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# eu can aid

## eu can aid, the EU staff association for small concrete development aid projects

eu can aid has been tackling global development disparities for more than half a century. Founded in 1968, it channels the solidarity of colleagues in Brussels to improve local communities. Read on to find out how you can get involved!

### Our story

The association was founded in 1968, under the name of Europe Tiers Monde! (Europe Third World!), when a group of passionate colleagues from the EU institutions decided to continue raising funds among staff to help local communities become self-sufficient and, in doing so, contribute to solving global resource imbalances.

This is how eu can aid was born, as an independent association driven by the incredible solidarity of colleagues in Brussels, and which this year will proudly celebrate its 58th year of collective action.

## What makes the approach of eu can aid unique

- Support to small NGOs and local communities, which, due to their small size and lack of administrative skills, do not have access to funding from major donors.
- Almost all the funds managed by eu can aid go directly to on-the-ground projects (running costs of the administration of the organisation at about 2%).
- Runs on a network of volunteers from across the EU institutions and other sectors.

## The projects that we fund

Every year eu can aid receives hundreds of applications for micro development projects, mainly from African countries and India, and to a lesser extent from Latin America. Such requests require little compared to some large aid projects, often no more than 5,000 euros, but are driven by real urgency and a strong desire to improve the lives and well-being of local populations. Projects aim for social impact, socioeconomic improvements or have income generation objectives.



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The projects aim for immediate results with lasting effects and require funding for water and electricity in schools, sanitary improvements in health centres, orphanages and educational facilities, equipment and facilities for vocational training, purchase of herds or seeds for agricultural activities.

### The volunteers

eu can aid has a large group of approximately 20 volunteers, who make time in their free time to evaluate proposals, communicate with the NGOs, follow up on progress reports and attend meetings. Everyone participates in the association's activities according to their availability: some for timely evaluations, others more regularly.

The volunteers are colleagues, including trainees, or retirees, coming from various EU institutions, and they passionately bring their professional skills and value-driven commitment to concrete projects for development aid.



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### Become a volunteer

Being a volunteer means contributing to counterbalancing the development of the global distribution of resources and bringing your skills

and passions into a concrete field, such as development aid, with a clear impact on the lives of the local communities.

eu can aid always needs colleagues, willing to dedicate even just a little of their time, for a series of tasks: evaluation of project proposals, cooperation and communication with the beneficiary organisations, conducting fundraising activities, etc.

Applications are open to all active and retired EU staff members as well as to private citizens willing to invest in global development actions. No professional skills are required as a manual for projects' assessment and guidelines are provided.



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### Donate!

eu can aid is always looking for additional funds to ensure continued support for the projects.

Members and donors can associate their contribution to fund specific projects, and eu can aid commits to ensure full transparency and accountability of results.

If you want to know how to donate or become member or volunteer, visit the dedicated page on our website. ●

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