

“**Volunteerism** is the activity/service carried on by free will and initiative by any person who offers his/her time, knowledge, talents and energy to others without any financial reward, other than reimbursement of incidental expenses occurred while performing the volunteering activities as part of a designated project.”

**Pro Vobis  
Definition**

“**Volunteerism** is the public benefit activity carried on by individuals, namely volunteers, as part of a legal agreement other than the labour contract or the civil contract of service provision of financially rewarded activities.”

**Law on  
Volunteering  
Definition**

“ **Volunteerism** is any activity carried on by an individual without pursuing any financial reward.” (Tracker)

**Other  
Definitions**

“**Volunteerism** is any kind of work carried on without constraints by any person with the declared purpose of helping others and without pursuing any immediate financial gain.” (Scheier)

“**Volunteerism** is the benevolent, unpaid work carried on by any person for the benefit of others (whom are not part of the family and are not close relatives or friends) or for the benefit of public institutions. ” (Foundation for Civil Society Development).

“**Volunteerism** is the desire to help meetign the needs of others without thinking of the financial rewards.” (Manover)

- Nongovernmental organizations start involving volunteers in their activities 2010
- International organizations (Peace Corps, Voluntary Service Overseas etc.) start to refer foreign volunteers to Romania
- International organizations with Romanian branches (World Vision, Habitat for Humanity) bring along the experience in volunteer management
- Financing institutions start supporting projects encompassing a volunteering component (European Union, Princess Margareta Foundation, Open Society Foundation etc.)

- The **first volunteer centers** are established with the support of the European Union, PHARE Program (Pro Vobis in Cluj and Activ in Botoșani) 1997

- Two **other volunteer centers** are established with the support of the Open Society Foundation (Timișoara and Baia Mare) 1999

- United Nations declares the **International Year of Volunteerism** 2001
- The **first independent volunteer center** is established by changing the mission of Pro Vobis Association that becomes the Pro Vobis Volunteer Center
- The **National Network of Volunteer Centers** in Romania is set up with the support of CS Mott Foundation and the Open Society Foundation
- The National NGO Forum in Romania sets up the National Committee for the International Year of Volunteerism
- The **first Awards Gala for Community Involvement** is organized in Cluj Napoca
- The **Law on Volunteerism** is passed
- The **First National Conference on Volunteerism** is organized in Cluj Napoca
- **www.voluntariat.ro** web page is launched
- **Voluntariat.ro Magazine** is launched

- **New volunteer centers** are set up in Constanța, Sighișoara, Zalău, Râmnicu Vâlcea, Turda, Iași, Satu Mare, Valea Jiului 2002
- Law on Volunteering is modified
- The **first** edition of the **National Volunteer Week** is celebrated in Romania

- The **second National Conference on Volunteering** is organized in Cluj Napoca 2003
- **7 Awards Gala for Community Involvement** are organized
- The **second** edition of the **National Volunteer Week** is celebrated in Romania
- **New volunteer centers** are set up in Bacău, București și Vlădești, jud. Vâlcea – the first volunteer center in the rural area
- **How to Set Up a Volunteer Center Guide** is published

- The **third National Conference on Volunteering** is organized in Bucharest 2004
- The **third** edition of the **National Volunteer Week** is celebrated in Romania