

REGULATION  
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AWARD  
XXIII EDITION - *updated July 21<sup>st</sup> 2016*

## Event information

Event name	International Volunteering Award 2016
Date	Saturday 3 December – from 10.00 am to 13.30 pm
Place	Rome - Italy
Issue	The positive role of civil society in the South and the Diaspora role for co-development.

## Categories

1. International Volunteer
2. Young European Volunteer
3. Volunteer of the South

### 1. International Volunteer

The Award is the recognition that FOCSIV dedicate to those are characterized in the commitment against all forms of poverty and exclusion and for the affirmation of the dignity and rights of every woman and man. Through the Award, each year FOCSIV tries to bring the attention of more and different issues that affect international cooperation context/setting and, at the same time, that highlight the links between the North and the South of the world, traveling from one continent to the other through the stories of the volunteers.

The 8xmille the Catholic Church promotes, encourages and rewards the international volunteer, with a contribution of 20,000 (twenty thousand) Euros in support of project in which the winner volunteer works. The project membership organization received the award agrees to:

- reporting the contribution amount received to FOCSIV, as guarantor in respect of the Service for the promotion of economic support to the Catholic Church - CEI, in

- accordance with procedures adopted by the Committee and Service for charitable interventions in favor of Third World countries ([LINK to procedures](#) ).
- organize during the 6 months following, a presentation 8xmille to the Catholic Church, with the participation of a representative of the Service for the promotion of economic support to the Catholic Church - CEI, as part of its shareholders' meeting or an event public specially organized.

## 2. [Young European Volunteer](#)

Open to young volunteers involved in European programs and in National Civil Service with project abroad. This class is designed to enhance the European and young dimension of voluntary service, in particular through the recognition and promotion of the European Voluntary Service, Erasmus+ (Erasmus Plus) as a tool of citizenship, interculture, social engagement, inclusion and non-formal learning for young Europeans.

## 3. [Volunteer of the South](#)

The objective of this category is to recognize the important contribution that the citizens of South countries give to the processes of civil society and their country growth, with considerable personal dedication, sometimes with several risks. In this way we intend to change the main narrative that identifies the people of the South in a permanent poverty and liabilities status, with the only possibility of escape and asylum in the countries of the North of the world. This idea ignores the fact that the first actors of the changes, that are occurring now in developing countries, are African people that we can only assist, lead, encourage, but never replace.

FOCSIV accounts whether confer any [Special Mentions](#).

### **Preferential selection criterion**

The preferential selection criterion for all three categories, in continuity with the previous edition, will be the commitment to interventions aimed at promoting sustainable development.

### **Selection Mode [International Volunteer](#)**

The opportunity to nominate own international volunteer is open to all Italian organizations involved in international solidarity (Associations, NGOs, Missionaries and Diocese Centers etc.).

They are permitted only the applications of international volunteers in long-term service; they are exempt: operators based in Italy who go to the South only for local missions; brief experiences, although repeated; work's camps volunteers.

They are allowed only and exclusively applications from international volunteers of Italian nationality.

### **Selection Mode** Young European Volunteer

The opportunity to nominate own volunteer is open to all coordinating, sending and hosting Organizations EVS in Italy, in addition to all Organizations that have volunteers engaged in the National Civil Service with project abroad.

Eligible candidates are young people currently involved in a EVS project lasting at least 6 months in Italy or abroad.

Candidatures from those who have completed a EVS project lasting at least 6 months in Italy or abroad, within one year from the end of the service, are also admitted.

Referring to young people in the National Civil Service abroad, are allowed volunteers who will be on service or who are returned by no later than 6 months, at December 2016.

### **Selection Mode** Volunteer of the South

We intend to identify a volunteer (man or woman) citizen of the South of the world, which is stand out into cooperation and construction activities of social value in his own country.

The candidate may be :

- An activist of sustainable development, engaged in lobbying and advocacy initiatives closer to the local communities.
- An immigrant in Italy and who is committed, with a Diaspora's Association, for co-development activities in his country of origin.
- A person resident in a country of the South who, in the context of an association/local cooperative, has contributed to the growth of community with dedication and effectiveness.

- A person from the South who, working in an international organization, has made a significant contribution (perhaps with the coaching of Italian volunteers) for the success of the initiatives/projects in the country.

NOTE: for all categories, will be accepted volunteers applications received and applied exclusively by an associative entity (not individuals).

## **How to participate and deadlines** *(extensions of the deadlines could be evaluated)*

Applications: opened until July 25<sup>th</sup> – DELAYED TO AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

Applications must be accompanied by a self-produced video presentation of the volunteer and of the project in which he/she is involved. The video can be realized with any instrument (non-professional cameras, cameras, smart phones, etc.), lasting up to three minutes. Video quality is not a selection criterion.

### Voting phase

The videos will be shown and voted on the dedicate website and shared on social networks (FaceBook, Twitter, etc.) to invite friends, supporters and users to vote, thereby facilitating and promoting the spread of the initiative.

### Choices of the Jury

After the "popular" voting phase, the jury will select the volunteer to be awarded from the list of the four most voted candidates for each category by the public.

FOCSIV will evaluate possible extensions to established timeframes.

## **Press and communication**

The winners of the three categories will be invited to participate to the final event of the awards in Rome, the 3 December 2016, with the opportunity to be present and tell their stories in national and local television and radio.

It will be guaranteed adequate visibility to the winners volunteers and to the organizations in the realization of materials and in the communication campaign.

The winner volunteers will be invited to stay in Rome during the period before and after the event. It will be required their availability and flexibility as necessary for the FOCSIV press

office. The costs of travel, accommodation and meals of the three winners will be covered by FOCSIV.

In order to allow the press office work, for an adequate visibility of the winners, it will be required to the organization to prepare and provide in time:

- Video images of the volunteer and of the project in which it is committed, in Mp4 quality. The video can be realized also with smart phone or camera, but with the quality that can be used for TV.
- At least 10 high-resolution photos of the volunteer and of the project.

The identities of the winners are hidden until the event's day, only during the event awards they will be announced to the press. The organization of the winner volunteers in all categories will be awarded to keeping the news confidential, except specific indications by FOCSIV and/or for any public recognition by the institutions involved, in these cases organizational changes will become necessary.

The organization is aware that the images collected may be used by FOCSIV during the awards and in any opportunity for public awareness and communication campaigns.

Exclusively for the winner of the International Volunteer Category, in the month of October or November it will be made a reportage edited by the Media Partner "Famiglia Cristiana" - an Italian magazine - and a video made by the media Partner TV2000, in the community where he/she operates.\*

*\*Reportage and video of the Award of the International Volunteer Category*

#### Costs covered

- FOCSIV will support: travel costs (return flights) of the press components mission; the cost of travel, accommodation and meals of the award winning ensuring his personal participation in the award ceremony, other institutional events and for the entire period in Rome for conducting the media campaign.

-The organization will support: the costs of accommodation and meals for the press components mission (troupe of journalists and any FOCSIV staff); internal mobility costs. It is

suggested to the organizations to identify an accommodation that can guarantee to journalists the best organization of their work.

The organization is also committed to providing the most complete availability and cooperation to the troupe and to any staff for the realization of the video; considering the return of image also for the organization, it is inviting to support with its contacts the search for sponsorships already started by the Secretariat of the Federation.

The sending of the application form signed implies the acceptance of this Regulation.