were happy of this Youth Post Camp.

They all appreciated the general organisation, the place, to meet new people, to learn about different forms of volunteering.

FOLLOW UP

All these volunteers have the same wish of going on in voluntary service, either for a long term or a short term. We remind to the sending organisations that they are engaged to follow them and keep them involved in their activities.

It will be important to give a feedback to the Commission of what are becoming the volunteers, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year after the end of their EVS Short Term projects.

We really want to make sure that these volunteers will be able to participate in the activities they wish, with the support of their sending organisation



Plan of action 2002 realised

Action	Who	When	Progress
1. Alliance Events and Projects			
<i>A. Regular events:</i>			
• one Post Camp Event	Concordia	28 Dec- 3 Jan. 2002	Done
• one training for trainers seminar I	Prep Team and EC	February	Done
• one Technical Meeting	Alternative	March 2002	Done
• one General Assembly/one General Conference	MS	November 2002	Done
<i>B. Other events:</i>			
• Training event about external relations (PCE)	Members	Alternative (PCE)	In 2003
• Training event about exchanges matters	Members	second half of 2003	In 2003
<i>C. Projects:</i>			
• Apply for & organise EVS workcamp project with SCI & YAP	EC (VP & T)	Throughout the year	In process
• Follow-up with AVSO CEE large scale project	EC	Throughout the year	In process
• Finalise the publication of the Alliance Guidebook	UNA Exchange	Throughout the year	Done
• Conclude the IYV joint campaign with CCIYS, SCI, YAP,	EC & members	Throughout the year	Done
• Develop the use of the Web site	Contracted members	Throughout the year	EC proposal
• To make an assessment of an Alliance database	Members	Throughout the year	In process
2. Management of the Alliance			
A. To analyse the member survey and report on the key issues	EC	GA	In process
B. To (re)define the identity, mission and goals of the Alliance	EC (VP), Strategy g.	GA 2002	Not done
C. Initiate a plan for External representations and affairs	EC (6 th member)	Throughout the year	Not done
D. Set up a group composed of staff and/or board members to study the needs and make proposals for future actions on external relations	Members and EC	Throughout the year	Not done
3. Co-operation between members			
A. Run an introductory session on the Alliance and the exchange work for newcomers at the TM	EC (Vice President)	March	Done
B. Work on the issues surrounding the exchanges of leaders	Members	Throughout the year	In process
C. Exchange information and practices on LTV (in particular EVS)	Members	Throughout the year	No news
D. Exchange information and practices on the European Youth programme	Members	Throughout the year	No news
E. Set up a training group to look for the needs of training and facilitate projects	Members	Throughout the year	Not done
4. Information and communication			
A. Publish and distribute at least two Newsletters	AAA + members	Throughout the year	Abandoned
B. Follow up the maintenance of the Alliance website	EC & JR	Throughout the year	In process
C. Mandate one-three organisations to improve the flow of information regarding external relations	Members	Throughout the year	Not done



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Plan of
Action
2003

Taking into account the result of the former Plan of Action (2002), the GA proposed to concentrate the Alliance action in 2003 on the following points.

In general, 2003 will put into action the proposals resulted from Alliance's survey on strategic issues (2001 & 2002).

