



Non-governmental Voluntary Organizations in Germany, Lithuania, Italy, Slovakia, Cyprus and Spain



“I’m not telling you it is going to be easy, I’m telling you it’s going to be worth it.” ~ Art Williams



Cyprus

You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.



Red Cross. Since its establishment, the Red Cross, by applying the fundamental principles which are Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality, among others helps the prevention and relief of human pain and the confrontation of emergency situations in the whole world, in times of peace or war, without gender, age, social class, religion or political description. Address: 3 Kypriakou Erythrou Stavrou Street, 2063 Strovolos, Nicosia. E-mail: admin@redcross.org.cy. <http://www.redcross.org.cy>



The Mediterranean Policy Centre (MPC), is an independent not for profit organization. The Policy Centre – in light of the social, economic and political situation for the people living in Cyprus – works towards knowledge-based intellectual and autonomous progress in activities, and the execution of a self-sufficient, sustainable and competitive structure. 2.Selim Caddesi-Feza Apt.D.6 – Köşklüçiftlik; Nicosia, Cyprus. E-mail: akaya@medpc.org. https://sites.google.com/a/medpc.org/www_en/



Protecting Animals Without Shelter (P.A.W.S) - The Cyprus Association for the Protection and Care of Animals (CAPCA) is the name of our registered charity; however, everyone knows us as "PAWS" which is the name of the dog shelter which is operated in Achelia, near Paphos airport. Paws Dog Shelter is a care facility for abandoned, rescued and abused dogs in Paphos and the surrounding areas in Cyprus. https://m.facebook.com/P.A.W.S.Cyprus?_tn=C





Peace Centre Cyprus. Humanity has, at its highest expressions, recognised Peace as a precondition to the realisation of the human potential to its fullest expression. 3 Propyleon Str. Strovolos Industrial Area. P.O. Box 23817. 1686 Nicosia. Cyprus. E-mail info@peace.org.cy. <http://www.peace.org.cy>

NGO Cyprus **STOP Trafficking.** All the members of the organization work voluntarily .Our three main actions are: Campaign, Direct assistance to victims, and finding financial resources. P.O. Box 24228. 1702, Nicosia, Cyprus. cyprus.stop.trafficking@gmail.com. <http://cyprusstoptrafficking.webs.com/>



PeacePlayers – Cyprus (PPI-CY) is a locally led, independently registered charity in Cyprus that uses the game of basketball to allow 10-to-16 year old Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot boys and girls to play together, learn together and build positive relationships that overcome generations of mistrust and formidable physical barriers to interaction. PeacePlayers is currently the only year-round bi-communal youth sports organization on the island. By facilitating regular and structured interaction, it helps reverse prejudices built steadily over years in segregated communities and fosters the long-term trust necessary for true friendships. 28 Markou Drakou Street, UN Buffer Zone, Nicosia 1102, Cyprus. jcanlibalik@peaceplayersintl.org. <http://www.peaceplayersintl.org/our-programs/cyprus>



Future world Center - An innovative non-profit initiative of social entrepreneurs, aspiring to harness the power of emerging technologies and the science of structured democratic dialogue to accelerate positive social change.

<http://www.futureworldscenter.org/index.php/en/>



Germany

Let us live not only for ourselves but also for others. Because only you can colour the other person's life in bright colours!



Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland (BUND) is a German non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to preserving nature and protecting the environment. The German transliteration would literally amount to Union for the environment and nature conservation. “The future depends on what we do in the present.” The subtitle Friends of the Earth Germany indicates that the BUND is a member organisation of the international network Friends of the Earth. Landesverband Berlin e.V. Crellestraße 35. D-10827 Berlin. <http://www.bund-berlin.de/>



World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to working with the world’s most vulnerable people. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision Deutschland e.V. Am Zollstock 2-4. 61381 Friedrichsdorf, Germany. <http://www.worldvision.de/>



ADRA Germany is a church-based humanitarian organisation, which has been working in the areas of relief and development since 1986. ADRA works all over the world with numerous national and international partners to combat poverty and hunger. Robert-Bosch-Str. 10, 64331 Weiterstadt, GERMANY. <http://www.adra.de/en/>



Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe provides humanitarian aid worldwide. It supports people who have fallen victim of natural disasters, war and displacement and who are not able to cope on their own in the emergency situation they find themselves in. It is an effort to help people in great need – worldwide, regardless of their colour, religion and nationality. <http://www.diakonie.de/>





CARE Deutschland-Luxemburg is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. Non-political and non-sectarian, CARE operates each year in over 65 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, reaching more than 50 million people in poor communities. CARE helps tackle underlying causes of poverty so that people can become self-sufficient. Geschäftsstelle, Dreizehnmorgenweg 6. D-53175 Bonn <http://www.care.de/home/>



medico international Medico International. The assistance provided by Medico is more than the supply of relief goods in emergency situations. They see their work as an element within comprehensive social action that aims at the implementation of the right to health. In this effort they are not focused on short-term "interventionist aid missions". Their concern is to cooperate in a spirit "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Burgstr. 106, 60389 Frankfurt am Main. <https://www.medico.de/en/>

Tolerance means ...
appreciating and respecting
differences in people.



