



ANNUAL REPORT



INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARIAT
STATE OF MIND

2017

Dear Reader,

As another year passed by, it is time to look back at the highlights and achievements of SCI in 2017!

At the global level, Service Civil International was busy with its two key actions: the Building Bridges Campaign which was raising awareness and stimulating the reflection about the current refugee crisis and forced migration, and the Peers to Peace project which focused on peer learning in international volunteer work.



Peers to Peace in my opinion deserves to be named the highlight of the year. I had the opportunity to witness its success and impact while participating in its meetings and seminars. It was wonderful to observe activists from various corners of the globe share their experiences and best practices in their grass-root work, and exchange knowledge related to volunteer and organisation management. There is a lot of expertise in the SCI Branches and Groups that can be shared between each other for the benefit of our peace work!

I invite you to dive into this publication to find more about the Peers to Peace project activities, as well as about regional projects that the SCI International Secretariat coordinated, including "A Route to Connect" supporting refugees in Europe (with the focus on the Balkan route), and "PATH - Peace activism through lessons from history of forced migration", which both received very positive evaluation results.

The Annual Report by its nature contains only descriptions of the major, international activities. But Service Civil International is primarily about community-based projects and local actions tailored to the regional needs and realities. Even though it is impossible to list them all here, I want to emphasise that those grass-root actions happen in dozens of countries every day thorough all the year, and work step by step towards creating more peaceful societies.

The International Executive Committee and the International Secretariat are grateful to all our volunteers at the community level who worked relentlessly all around the globe at thousands of local projects: workcamps, educational actions, campaigns, and during other community service activities. We want to thank you all for your efforts!

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Małgorzata Tur
SCI International President



OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SCI is working towards a world of peace, social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflict.

We work to accomplish this through two Strategic Goals and six Objectives:

STRATEGIC GOAL 1

INSPIRE AND ACTIVATE PEOPLE TO HAVE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD AND EMPOWER THEM TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

STRATEGIC GOAL 2

INCREASE THE SENSE OF BELONGING TO A GLOBAL COMMUNITY



1.1 Promote Culture of Peace and Pacifism

1.2 Make Volunteering A Way of Active Citizenship and Lifestyle



1.3 Promote Intercultural Dialogue and Non-Violent Communication

1.4 Make the World More Socially, Ecologically and Economically Sustainable



2.1 Promote a Global Approach to Local and Worldwide Challenges

2.2 Stimulate Solidarity and Value Diversity



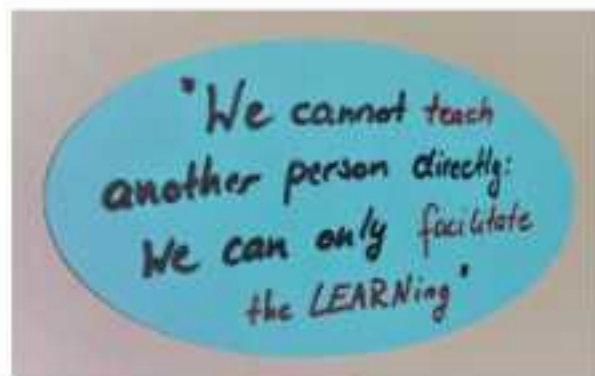
900 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS ALL OVER EUROPE AND BEYOND