Action	Who	When
1. Alliance Events and Projects		
<i>A. Regular events:</i>		
• one Post Camp Event	Alternative V	3-8 January 2003
• one Training for trainers, seminar II	Prep Team & EC	9-16 February 2003
• one Technical Meeting (join with SCI)	INEX Slovakia	4-9 March 2003
• one General Assembly/one General Conference	SIW	November 2003
<i>B. Other events:</i>		
• Training/evaluation event about exchanges matters	Prep team & EC	second half of 2003
<i>C. Projects:</i>		
Apply for & organise EVS workcamps project with SCI & YAP	EC (VP & T)	Throughout the year
- Organise two evaluation events January (internal) & march (for the 3 networks)	UNAREC	
- Publish the booklet on practice for developing Accessing voluntary service	Steering group	
Follow-up with AVSO Central and East European large scale project	EC	Throughout the year
Implement Alliance web services : Web site and Web directory	EC & Contracted members	Throughout the year
2. Management of the Alliance		
Initiate a plan for External representations and affairs	EC (6th member) & working g. A	Throughout the year
Study the needs for a Alliance's Secretariat and registered office	EC & working g.B	GA 2003
Propose changes to the Constitution and Standing Orders, especially for new membership policy and future events.	EC & working g.B	GA 2003
Propose a 3 or 5 years Alliance development plan	EC & working g.B	GA 2003
3. Co-operation between members		
Run an introductory session on the Alliance and the exchange work for newcomers at the TM	EC & Staff platf. Prep Team	March
Organise one or two Staff platform meetings to discuss issues and needs to improve exchanges programmes	Staff platform Prep Team	During events
Study the wider training needs of members	TFT prep t. & Staff platform Prep Team	GA 2003
4. Information and communication		
Seek new methods for improving internal communication	EC (President)	Throughout the year



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Alternative-V Ukraine www.alternative-v.com.ua 1992

The Ukrainian Association for Youth Co-operation 'Alternative-V' is a non-political, non-profit public organisation, founded in 1992. Alternative-V was created to facilitate co-operation between youth organisations, to involve Ukrainian young people in youth programmes in the fields of education, culture, ecology, historical heredity protection and helping people in disadvantaged people. Alternative-V aims to contribute to the development of a more peaceful society and the decrease of social injustice. Alternative-V currently has branches in different regions of Ukraine.

CBB Belgium www.compagnonsbatisseurs.be 1953

(Compagnons Batisseurs Belgique)

Compagnons Batisseurs was created to assist in reconstruction work following the Second World War. Volunteers from different countries worked together to rebuild peace and houses with hands and heads. The goals of CBB workcamps are: meeting people inside the group, the organisation, the locality; helping manually; and supporting volunteers to take responsibility for their decisions.

CBF France www.compagnonsbatisseurs-grandsud.org 1957

(Compagnons Batisseurs France)

Compagnon Batisseurs works well as short term voluntary service and also carries out LTV and EVS projects and exchanges. Often CB France works with minority groups such as the Romas.

CJ Canada/Quebec www.cj.qc.ca 1980

(Chantiers Jeunesse)

Chantiers Jeunesse is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation which aims to develop active and engaged young citizen, support local development and the development of the full potential of individuals. CJ offers learning and training projects in collaboration with partners in Quebec and abroad, based on solidarity and respect of differences.

Concordia France www.concordia-association.org 1950

Concordia is a non-formal educational youth organisation which uses international workcamps to promote international exchanges. Concordia is a national non-governmental, non-profit making organisation, with well-established experiences and a long involvement of its members. The activities of Concordia continue throughout the year with weekend or short holiday workcamps, long term voluntary service, the integration of people with difficulties, study and activity groups (eg. North-South, International). Concordia is a democratic organisation, led by dynamic and motivated volunteers and young people, and supported by paid staff. There are six regional offices in France.



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Concordia United Kingdom www.concordia-iyee.org.uk 1943

Concordia is a youth charity and for profit organisation that promotes international youth exchange through participation in international volunteer projects. The organisation aims to encourage and enable young people internationally to come together to work for a common goal with the aim of promoting greater international understanding, co-operation and thus peace. Concordia works in partnership with local community organisations in order to support local development initiatives through international volunteer projects. Concordia refers itself as a youth/international volunteer organisation.

