



Fundación de la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana

Foundation for Solidarity and Voluntary Work
of the Valencian Region

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Who are we?

- ❖ A non-for-profit organisation
- ❖ Established in 2001
- ❖ Scope: Valencian Community; comprises the Regions of Alicante, Valencia & Castellón
- ❖ Aim: to promote solidarity & volunteering

Establishment...

- ❖ Created in 2001 from a joint initiative between Valencia's Regional Government and Bancaja (*regional savings bank*)
- ❖ Objective: to encourage voluntary work and solidarity throughout the local not-for-profit organizations of the Valencian Community in Spain

Our Activities

- ❖ Training of volunteers
- ❖ Development of research lines in the field of solidarity
- ❖ Dissemination by means of specialised publications
- ❖ Promotion of solidarity and voluntary work amongst the citizens of the Valencian Community
- ❖ Technical, financial and material equipment to the local voluntary centres
- ❖ Support to volunteers, entities and institutions
- ❖ Collaboration and development of joint initiatives with voluntary associations and institutions at local and international level
- ❖ Management of 16 Local Centres Network of Volunteers in the Valencian Community

Our Priorities – Strategic Plan

- ❖ Our main objective is to be an efficient organisation. This means to be proficient in achieving our mission by optimising to the maximum the available resources
- ❖ Three strategic areas:
 - To encourage, to promote and to favour voluntary work
 - To encourage, to promote and to favour solidarity with disabled people
 - To encourage, to promote and to favour assistance and social services

Some data

- ❖ We serve more than 1,600 non-for-profit organizations registered in our data base
- ❖ We reach more than 25.000 volunteers in the Valencian Community through our Network of 16 Local Volunteer Centres
- ❖ FSVCV has organized 20 events gathering more than 200 experts and 2.000 participants (i.e. 2002)

**Providing support to local
volunteering centres**



Information



Mediation



Access to office space



Library



Technical advice



Legal advice



Accounting advice



Communications advice



Training



Associations hotel



Website



Publications



Mediterranean Observatory

Information:

- ❖ To volunteers, volunteering centres & associations and society at large

About:

- ❖ Existing volunteering associations, their activities, how they work, their needs, etc.
- ❖ Activities & actions carried out directly by the FSVCV

Mediation:

- ❖ Guiding and advising those interested in engaging in volunteering to the most appropriate entity

Access to office space:

- ❖ We provide volunteering centres & associations free access to meeting rooms (debates, training, meetings)

Library:

- ❖ Within our offices in Valencia we provide free access to our library which is specialised in social policies
- ❖ We have more than 700 books and various publications

Technical advice:

- ❖ On how to obtain financing...
 - Public and private calls and tenders, grants, prices...
- ❖ On how to draft and submit projects...
 - Advising on the planning, follow-up and project evaluation

Legal advice:

- ❖ Providing volunteering centres basic information on how to be legally established (statutes) and how to carry out their regular activities in accordance with Spanish legislation

❖ Accounting advice:

- ❖ Supporting & informing as regards the accounting plans and books, as well as other administrative matters...

Communication's advice:

- ❖ Guidance on how to approach the media
- ❖ Advice on how to create their own corporate identity & image

Training:

- ❖ More than 160 training seminars
- ❖ More than 4.500 training hours in 4 programmes:
 - Basic training
 - Specialised training
 - Training on how to manage organisations
 - Post-graduate training

Association's hotel:

