BACKGROUND
The Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) with the support of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) has been organising the AEYVE since 2001, bringing together every year Asian and European international voluntary service organisations to work on a specific theme. The 8 previous exchanges have brought interesting results in terms of social, economic and cultural development. Nevertheless, the extent and growing potential of the ASEF-CCIVS network is still to be fully understood and exploited by the different stakeholders involved. Following the recommendations of the Networking Asia-Europe Young Volunteers conference that took place in France last November, the 2010 edition of the AEYVE will be an initiative bridging the formal and non-formal education pillars. This will enable ASEF and CCIVS to evaluate their achievements in International Voluntary Service (IVS) in Asia and Europe and also to draw a detailed future action plan thanks to the development of research tools, which will be presented in October 2010 during the Connecting Civil Society Conference organised by ASEF in Brussels.

INTRODUCTION
The AEYVE aims to foster mutual understanding, co-operation and exchange between IVS-organisations in Asia and Europe. Almost 10 years after the first AEYVE as part of ASEF’s strategy to promote the International Year of Volunteering in 2001 and looking forward to the celebrations for the UN International Year of Volunteers +10 and the European Year of Volunteering in 2011, this 9th AEYVE will aim to measure voluntary service impact. Both the personal development as the community development will be taken into notice.

Particular importance is given to evaluating the achievements of Asia-Europe projects in the field of international voluntary service. The specific objectives are:

- To share experiences and train organisations on approaches to voluntary service results-oriented research;
- To harmonise and develop methods and tools for impact assessment and collection of statistics on voluntary service projects;
- To conduct a research and compile quantitative and qualitative results regarding the impact of voluntary service on the personal development of the volunteers and the communities they are in;
- To develop concrete follow-up ideas that can be implemented by participating organisations as well as research and academic partners after the project.
THE PREVIOUS EIGHT EDITIONS OF AEYVE
Below, an overview of the eight previous AEYVEs:

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PROGRAMME
This 28-day project will combine training activities, reflection, exchange of good practices, project visits, interviews with AEYVE-alumni, international volunteers, local communities and national partners. It will be organised in 3 different phases:

- **Phase 1:** 10 - 15 August (Ha Long Bay, Viet Nam): we will start with an intensive 4-day training dealing with the learning dynamics of an Asia-Europe intercultural project and how to measure the impact of voluntary service. A presentation of the quantitative and qualitative assessment and evaluation methods and tools developed by the preparatory team will be part of the training. These methods and tools will be the basis for the second phase of the AEYVE;

- **Phase 2:** 16 August - 2 September (in an ASEM country): the participants will reach their hosting organisations where they will assess the most significant changes in IVS since 2001. The assessment will contain a variety of methods, such as an analyses of organisation’s statistics, participation and observation and interviews with staff, ex-volunteers and present volunteers. Three domains will be taken into account:
  - personal empowerment of volunteers,
  - local development of repeatedly hosting communities and
  - organisational development of the associations themselves and their staff;

- **Phase 3:** 3 - 7 September (Ha Long Bay, Vietnam): the participants will meet again in Viet Nam in order to evaluate their field researches and analyse the data gathered with the help of the preparatory team and national partners. The participants will come up with conclusions on the development of IVS in the past 10 years on personal empowerment of the volunteers, community development of the projects and general organisational development of the IVS organisations and their staff.
PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS
This 9th AEYVE will involve up to 20 participants, aged between 18 and 30, nationals of ASEM countries, able to understand and discuss complex issues in English and nominated by a national and international organisation or network from the ASEM countries. They have experience and/or an academic background in the field of intercultural exchanges and IVS projects assessment and they are interested to develop cross-sectorial cooperation in these areas as staff/board members of IVS organisations, active volunteers or specialized students.

ACCOMMODATION
The participants will be accommodated by Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam in the first and third phase of the AEYVE. During the second phase, the participants will be hosted by several IVS-organisations.

ORGANISERS’ PROFILES
The two co-organisers of the 9th AEYVE are ASEF and CCIVS:

The Asia-Europe Foundation was established in February 1997 under the framework of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process, which groups together 43 countries from Asia and Europe and the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEM was launched at a summit meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, in March 1996 to inject greater impetus to efforts to strengthen relations and linkages between Asia and Europe at all levels - political, economic and social. ASEM was set up pursuant to the third (social) pillar of ASEM, and has been mandated to create better mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

The Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service was founded in 1948. CCIVS is a co-ordinating body for international voluntary service organisations and it counts more than 250 member associations in 96 countries, including 5 international networks and several regional structures and platforms. It acts as a link to establish relations between the members and international institutions such as the EU, different UN agencies or foundations. CCIVS fosters the development of regional networks through the organisation of international projects and seminars and the production of publications and training tools.

There are 23 organisations that are taking part during the 9th AEYVE. The list exists of the following organisations (including the information if they will contribute by sending a participant to the 9th AEYVE and/ or hosting a participant for the assessment):

Belgium
ASEFUAN sending
Belgium
SCI hosting
Bulgaria
AEGEE Sofia sending
Cambodia
Cambodian Youth Action sending
Cambodia
Khmer Youth and Social Development organization hosting
China
Beijing Volunteer Federation sending
Estonia
EstYES sending and hosting
France
Solidarités Jeunesses sending and hosting
France
Concordia hosting
France
CCIVS sending
India
RUCHI hosting
Indonesia
Indonesia International Work Camp sending and hosting
Italy
Legambiente Onlus sending
Japan
NICE sending and hosting
Korea
International Workcamp Organisations hosting
Lithuania
Public Policy and Management Institute sending
Myanmar
Charity Oriented Myanmar sending

1 On the Asian side are 16 East Asian countries (Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and on the European side are the 27 members of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom).
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