Council, CIEE USA <http://us.councilexchanges.org> 1947

(Council on International Education Exchanges)

The Council on International Educational Exchange, known as Council and often referred to as CIEE, is a private, non-profit membership organisation, whose mission is to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. Council was founded in the aftermath of World War II to encourage travel and foster international understanding through supporting young people to study, work, volunteer and travel abroad. Today Council is one of the largest international education organisations in the world with almost 800 professionals and support staff working in more than 30 countries.

www.ciee.org

CVG Greece www.cvgpeep.gr 1987

(Conservation Volunteers Greece)

CVG is a non-profit, non-governmental, volunteer organisation promoting conservation work and intercultural exchanges between young people from all over the world. Activities include mainly short term voluntary service projects (workcamps). CVG organises a series of training seminars for young people willing to be animators and group leaders as well as seminars for members of other organisations and local institutions interested to develop voluntary projects. Since 1997 CVG has been actively involved in the EVS programme as a hosting and also as a sending organisation. CVG refers to itself as a youth and workcamp organisation.

DEINETA Lithuania 1988

Deineta is aimed at promoting international co-operation and understanding between people of different nationalities. Deineta organises international workcamps in Lithuania and has started to work on LTV projects, national seminars and trainings.



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ESTYES Estonia www.estyes.ee 1991

The aims of ESTYES are: to increase international understanding and solidarity between countries and people and to promote continuous dialogue between young people all over the world. ESTYES aim to enable young people by living and working together to learn from each other, discover the variety of cultures, broaden horizons thus building bridges over cultural differences. Another important aim is to help in the solution of actual problems in Estonia by the means of voluntary service activities. ESTYES refers itself as a youth exchange and workcamp organisation.

FIYE Poland www.fiye.org 1989

(Foundation for International Youth Exchange)

FIYE is a vibrant Polish non-governmental and non-profit organisation. Since its establishment FIYE has been active in the field of voluntary service and particularly committed to international youth exchange programmes. FIYE has developed and successfully carried out a considerable number of volunteer projects with special regard to short-term workcamps and long-term programmes (6 and 12 months duration). FIYE considers voluntary service programmes as a unique and excellent form of maintaining international contacts, fostering youth exchange, allowing the participants to fight cross-cultural barriers and developing bonds of long-lasting friendship. Furthermore, FIYE aims at popularising the currently vital concepts of mutual help, solidarity, peace and civic awareness. Volunteers participating in FIYE's projects always emphasise the fact that due to the 'Polish experience' they have grown responsible, open-minded and above all, they managed to stand up to a challenge, test themselves in demanding conditions and initiate cross-cultural dialogue, which they consider rewarding and valuable in today's world.

Gençtur Turkey www.genctur.com 1979

Gençtur's aims are to offer possibilities for young people from Turkey and other countries to get to know each others cultures and to diminish the prejudices about each other through the international voluntary workcamps. Domestic workcamps offers a great chance to get close contact with the local population and to introduce the Turkish culture to foreign participants while workcamps abroad give the chance to provide cultural exchange for Turkish young people. Gençtur refers to itself as a workcamp organisation.

GSM Turkey www.gsm-youth.org 1985

Youth Services Centre (Gençlik Servisleri Merkezi)

GSM, founded in 1985 by a group of young people, is a non-governmental youth organisation. The main aim of GSM is to facilitate the collaboration of youth from all around the world in a peaceful atmosphere without prejudice where they can share their rich cultural backgrounds. The main activities are Euro-Mediterranean youth meetings, international youth seminars, study visits, youth exchanges, training courses, the European Youth Festival and national youth camps. As another major activity, GSM also organises international voluntary workcamps across Turkey. The aim of the camps, which are organised in co-operation with universities, municipalities and local initiatives, is to



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enable young people from different countries to come together and exchange ideas while engaging in a public project.

HUJ Armenia www.best.am/HUJ 1965
(*Voluntary Service of Armenia*)

HUJ: organises activities of Armenian and foreign volunteers in international workcamps in Armenia; sends Armenian volunteers to participate in international work camps, seminars, workshops, training, and information meetings; promotes intercultural learning and mutual understanding by encouraging cultural exchanges, visits and seminars; encourages young people to take an active part in social activities via non-profit organisations; sensitise young people towards equal opportunities for men and women and to encourage women to lead an active life in all sectors of society; co-operate with state government, ruling bodies, NGOs, political and religious organisations and enterprises in order to fulfil mutual aims and projects; provide care for orphans, handicapped people, refugees and socially vulnerable groups; enable young people to become aware of the importance of democracy in the formation of society and thus encourage them to play an active role in its institutions.