Italy

“Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” ~ Sherry Anderson



www.avsi.org **AVSI.** Its mission is to support human development in developing countries in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church’s social teaching. It operates in 38 countries, implementing more than 100 projects in the areas of education, urban development, health, agriculture, food security and water, energy and environment, humanitarian assistance, and migration. AVSI, which has an office in Washington, D.C., is registered as a private voluntary organization with the U.S. Agency for International Development and holds general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. http://www.avsi.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Avsichi%C3%A8_en.pdf



CESVI CESVI implements humanitarian, reconstruction and development projects in 30 countries. In 2010, it implemented 192 projects, which involved 145 local partners in 28 poor nations and directly benefited more than 2.2 million people. CESVI’s workforce in the same year included 40 at headquarters, 191 expatriates, 894 local staff and 970 active volunteers. 24128 Bergamo, Italy. https://www.devex.com/en/organizations/cesvi/secure?mem=ua&src=org_full



Doctors with Africa Cuamm. The first health-focused NGO recognized by Italy is also the country’s largest organization working to improve the health conditions of people in sub-Saharan Africa. It runs long-term programs in Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, which it says “are strongly integrated with the health care culture and social tissue” of these countries. The projects are mainly performed in hospitals and rural areas and focus on maternal and child care. It also provides training to health care providers. Via San Francesco, 126. 35121 Padova (Italy) <http://www.mediciconlafrica.org/en/>





EMERGENCY

Emergency (founded in Italy) seeks to provide high-quality and free health care to poor people and those caught in war, including various types of surgery, physiotherapy and internal medicine. It constructs and operates hospitals catering to war victims and for surgical emergencies, physical and social rehabilitation centres for land mine and war injury victims, first aid posts for emergency treatment, health centres for basic medical aid and pediatric centres. It also offers training to national staff so they can meet high professional standards and vocational training to landmine amputees. It is active in Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Central African Republic, Iraq, Sierra Leone and Sudan. Via Vida 11 - 20127 Milan, Italy. https://www.devex.com/en/organizations/emergency/secure?mem=ua&src=org_full



Insieme, per un mondo possibile.

International Volunteer Service for Development is active in 53 countries where its volunteers implement development cooperation projects, mainly in the education and training sector. It has tapped 350 volunteers for its international activities over the last 20 years. It holds special consultative status with ECOSOC and is funded by Caritas, the Italian foreign ministry, European Union and Italian Episcopal Conference. Via Appia Antica 126, Roma. <http://www.volint.it/new/node/2297>

INTERSOS

INTERSOS - this humanitarian agency holds special consultative status with ECOSOC. Aside from providing aid to those affected and displaced by natural disasters and armed conflict, INTERSOS performs humanitarian mine clearance activities and assists in the restoration of public services following crises. It is mainly funded by the European Union, Italian and other donor governments, U.N. agencies, and regional, provincial and city governments in Italy. It is a member of NGO networks LINK 2007, AGIRE and CONCORD. Via Aniene 26/A - 00198 ROMA. <https://www.intersos.org/en/>



Lithuania



Do not judge people for their mistakes, better take them by the hand and help them find their way.



PTPI (People to People International) - is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. Established in 1956, PTPI has reached more than 160 countries with people of all ages participating in programs. PTPI is dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural communication within and across communities and nations. Tolerance and mutual understanding are central themes. While not a partisan or political institution, PTPI supports the basic values. Lithuania also has its chapter in Graziskiai, Vilkaviskis district. Suduvos 21A, Graziskiai, Vilakviskis, Lithuania. daiva2simona@gmail.com



Association "DONORYSTĖ" ("Organ Donation") – Promotes citizenship and love for one, that is to say to agree that our organs after death will be donated to people who need it. This organization is the best organization in Lithuania which represents and gives quality service for people who have serious kidney problems. Also, this organization has the best confidence in our society. Žolyno g. 3, 10208 Vilnius. <http://www.donoras.lt/lt/titulinis.html>



