

Volunteering in Romania

- Law and statistics -

Law on volunteering - history



- ▶ 2001 - first Law on volunteering in Romania (adopted in the context of the International Year of volunteering declared by the UN)
- ▶ 2006 - amendments to 2001 Law
- ▶ 2009 - Pro Vobis- the National Resource Centre for Volunteering initiates a process of debate on the actual volunteering law, including volunteer involving organizations in Romania; one of the conclusions of the national debate was the need to create a coalition for developing volunteering in Romania, its first priority being a new law on volunteering;
- ▶ 2010 - Volum Federation is created; reuniting organizations interested in volunteering, the federation takes over and leads the advocacy process;
- ▶ 2014 - new law on volunteering is adopted by the Romanian Parliament;

Law on volunteering - definition

Volunteering represents the participation of an individual in activities conducted in the public interest, for the benefit of other people and society, organized by legal entities, public or private, without remuneration, individually or in a group.

Law on volunteering - main elements

Volunteering contract

- Mandatory in a written form
- Includes the rights and responsibilities of both parts
- Register of volunteers - every contract must be registered in it before the start date of the volunteering activity
- Has two annexes: “Voluntary sheet” (similar to a job description) and the signed Work safety data sheet

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The 2014 law recognises volunteering as professional experience with the condition that volunteering activities were realized within the field of the person's acquired studies.

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Volunteering certificate

- Can be given to the volunteer during or at the end of the activity (min. 120 hours of volunteering)
- Online platform for organizations and volunteers (www.hartavoluntariatului.ro)
- Activity report is annexed to the certificate
- Addition to the certificate - competences developed by the volunteer

Law on volunteering - challenges

- the minimum age of volunteers is 15 (came from the need to correlate also with the Romanian labor code) - challenges in involving younger volunteers
- contradictions with other legal texts

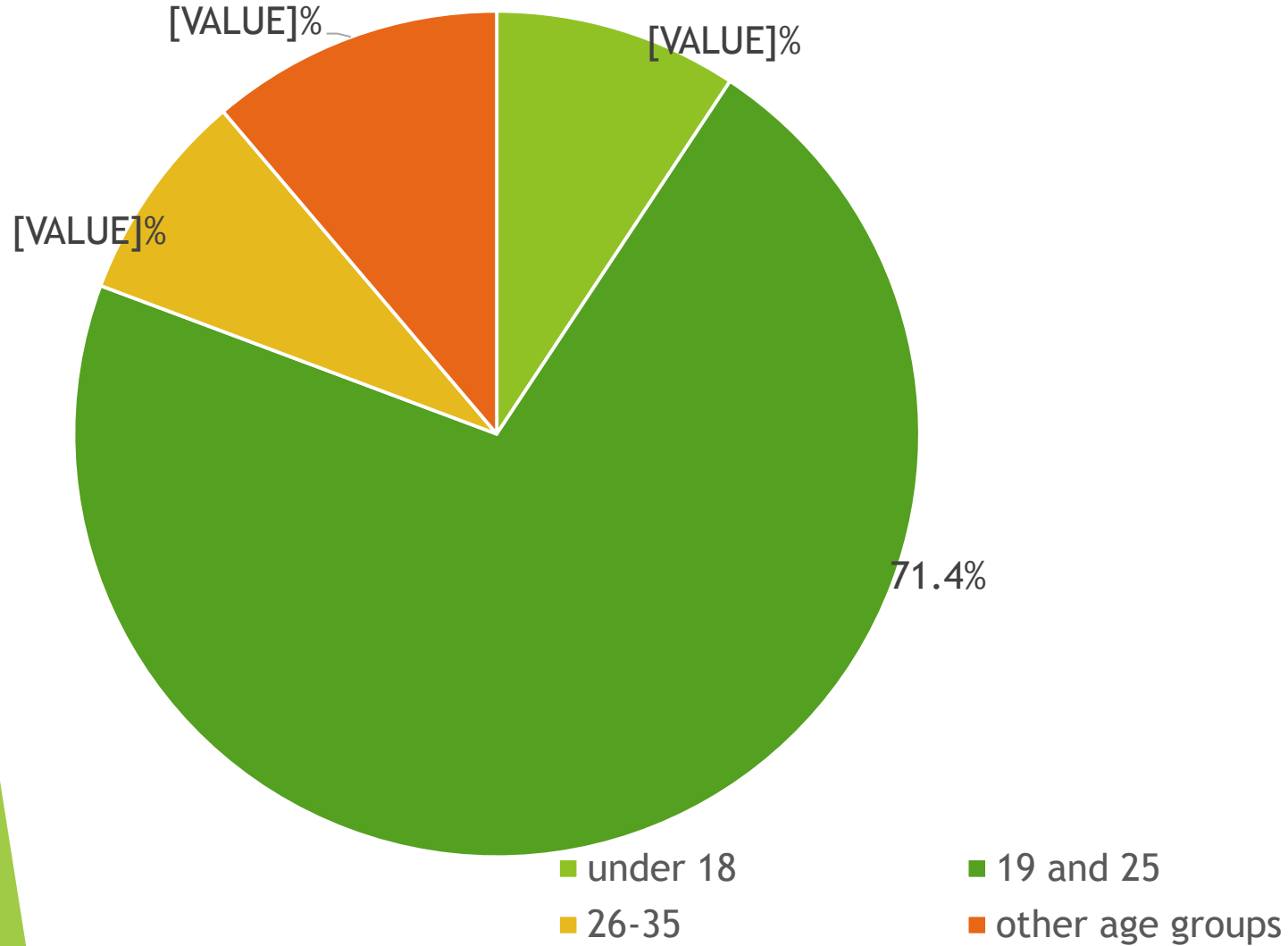
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“How many volunteers are in Romania?”

The simplest answer would be 20% of the population as indicated by the Eurobarometer no 73 from November 2010.

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Age groups



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- ▶ overwhelming majority of volunteering opportunities are suitable for dynamic people
- ▶ computer literacy or foreign language skills required
- ▶ most of the involving organisations are located mostly in the urban area
- ▶ the most active associative life can be found in large university cities, making thus volunteering opportunities available to a given category of individuals most probably young and educated

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Types of activities





Thank you for your attention!

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