IBG Germany www.workcamps.com 1965
(*Internationale Begegnung in Gemeinschaftsdiensten e.V.*)

The aim of IBG is to promote international and intercultural understanding and peace, mainly by organising international workcamps in Germany and by sending volunteers to workcamps abroad. IBG organises medium and longer term projects such as EVS. IBG refers it self as a workcamp organisation. IBG is a registered charity and does not have a political or religious affiliation.

IJGD Germany www.ijgd.de 1948
(*Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste*)

IJGD is a non-profit, non-denominational organisation which aims to encourage young people to become aware of existing social and environmental conditions, enabling them to be active and responsible participants in a democratic society. The experiential learning in a workcamp leads to an examination of one's own cultural norms and values and consequently helps to break down barriers between people because of their cultural, social and racial differences. This development of international understanding is regarded as a contribution to the furtherance of world peace.

INEX - SDA Czech Republic www.inexsda.cz 1991
(*Association for Voluntary Service*)

INEX SDA is a voluntary non governmental, non profit-making youth organisation, which focuses on international voluntary projects. To promote voluntary help, solidarity, civil society and intercultural understanding through voluntary service, INEX - SDA organises short term as well as long term voluntary projects and exchanges.

INEX – SDA runs its activities in the Czech Republic within following areas:



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- 1/ Development of rural regions – running the rural centre in Eastern Bohemia, so called Blue Stone House and other regional branches, dealing with sustainable life and management of regional projects.
- 2/ Short term voluntary projects (workcamps) – camps are divided into five programmes according to their study parts
- 3/ Long term projects – working under several programmes
- 4/ Disadvantaged children – “Big Brother, Big Sister” programme working with children from disadvantaged background.
- 5/ Development Education – preparing development Education seminars, establishing Czech Forum for Development Co-operation together with other Czech NGOS dealing with development issues.

INEX Slovakia Slovakia www.inex.sk 1993

INEX Slovakia is a non-profit organisation, the main aim of which is to play an active role within the international youth exchanges which promote international understanding, intercultural learning and tolerance. International volunteer projects are a simple means of achieving these goals. They provide opportunities for young people of different national and cultural backgrounds to live and work together, facilitate personal growth and a sense of personal responsibility. In addition to the international workcamps taking place mainly in the summer months, INEX also organises training for present and future camp leaders, summer camps for children and students, study visits and other youth activities.

IWO South Korea www.1.or.kr 1999

(International Workcamp Organization)

IWO is a non profit, non governmental organisation with Youth and volunteer. We aim to promote the peace and solidarity, voluntary service, the mutual understanding, respect, tolerance between the young people: to encourage them to find out their own values in the world ; to help them to improve intercultural communications ; to help the local communities to develop. We are focusing on the International Volunteer Project and Intercultural Youth Exchange Project to realise the aims. Our main activities are international workcamps, long-term volunteer project ; series of training seminars for volunteers, co-ordinators, project partners: youth training seminars for youth involvement, leadership, project management.

J&R France www.volontariat.org 1948

(Jeunesse et Reconstruction)

Jeunesse et Reconstruction is non-profit organisation and has no political affiliation. It participates in the development of international exchanges and organises workcamps, farming camps, mid and long term projects and languages courses. J&R aims to fight social, racial, political or religious discrimination by proposing activities where everyone can find a place. It aims to help peace and fraternity through exchanges, to participate actively in a collective project, to promote citizenship and help young people to know themselves better through social and economical realities.



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KMC Czech Republic www.kmc.cz 1965
(*Klub mladých cestovatelů*)

KMC has been established to encourage youth and student activities in the sphere of voluntary service and budget travelling. From 1990, KMC is an independent organisation following the aims and attitudes of young people with respect to acknowledge the history, life and culture of their home country and other countries regardless of race, nationality, political conviction and religious confession. One of the activities of KMC are international workcamps.