TARPTAUTINIAI JAUNIMO APDOVANOJIMAI

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (commonly abbreviated DofE) – The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation values its team of committed, diverse and competent people. It aims at trying to offer fair and competitive employment conditions, as well as exciting development opportunities. All of our work opportunities are posted in this section of our website, including opportunities for volunteering. Konstitucijos pr. 25, Vilnius 08105. <http://www.dofe.lt/>



Order of Malta. The Order of St John of Jerusalem is one of the oldest institutions of Western and Christian civilization. Present in Palestine in around 1050, it is a lay religious Order, traditionally of military, chivalrous, noble nature. What distinguishes the Knights of Malta is their commitment to reaching their spiritual perfection within the Church and to expending their energies serving the poor and the sick. The organisation in Lithuania has been handing out hot meals since 1993 and now covers a total of 16 municipalities with the two new towns added last year. Gedimino pr. 56B, Vilnius. <http://maltieciai.lt/>



Lithuanian Caritas, an organization subordinate to the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference, is involved in voluntary charitable activity and renders social and spiritual help to the poor. Lithuanian Caritas gives diverse social, medical and consultative services to those members of society who are in need. <http://www.caritas.lt/>



Maistobankas  A **food bank** is a non-profit, charitable organization that distributes food to those who have difficulty purchasing enough food to avoid hunger. The world's first food bank was established in the US in 1967, and since then many thousands have been set up all over the world. The Lithuanian Food Bank is a FEBA member since 2008. It coordinates four offices and warehouses in cities with the help of 120 volunteers and 13 employees and collects and distributes food on a daily basis in 24 Lithuanian towns and cities. Vytenio 54, Vilnius. <http://www.maistobankas.lt/>



Save the Children

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organisation for children. They work in over 120 countries. They save children's lives; they fight for their rights and help them fulfil their potential. They work to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives. Across all of their work, they pursue several core values: accountability, ambition, collaboration, creativity and integrity. Vilniaus g. 39/Klaipėdos g. 6 Vilnius. <https://www.gelbektivaikus.lt/>

jaunimo linija
8 800 28888 | www.jaunimolinija.lt

Youth line - one of the largest operating in Lithuania for free emotional support by phone and e-mail service. Since 1991 the service has had about 250 volunteers (Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda). Youth Line is a non-governmental, non-profit organization. Naugarduko g. 34, 03228 Vilnius. <http://www.jaunimolinija.lt/>



“The post of Joy” is a social campaign, targeted for the seniors, who live in old people’s home. The main idea is to spread happiness to them not only during the celebration time, but also during casual days in order to make them feel happy. Moreover, citizens of Kaunas and Vilnius cities have the opportunity to write down their thoughts on postcards, filled them with words and the most warmest wishes for those who really need them. All good wishes for the seniors will be read by the organizers and volunteers during their visit to the home. The social campaign is organized by the students from Vilnius University, Kaunas faculty of Humanities. It was created in 2014. <https://www.facebook.com/dziaugsmopastas/>



Slovakia

Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it's inspiring.



Civic Association **NanoSoft Slovakia** is a regional non-governmental educational organization, which was established in July 2011 as an incentive for children and youth, education in information technology, economics, marketing and project management. <https://www.facebook.com/public/NanoSoft-Slovakia>



The People in Peril Association is the NGO which most quickly reacts to disasters in the world and is capable to collect most money for the purpose of humanitarian aid. The target group of some other organisations are children and their rights. <http://www.clovekvohrozeni.sk/en/> Baštova 5, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovakia.



MAGNA Children at Risk or the Slovak Committee for UNICEF which is part of the international organisation UNICEF. Many Slovak NGOs rely on the work of volunteers, not only small NGOs but also organisations like ADRA and Caritas. Some organisations are actively supporting and promoting the work with volunteers: e.g. eRko or the organisation Tabita which is the Slovak coordinator for the ASA-GLEN volunteer sending programme. Štefánikova 19, 811 05 Bratislava, Slovenská republika <http://2011.magna.sk/en/structure/>



Some small or medium size platform organisations concentrate on other fields such as democratisation and civil society development, education and research or environment: e.g. the association “**Civic Eye**” conducts election observation and NGO training, the **League of Human Rights Advocates** is about to develop cooperation with NGOs in Western Africa. Close to the environmental sector is e.g. the organisation **People and Water** which provides services to rural communities in Slovakia and some countries abroad. Čermel'ská cesta 24, 040 01 Košice. <http://www.ludiaavoda.sk/>





