

Membership of CCIVS

Any organisation considering membership should study the relevant section (Articles 2 to 16 inclusive) of the Constitution.

Criteria for affiliation

A. Full Membership

In order to apply for membership, a voluntary service organisation:

1. Should be a properly constituted body (according to the requirements of the respective country).
2. Should have at least one year of existence and evidence of its activity in the field of voluntary service at a national, regional or international level.
3. Should be either:
 - a) A national or state-based youth or voluntary service organisation involved in voluntary work and with established relations with other voluntary service organisations in its country of registration with regional and/or international relationships preferably with member organisations of CCIVS.
 - b) An international voluntary service organisation which is a coordinating body consisting of national organisations fulfilling the criteria as in 3.a.)
 - c) Should fulfil the requirements of Article 5 (Chapter II) of the Constitution of CCIVS.
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B. Associate Membership

1. Should be a properly constituted body (according to the requirements of the respective country).
2. Although not necessarily involved directly in organising international service but matching the following requirements:
 - a) A state or national organisation which co-ordinates the activities of various voluntary organisations at a national level.
 - b) A state or national organisation active in the field of voluntary service at a state or national level only.
 - c) Specific organisations (research / documentation / publicity / tourist / funding / etc) helping or giving service to international or national voluntary service organisations.
 - d) A national or state-based youth or voluntary service organisation involved in voluntary work and with established relations with regional and/or international relationship preferably with member organisations of CCIVS.
 - e) An international voluntary service organisation which is a co-ordinating body consisting of national organisations fulfilling the criteria in 3.a).
3. Should fulfil the requirements of Article 5 (Chapter II) of the Constitution of CCIVS.

C. Other provisions

1. As a rule new applicants will be accepted as associate members for their initial six months of membership after which full membership can be requested.
They must indicate their wish to become full members when making their original application.
2. The status of a member can be reconsidered by a decision of the EC meeting and approval by the General Assembly if the situation and status of the organisation changes significantly so that it meets or does not meet the requirements as laid down.
3. Full membership of national branches of an international full member organisation should not be approved

D. Some further notes

CCIVS is an international non-governmental organisation which is not part of UNESCO and is very seldom able to provide financial support to members. Founded in 1948 by UNESCO and with its Secretariat based at UNESCO headquarters, CCIVS has close relations and a special status with UNESCO. As a result, CCIVS is occasionally able to obtain technical and financial help for its members from UNESCO.

Members have responsibilities as well as rights:

- CCIVS cannot operate if members do not regularly pay their dues.
- Activities organised in the name of CCIVS are undertaken by members singly or jointly with the aid and encouragement of the Secretariat. Members' initiatives are therefore welcome.
- The Executive Committee should consist of active members. Those offering themselves as candidates must be willing to devote time and energy to CCIVS.