9,000 CITIZENS VOLUNTEERING IN CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS INTERNATIONALLY



9,500 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS



50 INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS



11,000 LIKES ON FACEBOOK



500 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



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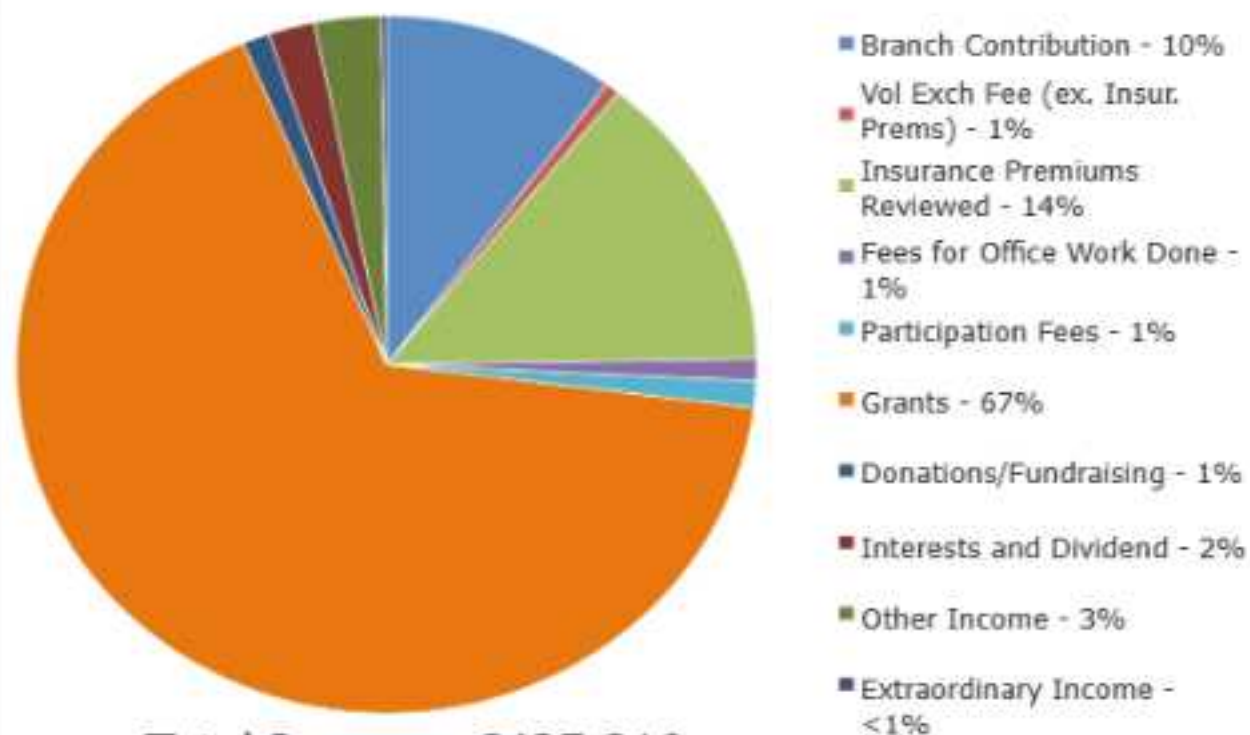
WHERE ARE WE?





FINANCES & MEETINGS

WHERE DO WE GET OUR INCOME?



Total Income: €435,210

EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING

The Exchange Platform Meeting took place in October 2017 in France and has been accepted to take place every year from now on!

What came out of the Meeting?

- Guidelines for volunteering in orphanages
- Proposal on peace related communication guidelines and ethical communication guidelines
- SCI position paper on Voluntourism



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

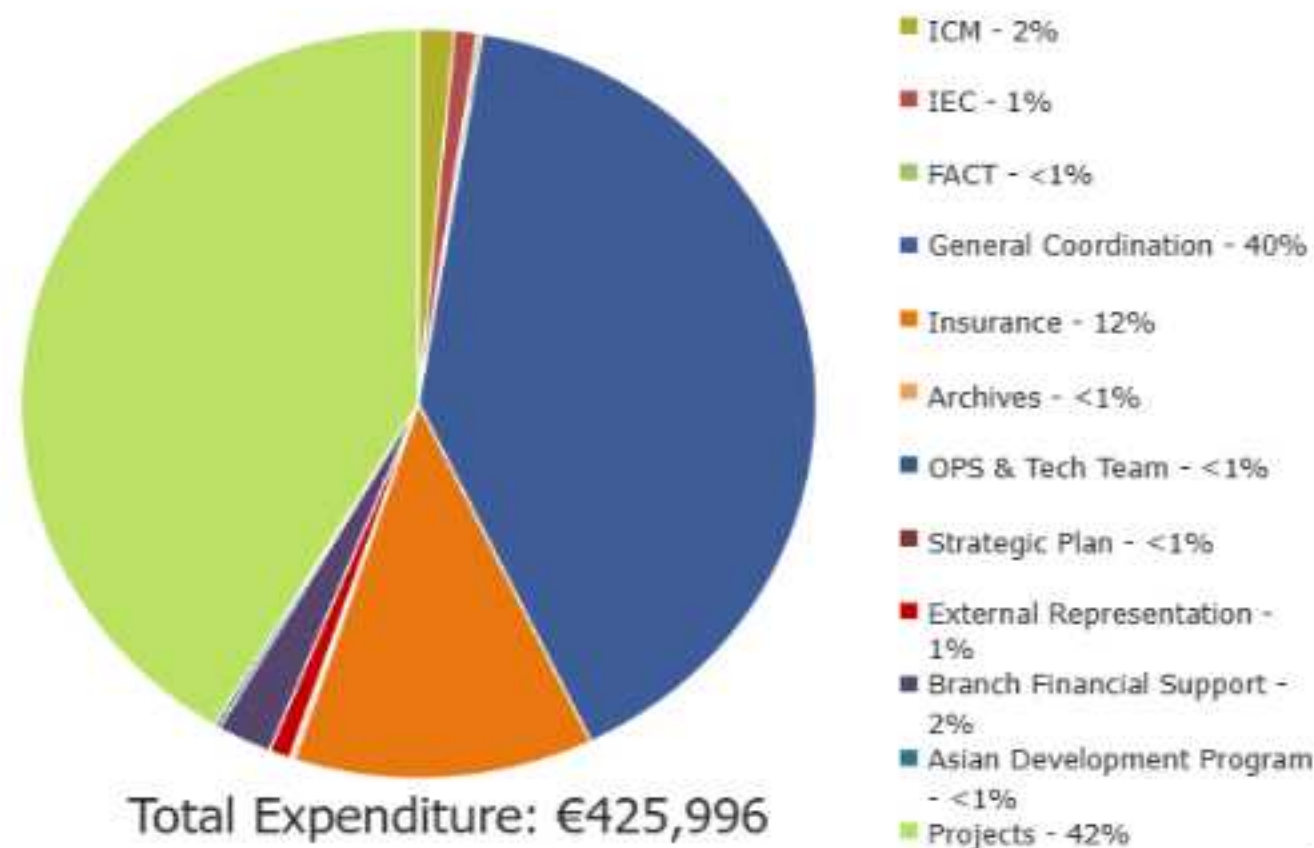
The International Committee Meeting took place in December 2017 in Catalunya.