The Slovak Non-Governmental Development Organisations Platform is an interest group of legal entities, an umbrella organization of 31 non-governmental organizations in Slovakia (24 regular members and 7 observers) primarily active in the area of international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance. The NGDO Platform's role is to represent the common interests of its member organizations both at home and abroad, influence policy making in the area of development cooperation and raise public awareness about issues related to development assistance. Miletičova 7, 821 08, Bratislava <http://www.mvro.sk/en/about-us>



The Alliance of Women in Slovakia is a citizens' movement. These women gave rise to a network of women across the whole of Slovakia who felt a need to provide and to obtain information and experience about life in other communities, and were committed to actively support the development of civic awareness and civic culture in their own community. Nábelkova 2, Bratislava, Slovakia. <http://www.wave-network.org/organizations/alliance-women-slovakia>



The Euro-Atlantic Center (EAC) is a Slovakian non-profit, nonpartisan, non-governmental organization specializing in the field of international relations and security issues. The EAC was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in Banská Bystrica, with an additional office in Bratislava. <http://www.eac.sk/en/>



Youth Council of Slovakia is non-governmental roof organisation of children's and youth nongovernmental organisations. Pražská 11, 811 04 Bratislava, Slovakia. <http://mladez.sk/rms/english/>



Spain

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” ~ Aesop



The **Alia2 Foundation** is a Spanish non-profit organization the goal of which is to stop internet child grooming to prevent child abduction and rape. Alia2 works together with other public entities to combat this threat by educating parents and children how to use new technologies responsibly. http://adsoftheworld.com/media/print/alia2_foundation_kid_2



Codespa Foundation is a non-profit organization helping poor people and communities in the developing countries of Asia, Africa and the Americas. Founded in 1985 and based in Spain. The organization is presided by the Prince Felipe of Spain. Rafael Bergamín Street, 12 down 28043 Madrid. <https://www.codespa.org/home>



ECODES "huft" Foundation Ecology and Development is an independent non-profit organization that works towards sustainable and environmentally friendly development, founded on 10 March 1992. It works to strengthen dialogue and collaboration with all stakeholders in the implementation of actions and programs that promote sustainable development and enable social change. They provide ideas and solutions as well as critical commentary based on professional expertise. The organizations main areas of focus are social responsibility, climate change resulting from global warming, water management, reducing consumption and development cooperation. Plaza San Bruno, 9. 50001 Zaragoza, Madrid, Spain. <http://ecodes.org/>



Ecologists in Action is a confederation of over 300 Spanish ecological groups, founded 9 December 1998. Ecologists in Action is aligned with the philosophy of social ecology, which views environmental problems (and many other social problems) are having their origin in an ever more unsustainable and globalized model of production and consumption, a model that must be changed to resolve the ecological crisis. To that end, they conduct campaigns to publicize ecological problems, such as public denunciation of actions that damage the environment. Marqués de Leganés, 12 - 28004, Madrid. <http://www.ecologistasenaccion.org/>





Intervida is a Spanish development NGO. Intervida works towards sustainable human development, providing the resources necessary so that the most disadvantaged populations can strengthen their capacities and create opportunities to improve their living conditions. c/. Pujades, 77-79 4a. planta, Barcelona, Catalonia, 08005, Spain <http://www.idealists.org/view/nonprofit/MKd6BB5g3WmD/>



GRAIN is a small international non-profit organisation that works to support small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. GRAIN's work goes back to the early 1980s, when a number of activists around the world started drawing attention to the dramatic loss of genetic diversity on our farms — the very cornerstone of the world's food supply. By the mid-1990s, GRAIN reached an important turning point. They realized that they needed to connect more with the real alternatives that were being developed on the ground, in the South. Around the world, and at local level, many groups had begun rescuing local seeds and traditional knowledge and building and defending sustainable biodiversity-based food systems under the control of local communities, while turning their backs on the laboratory developed 'solutions' that had only got farmers into deeper trouble. Girona 25, pral.,08010 Barcelona. Spain. <https://www.grain.org/>



The **International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR)**, founded in 1935, is a worldwide, non-profit, independent organisation of engineers and water specialists working in fields related to the hydro-environment and in particular with reference to hydraulics and its practical application. IAHR was called the International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research until 2009. <https://www.iahr.org/site/cms/contentChapterView.asp?chapter=1>

The Vital Dent Foundation is non-profit making organisation whose mission is to help spreading dental health habits and prevention. The Foundation is present in those countries where Vital Dent operates, such as Spain, Portugal and Italy. Main areas of activity are: research, welfare projects, popularization programs, dentistry Sciences Institute.





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<http://www.ihfonline.org/>

<https://www.civiweb.com/EN/index.aspx>

<http://www.idealists.org/>