

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND DATA REGARDING VOLUNTEERING OF SENIORS IN SLOVAKIA

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Legal framework regarding volunteering

- Act on volunteering since 2011

- The volunteering is also part of:
 - The act on employment services
 - The act on support in financial need

The act on volunteering

- Definition of:
 - Volunteer
 - Volunteer work
 - Beneficiary of volunteer work
 - Sending organization
 - Agreement
 - Recommendations for volunteers , beneficiaries and sending yorganizations

Volunteer

- Person who is providing activity
 - Voluntary
 - Without payment
 - For benefit of others
 - In free time

- Age over 15

Beneficiary and sending organization

- Beneficiary = any person or organization
- Sending organization = NGO, church, school, school organization

Beneficiary and sending organization

Duties

- Conclude agreement
- Provide safety working conditions
- Provide special equipment for volunteer work
- Provide confirmation about volunteer work

Recomendation

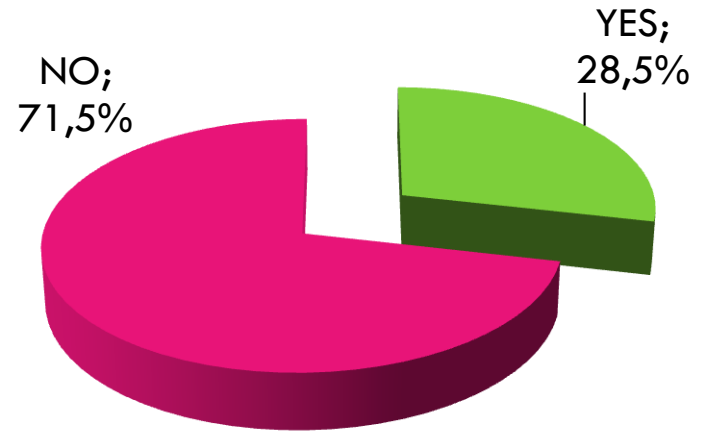
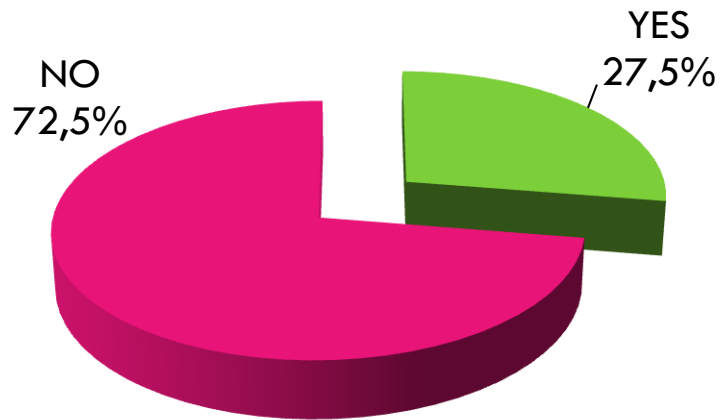
- Evidence, selection and orientation of volunteers
- Insurance (in case of accident)

Volunteering of older people in Slovakia

- No statistical data regarding involvement in volunteering
- Empirical data from research „*Volunteering in Slovakia – research reflection*“ 2011
- **Volunteering is an unpaid activity or unpaid work carried out of a free will, for the benefit of other people, society, or the environment. This activity or work exists outside of the household of the volunteer and is not done for the people belonging to the family of the volunteer.**

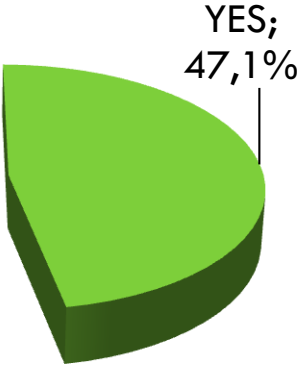
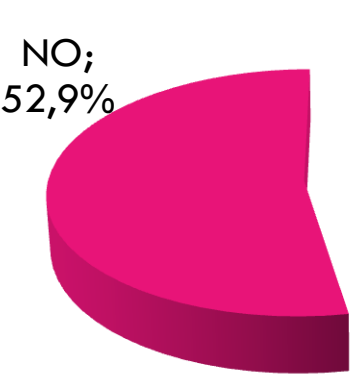
Formal Volunteering

Population over 60



Informal Volunteering

Population over 60



Intensity of Volunteering of Older People

	Formal volunteering	Informal volunteering
Short term (less than 1 year)	4,4 %	20,7 %
Long term (more than 1 year)	95,6%	79,3 %

Frequency	Formal volunteering	Informal volunteering
Irregular (less than 1 time for a month)	35,6 %	35,6 %
Regular (more than 1 time for a month)	64,4 %	64,6 %

Avarage of hours spend in volunteering for last month	Formal volunteering	Informal volunteering
Hours	13	14

Volunteering of Older People

- Strong connection between formal and informal volunteering
- More than 57 % of people over 60 are active in formal or informal volunteering



Social Profile of Older Volunteers

- Gender
- Age
- Actual Residency
- Religion
- Economic Position

Participation in Volunteering does depends on:

- Education in case of formal volunteering
- Marital status in case of informal volunteering
- The Level of income in case of informal volunteering
- Membership in organizations in case of formal volunteering

Sphere of Activity of Organizations that Older Volunteers were Working For

Sphere of activity	%
Social care	28,9
Environment	13,3
Religious and church-related activities	13,3
Community development	11,1
Art and culture	8,9
Education and research	8,9
Support of charity, philanthropy, and volunteering	8,9

Barriers in Formal Volunteering for Older People

Barriers in Volunteering	%
<u>Nobody asked me for help</u>	<u>37,7</u>
Lack of information on volunteer opportunities	33,5
<u>Lack of time</u>	<u>31,6</u>
<u>Health problems / issues</u>	<u>24,1</u>
Inability to make a long-term commitment	19,6
Lack of interest	18,4
Feeling that help is not needed	15,2
Difficult situation in the family	17,7
Difficult situation in work	13,3
Dissatisfaction with previous volunteering	11,4
Preference of financial support	10,1
Transport issues	10,1
Financial expenses related with volunteering	9,5



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**Thank you for your
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