What happened?

- A new constitution was accepted!
- 2020 campaign is alive and going strong
- We're going to work on a new Strategic Plan for 2020-2023
- Two new members! PVN Albania and IVP Indonesia



WHERE DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY?



Total Expenditure: €425,996



WORKCAMPS AND VOLUNTEERS



290 SCI WORKCAMPS

42 BRANCHES AND GROUPS



90+ PARTNERS



2,329 VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED



4,273 DAYS





WORKCAMPS AND VOLUNTEERS

As an ice breaking session, we laid out our fears, expectations and what we wish to learn from the workcamp and placed them on our makeshift 'tree' with a united goal of overcoming the fears and learning something valuable from the camp; and we did!



- Elvin and Annisa, SCI Malaysia Team at the Workcamp for Understanding

Poland was no longer a foreign country to me... I love this country. Here I gained new friends, met a lot of interesting, different people from different countries and here I discovered a lot about myself.

- Elena, volunteer from AVI Moldova and EVS in OWA Poland



When my dear friend and colleague Sylvi told me about her plans for the holidays I was impressed by how different they were to those of other people I know... It was great to know that activists from different countries had the opportunity to meet and work together to improve the world we live in as much as it can be done in such a short project.



- Nidal, volunteer at the No Border Fest in Rome

International and volunteer projects are one of the best experiences that a person can have, be it young, or mature, both from entertainment and social... I know a lot of people from all over the world, who keep participating and even organizing such activities... once you come back you will never be the same.

- Galyna Kutsovska, volunteer from SVIT Ukraine who took part in a workcamp in Belgium



The Problem is not the WASTE.

the contaminated AIR;

WATER

and SOIL.

It is the collective Apathy that makes a whole global society live in the illusion that everything is fine as it is.

- Tour of Freedom participant

BUILDING BRIDGES CAMPAIGN

"Stop building walls, start building bridges"

The aim of the Building Bridges Campaign is to coordinate SCI's efforts to raise awareness and stimulate the reflection about the current refugee crisis and forced migration in general, as well as promote peace, understanding and integration between locals, refugees, and asylum seekers.

365 EMAILS



22 WORKCAMPS

1 TOOLKIT

[ABOUT](#)
[GUIDELINES](#)
[METHODS](#)
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Are you planning a project with asylum seekers?
Are you a volunteer, a teacher, a student?
Our toolkit might be just what you need.
Welcome and get inspired!

Our **GUIDELINES** will help you start to organise SCI workcamps, long-term projects or regular activities involving asylum seekers, refugees and locals.

Here you can find different **METHODS AND TOOLS** to work on the topic of refugees and migration with different target groups.

CASE STUDIES are examples of successful existing projects and provide you with more information about what is going on in the SCI world on the topic of refugees and

9 AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES



3 SEMINARS ON MIGRATION

REFUGEE FUND

Funding up to €500 to enable SCI volunteers to carry out initiatives supporting working work with people seeking refuge.

In this second edition, 6 projects were funded in: Hungary, Serbia, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Bulgaria.