Legambiente Italy www.legambiente.com 1980

Legambiente is a leading environmental organisation in Italy with 20 regional committees and more than 2,000 local groups. Legambiente runs national and international campaigns aimed at reducing traffic and air pollution, against pesticides, proposing new energy policies, enhancing use of renewable sources, energy efficiency and energy conservation, etc. Since 1994, Legambiente has been organising a volunteer campaign promoting summer-camps in many protected areas both in Italy and abroad. The campaign is aimed at enhancing public awareness of environmental issues such as forest-fire or habitat degradation; collecting information on natural resources; promoting green tourism in order to develop a sustainable economy; and helping people take an active role in the conservation of our natural and cultural heritage.

LUNARIA Italy

International Voluntary Service is only a part of Lunaria.

Other activities of Lunaria are:

- National campaigns to work on peace and environment issues within Italian budget laws
- Improving the situation for immigrants in Italy
- Help desk for asylum seekers in Italy
- Research on 3rd sector
- Socrates programme promoting MTV to senior volunteers (55-70 years of age) in five different EU countries.

LYVS Belarus www.lyvs.bn.by 1994
(*League of Youth Voluntary Service*)

LYVS is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation. It is based on the principle of free membership. It assists young people in accomplishing initiatives based on volunteer work.

MAR Bulgaria www.mar.bg 1992
(*Bulgarian Youth Alliance for Development*)

The aims of MAR are to strengthen the international contacts and multi-understanding among young people from all over the world, stimulating their awareness of other cultures and lifestyles and to promote among young people the idea of voluntary work. MAR also aims to facilitate individual growth, acquisition of skills and to impart a sense of



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responsibility amongst the volunteers as well as to give them opportunities to create new ideas for working, living and learning. MAR wants to support community initiatives and assist in community development. MAR refers itself as a youth and workcamp organisation.

MS Denmark www.ms.dk 1944

(Mellemlfolkeligt Samvirke / Danish Association for International Co-operation)

The over all aim of MS is to further international understanding and solidarity beyond national and cultural boundaries All MS activities are based in co-operation across borders based in solidarity and the struggle for a more equitable distribution of the riches if the earth. Lobbying and information work is an important element of all MS activities. The (youth) Exchange Programme provides opportunities for young people to gain an insight into other cultures. The MS programme consists of activities in most parts of the world. MS refers itself as a voluntary organisation.

NICE Japan www.nice1.gr.jp 1990

(Never-ending International workCamps Exchange)

NICE aims to create/develop/revive an ecological, self-sufficient and warm-hearted civilisation. NICE promotes exciting voluntary actions through fresh ideas and mobility as a youth non-profit organisation. NICE encourages and supports activities of local communities, creating opportunities to meet new people and start new actions by involving many locals. NICE makes bridges between isolated communities and invites youth to depopulated areas, promoting global friendship, understanding and solidarity.

NIG Germany 1990

NIG is a non-governmental, non-religious private members' organisation aimed at promoting peace and international understanding across borders. It works especially in the fields of the environment, solidarity with 3rd World countries and against discrimination.

NIG offers specific Eastern German related issues such as work on unemployment.

RAI Spain/Catalonia www.planeta-rai.org 1992

(Recursos d'Animacio Intercultural)

RAI is an independent non-profit youth association that works for inter-culturality, solidarity and social engagement among young people in the entire world. RAI aims to promote intercultural education, understanding and peace through voluntary and socially active participation, to promote community development, and to encourage young people from different backgrounds to meet and share their experience.

SIW Netherlands www.siw.nl 1953

(Internationale Vrijwilligers Projekten)

The objectives of SIW are to encourage international contact and understanding, to stimulate the development of young people, and to do socially, culturally and



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environmentally useful work. These objectives are primarily realised by sending young people from the Netherlands to volunteer projects in other countries and welcoming young people in international voluntary projects in the Netherlands. SIW refers it self as a workcamp organisation.

