



## **VERA Research Project**

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector will be part taking in the VERA project, a European research project financed by the Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) to identify all the discriminating factors which hinder the involvement of volunteers in the voluntary sector.

This research is aimed to determine;

- The diversity within the voluntary sector
- The structural factors which limit involvement of volunteers based on their race, sex, ethnicity etc
- The policies and governmental limitations which hinder involvement of volunteers.

This research will aid MCVS to put forward new proposals to aid the growth and development of a more inclusive and supportive voluntary sector. More information can be found in the link below;

<https://www.europeanvolunteercentre.org/vera-call-for-proposals>

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In an effort to attain the required information whilst implementing ethical methodology we are requesting voluntary organisations to give us their permission to be involved in the research. Voluntary organisations may choose to be involved with the following:

- Dissemination of surveys to volunteers involved within their organisation
- Participation in a Voluntary organisation survey aimed at VO administrators
- Participation of VO admins in Focus Group
- Participation of volunteers in Focus Group

**Your participation and involvement are essential to the success of this project. Your collaboration is highly appreciated.**

## Vera Project – VO involvement

### ➤ Dissemination of Volunteer Survey

MCVS aims to reach a minimum number of 250 volunteers in order to collect vast and realistic data. VOs are encouraged to participate in the dissemination of volunteer survey in order to help MCVS with the volunteer data collection. Participating VOs will be responsible to act as intermediaries and circulate the link to the short online survey among their volunteers.

Additionally, we also require the collaboration of VOs with their participation in the Voluntary Organisation survey. This is a short survey specifically aimed at Voluntary Organisations to help us identify limitations within the voluntary sector with data collection.



Please fill this application if you would like to participate in this phase of the project. The volunteer survey and voluntary organisation survey will be sent to the participating VOs at a later date.

<https://forms.gle/4K2ut29cjtiuxG7a9>

**Please register your interest to participate by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### ➤ Participation in focus groups

In an effort to attain reliable and accurate research with regards discrimination MCVS has set-up the following ONLINE focus groups for different VO categories.

#### **Focus Group 1**

Social / Humanitarian / Education / Youth VOs

**Thursday 2nd November - 6pm**

#### **Focus Group 2**

Arts/ Culture / Sport VOs

**Friday 3rd November - 6pm**

#### **Focus Group 3**

Environment / Animal Welfare VOs

**Thursday 9th November - 6pm**

#### **Focus Group 4**

Health / Disability VOs

**Friday 10th November - 6pm**

We are looking for **Voluntary Organisation administrators as well as volunteers**, hence we would like to ask VOs to circulate the information with your volunteers.

**Participants will be remunerated with a €25 voucher. Your participation is highly encouraged.**



Please fill this application if you would like to participate in this phase of the project.

<https://forms.gle/vPF9JYPVAk1Y1SDr9>

**Please register your interest to participate by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**