A ROUTE TO CONNECT

A Route To Connect is a project of SCI supported by European Youth Foundation focused on spreading awareness about the refugee situation in the Balkan route, giving a voice to the stories of refugees and empowering youngsters to take action. The project is part of the Building Bridges Campaign.



17 PARTICIPANTS

5 COUNTRIES

10 LOCATIONS

19 DAYS



10 CAMPS



1 VIDEO EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED





REMEMBRANCE: PATH

PATH - Peace activism through lessons from history of forced migration

This project helped participants increase their awareness and gain new insights about flows of refugees in Europe: from World War II, Spanish Civil War, ex-Yugoslav wars to the refugee crisis today and the topics that are connected to this (conflicts, human rights, radicalization etc). Participants to the project felt more empathic with the fleeing people (be it in the past or now) and were encouraged to act as multipliers in promoting a solidary way of acting during the current refugee flow.

The project took place from 2016 - 2018. You can find the [final exhibition](#) and [video](#) online!





REMEMBRANCE: ANNIVERSARIES



SCI AUSTRIA - 70 YEARS



SCI MADRID
30 YEARS



KVT FINLAND - 70 YEARS



SCI BELGIUM - 70 YEARS



SCI CATALUNYA - 35 YEARS



CAPACITY BUILDING: PEERS TO PEACE

The "Peers to Peace" was a capacity building project in SCI, co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The action provided support to volunteers and staff members from 25 SCI Branches and Groups worldwide to work together, to develop new skills, to network and to share best practices in Volunteer Management, Knowledge Management, Project Management and Fundraising through peer learning approach. In 2017, more than 100 SCI's representatives engaged in the organized events.



1 tech meeting
1 online focus group
2 seminars
3 online kick-off meetings
100 SCI representatives

"This is a brilliant learning structure to obtain best practices of our peers and to share our strengths for our common good"

- Vairavasundaram Rajasegaran, SCI Penang



"I found enriching the fact of comparing what we do in my organization with other branches. I got to know about this database for volunteers that some branches are using, and I think we'll adopt it in my organization too. Talking about the handbook for outgoing volunteers was also useful, because I can add some topics to the handbook my organization has"

- Representative from SCI Slovenia



"very useful. I have learnt the different ways of how knowledge can be shared, stored and retrieved from the SCI website and other tools".

- Prema Kanakiah - SVI Mauritius





CLIMATE FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN

SCI branches and activists are working towards the new fossil fuel free, climate resilient future already. Examples of support to the impacted and frontline communities, educational activities and bringing real change to our local communities can be seen in Romania, India, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Kosovo, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Germany and others. We want to recognize them and also multiply them until they become an absolute standard! This program aims to make SCI a meaningful and active part of the solution to the multidimensional climate crisis.

To this aim, the PATH project implemented a Travel Policy with the goal to reduce SCI's carbon footprint!

14 CLIMATE 4 PEACE WORKCAMPS



Natural Disaster Fund

Funding of up to €500 in order to carry out relief work after a natural disaster.

106 CLIMATE & SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE CAMPS



246 CAMPS FOCUSED ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



GAIA MICROGRANTS

Funding up to €500 for SCI volunteer projects promoting climate justice and sustainable living.

This 4th phase saw 9 projects implemented in 8 different countries with €3,532 awarded!





PIERRE CERESOLE AWARDS

Every year during the International Committee Meeting (ICM) of SCI, Branches and activists have the chance to win a Pierre Ceresole award, as a reward to the most inspiring and successful initiatives that occurred during the year.

Meet our winners of 2017!

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AWARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - SCI CATALUNYA, ENTRE TERRES PROJECT

Entre Terres (Between lands) is an educational guide on migrations in the Mediterranean.



AWARD FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRATIONS - SCI HUNGARY, OPEN DOORS

The DOOR is a multicultural creative workshop - where refugees and Hungarian and International volunteers are working on creative projects - developing and designing products, learning new skills, and creating valuable projects.



AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT - IVP AUSTRALIA, STONEQUARRY PROJECT



IVP Australia is collaborating with Great Eastern Ranges Initiative to connect environment activist groups and experts to combine knowledge to ensure connectivity of habitats and biodiversity survival under the threats related to climate change.

SCI Bangladesh and SCI Japan established a mother and child care center in this remote area, providing medical care and support to the most vulnerable inhabitants of this region.

AWARD FOR NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF WORK - SCI BANGLADESH, MOTHER AND CHILD CARE



SPECIAL MENTION: AWARD FOR PEACE - IVS GB, CHALLENGING MILITARISM ONLINE



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