SVI Spain www.mtas.es/injuve 1950's
(*Instituto de la Juventud*)

SVI is the International Voluntary Service department of the Youth Institute of Spain and deals only with the workcamp activities aimed at young people who are between 18 and 26 years old. Its main objectives are to stimulate the exchange of ideas and youth global development, strengthening their own intercultural learning processes, their personal development and the reinforcement of democratic values. It also aims at integrating experiences, personal knowledge and the global development of young people in the carrying out of activities in the frame of voluntary work.

UNA Exchange United Kingdom/Wales www.unaexchange.org 1973

The aims of UNA Exchange, a registered charity, are: to promote international understanding through the medium of voluntary service; to assist in community development by acting as a means to stimulate new ideas and projects and to encourage the concept of voluntary service as a force in the common search for peace, equality and social justice. UNA Exchange provides opportunities for the people of Wales to understand international issues through direct contact with people from other countries. The central activities of the organisation involve international volunteer work in local communities: international workcamps; EVS projects and medium term volunteering. UNA Exchange refers itself as a national voluntary youth organisation.

UNAREC France www.unarec.org 1962
(*Union Etudes et Chantiers*)

Etudes & Chantiers is a non profit and non governmental organisation, created in 1962 by several youth movements, and became "UNAREC" in 1987. Our Union gathers regional organisations (currently 5), running permanent projects independently, but working together on national programmes as well as in the field of international voluntary service (more particularly with the workcamp programme).

Our aims are : to promote active citizenship for all (young and adults) through local to international development projects, to support access of disadvantaged populations to employment, social integration, and international mobility, to support local initiatives, rural or urban, for improving cultural, social or economical community development. In practice we refer ourselves as a non formal educational movement using workcamps or work projects ("chantier") as a step to intercultural or integration apprenticeship.



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VFP USA www.vfp.org 1982

(Volunteers for Peace)

VFP promotes international voluntary service as an effective means of intercultural education and community service. VFP organises programmes where people from diverse backgrounds can work together to help overcome the need, violence and environmental decay facing our planet. Workcamps are truly the microcosm of a world where nations join together giving priority to improving life for humanity. They are a practical way to both prevent and resolve conflict.

VIMEX Mexico www.vimex.org.mx 1985

(Voluntarios Internacionales Mexico AC)

VIMEX is based at Mexico City ; our aims are: help in social way with voluntary work, to promote the unity and communication between countries of the world through volunteers exchanges. It promotes international workcamps in different fields like environment, culture, renovation of historic buildings, work with animals with extinguish problems and help the Mexican students to study foreign languages.

Vive Mexico Mexico www.vivemexico.org 1997

Vive Mexico is a non-profit making, Non-Governmental Organisation that has been co-ordinating workcamps in Mexico since 1997. The main activities of Vive Mexico involve the organisation of workcamps as a tool to help in different programmes for the culture, social and ecological issues of Mexico but also to promote intercultural exchanges and understanding between the participants and the local communities in 11 states of the Mexican republic. Vive Mexico also organises other activities such as medium and long-term volunteer service projects. Its philosophy consists of involving young people of different nationalities to projects focused on aid and co-operation with the objective to provide a space where the energy and creativity of the group can be channelled in a background that promotes the brotherhood and solidarity between the nations of the world. At the same time the aim is to make the participants aware that the problems are a human responsibility.

VJF Germany www.vjf.de 1990

(Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger)

VJF was founded as an independent, non-governmental workcamp organisation, committed to the ideas of solidarity, humanism and mutual understanding among young people from all over the world. VJF believes that common work and other activities should make young people think about such problems as the maintenance of peace, the preservation of the natural environment, solidarity with developing countries, the fight against old and new fascism, against racial hatred and all forms of discrimination be it social, racial, sexual, political or religious. VJF refers it self as a workcamp and voluntary service organisation.