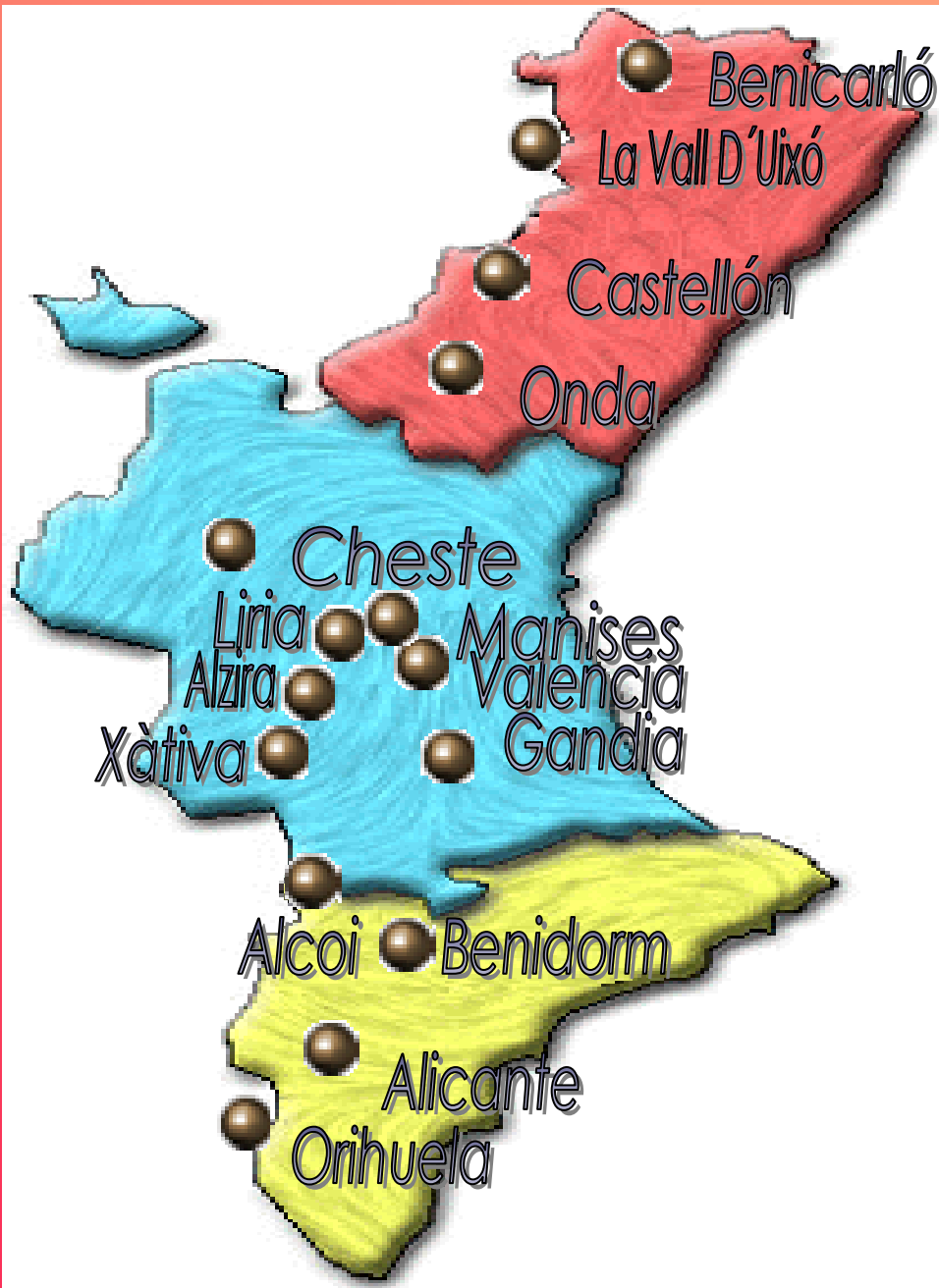
Both in Valencia city centre and in Onda, the FSVCV has available office space for those associations that are getting started and count with no resources for a period of up to six months

Its services include: an office table, a computer, Internet connexion, fax, photocopy machine ...

Mediterranean Observatory on Volunteerism:

Composed of organisations belonging to the Mediterranean countries with the aim of putting together, analyse, share information on the world of “volunteering” and come up with practical solutions to common concerns...

<http://www.mediterraneanvolunteersobservatory.org/home.asp>



**Network of 16 Local
Volunteers' Centres
throughout the
Valencian
Community**

Latest Initiatives

Promoting solidarity in the
Valencian Community

First National Congress of Education in Values

- ❖ Where? Valencia - 24 to 26 February 2005
- ❖ Joint initiative by the Foundation in cooperation with the University of Valencia
- ❖ Programme: Panel formed by 20 high-level speakers, three-day congress, 4 conferences and 2 round tables
- ❖ Audience: more than 200 participants, mostly teachers and educators from 7 different regions in Spain
- ❖ Aim: to enable teachers to transmit youngsters attitudes and values to foster a sense of solidarity amongst the citizenship and promote a more fair, tolerant and overall solidary society

EUROFORUM

Shared challenges in the EU-25

- ❖ Where? Valencia – 3-4 November 2005
- ❖ Promoted by the the Foundation and supported by the European Volunteer Centre (CEV)
- ❖ Programme: Personalities coming from the European Institutions and expertise researches from the University of Vienna, the University Johns Hopkins...
- ❖ Audience: Civil Society representatives coming from 11 different countries
- ❖ Aim: To be a platform for reflection between public authorities and civil society, so as to facilitate the exchange of information and best practice in promoting volunteering and solidarity within the European Union's framework

FSV CV European Office

Our tasks & activities

Information & communication

- ❖ Provision of relevant European and international information to all NGOs of the Valencian Community:
 - Newsletters
 - Information service on EU financing opportunities
- ❖ Attendance and reporting on EU conferences, seminars and debates on:
 - Immigration policies, gender equality, education, youth, fundamental rights, disability, development policies, UN initiatives, CSR, etc.
- ❖ Monitoring of EU policies and programmes and contribution to EU consultation procedures

Institutional representation & networking

- ❖ Liaison with all relevant European and international institutions: European Commission, European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee, UN Volunteers
- ❖ Contacts with other associations and NGOs with shared interests
- ❖ Representing the FSVCV in international fora and conferences
- ❖ Ensure participation by European experts to international conferences and events organised in Valencia

Conception & running of international projects

- ❖ Corporate Social Responsibility Encounter
- ❖ Euromed Civil Forum
- ❖ European Network of Regional Centres on Solidarity and Voluntary Work (ACTIVE)
- ❖ European Volunteer Exchange
- ❖ Project INVOLVE
- ❖ Youth Seminar “Young Volunteers for Solidarity and Tolerance”
- ❖ [Euroforum](#)

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