

Some examples of comparative studies, researches on volunteering in Europe

Author	Title and year	Topics covered	Countries
SPES (Centro di Servizion per il volontariato del Lazio)	<i>"Volunteering across Europe , Organisations, Promotion, Participation</i> 2007	Description of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer landscape • Third sector • Legal framework • Relations with public institutions • Forms of funding • Regulations • Volunteer infrastructure • Realities and instruments 	Spain France, UK, the Netherlands Poland Czech republic Italy
CIVIQ (T. van Hal, M. Steenbergen) and Business-Society Mgt, Rotterdam School of Mgt (L. Meijs)	<i>"Volunteering and participation on the agenda: Survey on volunteering policies and partnerships in the EU."</i> 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on volunteering (definitions, realities, fact and figures) and volunteering policies in 25 Member States 	25 Member states
CEV	<i>Fact and Figures</i> research study is an on-going project . started in 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides comprehensive statistical data and information about volunteering and volunteers in the different European Union Member States. 	Published until now for 12 countries: Belgium (June 2004), Bulgaria (August 2006), Czech Rep. (June 2004, updated 2007) France (July 2004) Germany (Nov 2004) Ireland (April 2004) UK (April 2004) Spain (January 2005)

			Poland (June 2005) Portugal (August 2005) Italy (March 2006) Austria (March 2006) Sweden (2007)
CEV and AVSO	<i>“Legal Status of Volunteers in Europe”</i> . research study carried out between September 2002 and September 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides comprehensive and practical information on volunteers and the law in a range of current and future European Union Member States. • Raises the profile of voluntary activities and the barriers that hinder its further development. • Provides examples of good practice in national legislation, policies and programmes. 	Published for 24 countries: Austria Belgium Bulgaria [updated 2006] Czech Rep.[updated 2005] Denmark [updated 2005] Estonia [updated 2005] France [updated 2005] Greece [updated 2005] Germany Hungary Ireland [updated 2005], Italy Latvia Lithuania [updated 2005], Luxembrg [updated 2005]; Netherlands Poland Portugal [updated 2005]; Romania [updated 2005]; Slovenia [updated 2005]; Spain Sweden Switzerland [updated 2005] UK [updated 2005];
John Hopkins university	<i>The Comparative Non profit Sector Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research shows value of volunteering work: http://www.jhu.edu/~cnp/PDF/table201.pdf 	36 countries (17 European) 34 countries

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil society sector sources of support, with and without volunteers http://www.jhu.edu/~cnp/PDF/table401.pdf • Volunteering and giving as a share of GDP by country, including gifts to religious worship organizations where available, ca. 1995-2002 http://www.jhu.edu/~cnp/PDF/comptable5_dec05.pdf 	
AVSO	<i>'Youth civic service in Europe. Policies and programmes'</i> 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the legal, financial and administrative frameworks of youth voluntary and civic services developed in the studied countries. • To examine how difficulties can be overcome through application of EU instruments and policy developments in the MS. 	France Germany Italy Czech Rep Poland European level
CIVICUS Global Survey Edited by V. Finn Heinrich. Bloomfield,	CIVICUS Global Survey of the State of Civil Society, Vol. 1: Country Profiles CT: Kumarian Press, 2007.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CIVICUS Global Survey of the State of Civil Society: Volume 1 presents the program's findings in the form of 44 concise country profiles which look at factors such as civic engagement, democracy, corruption, social capital, gender equity, and civil society's role in policy. In most chapters, the assessment is followed by policy recommendations. 	country profiles on Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Orissa (India), Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Korea, Taiwan, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Vietnam and Wales; and an Annex

			on Research Methods.
CIVICUS Global Survey Edited by V. Finn Heinrich and Lorenzo Fioramonti	<i>Taking the pulse of civil society worldwide – the CIVICUS Global Survey of the State of Civil Society , Vol.2: Comparative Perspectives</i>	CIVICUS is publishing the second volume of the <i>CIVICUS Global Survey of the State of Civil Society</i> which provides a wide-ranging analysis of key issues facing civil society worldwide. The book draws on the information collected by the CIVICUS Civil Society Index project in more than 45 countries to explore issues such as civil society's accountability, its relations to the state and corporate sector and its role in governance and development. It also includes regional overviews of the state of civil society in different continents. By bringing together a diversity of perspectives and themes, this book offers a comprehensive and engaging analyses of civil society worldwide	45 countries
Université de Lyon I	Vocasport study (2004) <i>Améliorer l'emploi dans le domaine du sport en Europe par la formation professionnelle</i>	The job creation potential of sport	EU-25 (where possible)