The Executive Committee is made up of six members (President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Fifth and 6th Member) is elected to take responsibility for implementing of the Plan.

The EC members are elected for 1 or 2 years (depending on the mandates) and no member may serve on the EC for more than 6 consecutive years.

General Assembly 2001

General Assembly 2002

President	Aleksander Kurushev (Estyes)	Aleksander Kurushev (Estyes)
Vice President	Sheila Smith (Una Exchange)	Remco Wernsen (SIW)
General Secretary	Klara Dvorakova (Inex-Cz)	Oksana Yuryk (Alternative-V)
Treasurer	François Ribaud (UNAREC)	François Ribaud (UNAREC)
5 th Member	Claudia Nickel (VJF)	Torsten Löser (IJGD)
6 th Member	no	Claudia Nickel (VJF)

(external relations)

Working Groups are also formed each year to focus on specific areas of activity.

To carry on the work approved by the GA 2002, Two working groups are proposed. The EC will work closely with the working groups.

Working Group for External Relations:

Franziska Hacke, IBG; Laura Wahrig, IBG; Roman Kühn, VJF; Klara Dvorakova, INEX SDA; Fahrid Ghrich, CBB were appointed.

Future of the Alliance Working Group:

Marie Jean Dupuis, UNAREC; Marco Paoli, Concordia France; Torsten Löser, IJGD; Christoph Meder, IBG were appointed by the GA to establish the working group.

The Invitation List of the Alliance is approved each GA and indicates the list of partner organisations invited to the TM and/or the GC, the Seminars.

Organisation	Country	Network
ACAAEJ	Algeria	Partner
ACJ	Morocco	UMAC
ADP	Montenegro	SEEYN
ALLIANSSI	Finland	Partner
ATAV	Tunisia	Partner
AVSO	Belgium	AVSO
AYAFE	Azerbaijan	Partner
BCHR	Serbia	SEEYN
CCH	Honduras	Partner
CCIVS	International	CCIVS
CFD	Germany	YAP
CIA	Greece	Partner
CIEE J	Japan	Partner
CIEE T	Taiwan	Partner
CJM	Morocco	UMAC
CSM	Marocco	UMAC
DEINETA	Lithuania	ALLIANCE
DEM	Macedonia	SEEYN
DROM	Macedonia	SEEYN
FORUM	Ukraine	Partner
G.A.Zagreb	Croatia	SEEYN
GREENWAY	Thailand	NDVA
GYC	Albania	SEEYN
IIWC	Indonesia	NDVA
IPJ	Portugal	Partner
IPYL	Palestine	YAP
IRSH	Albania	SEEYN

Organisation	Country	Network
JEC	Marocco	UMAC
KNCU	South Korea	Partner
MCC	Mexico	Partner
MCE	Mongolia	NDVA
NDF	Germany	Partner
NIFC	Nepal	NDVA
NUESTRA TIERRA	Mexico	YAP
OH	Germany	Open Houses
OKC	Bosnia Herzegovina	SEEYN
PAW	Germany	Partner
PKBI	Indonesia	NDVA
PRO-INT	Germany	Partner
SAY YES	Bosnia Herzegovina	SEEYN
SCI	International	SCI
SJ	France	YAP
SPIC	Latvia	Partner
UNV	International	UN
VCZ	Croatia	SEEYN
VSS	Yugoslavia	SEEYN
VSU	Russia	Partner
W4U	Russia	Partner
WORLD PULSE	USA	Partner
YAP	International	YAP
YAP-Italia	Italy	YAP
YVS	Russia	Partner
ZWA	Zimbabwe	Partner

Six new organisations, supported by five members, have been added to the invitation list: CIA Greece, CIEE Taiwan, IIWC Indonesia, KNCU Korea, MCE Mongolia, SPIC Latvia.

SEEYN organisations are invited to all three meetings: to TM as individual organisations; to GC/Seminars as representatives of the network.

The next GA will approve a new list if any new organisations are supported by five members.



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