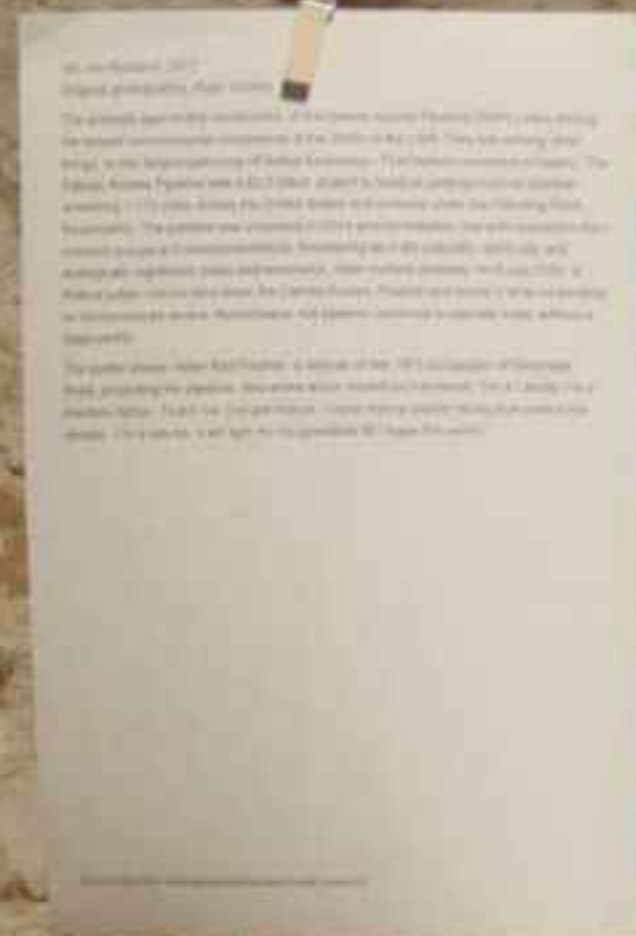
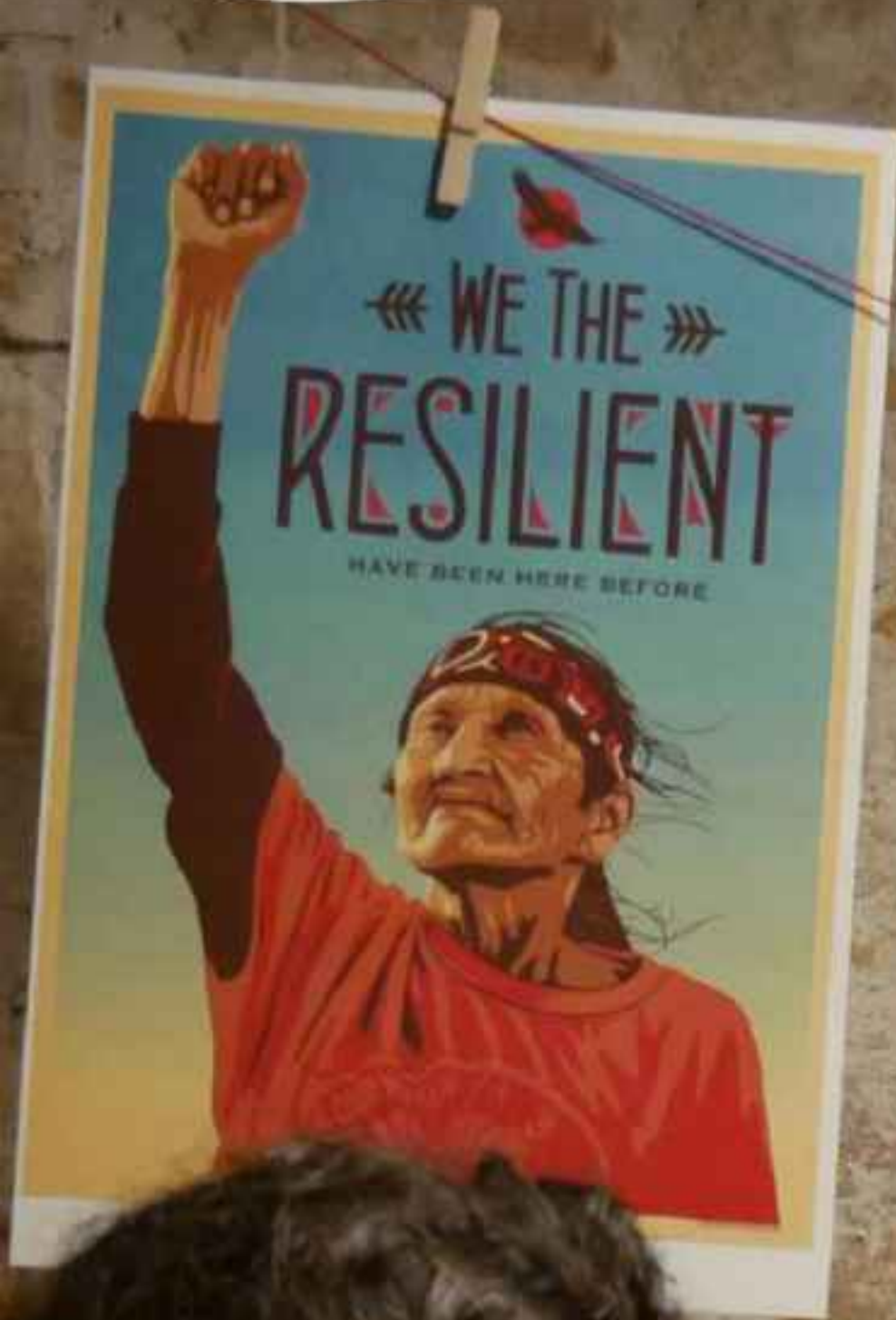


# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022





Dear friends,

It is with great pride and joy that we present to you our annual report for the year 2022. This year we were happy to be able to organise larger meet-

ings and physical activities in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. But while taking a deep breath after this life-threatening disaster of the past two years, another disaster hit, that of the full-scale war in Ukraine. SCI branches neighbouring the conflict zone, such as in Poland and in Romania, responded quickly and decisively with war-relief work. Focus was put on the fate of the Ukrainian people fleeing from their war-torn home towns. In addition, many other SCI branches and activists donated funds, offered support and organised activities to bring together Russians and Ukrainians in a reconciliation process. We published a statement advocating for no war in Ukraine and no war anywhere. We also contacted our partners in Ukraine and Russia to assess their needs.

Needless to mention here that unfortunately many other world conflicts have never stopped either, wars in Ethiopia and Yemen, the upcoming humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan and Myanmar's intensifying political crisis, to mention a few. In this challenging world environment, SCI's vision for peace, social justice, sustainable development, mutual respect and non-violence is more meaningful and indispensable than ever.

During this exceptional year, especially on the international level, SCI reaffirmed its strength and resilience. We reinforced our team bonds, our motivation, our constant dedication and our capacity to overcome adversities and fulfil our mission while working with both limited

funds and human resources.

Among the many outstanding international projects realised this year, we note our FUNDing Peace project, including the launch of our online learning course on project management, with which we supported young people to acquire the knowledge needed to create their own peace projects, with an eye to inclusion and sustainability. With Forging Ubuntu, young volunteers in Africa had the space to enhance and share knowledge and skills about climate justice and gender equality, through trainings and local actions. We also collaborated in the Grass-roots Change project to improve volunteer exchanges between Africa and Europe. We held a series of online Vision Seminars to keep reflecting on the future of SCI after its 100th anniversary, and prepare for the creation of the next Strategic Plan. We organised our second online international volunteering fair to promote international volunteering once again after COVID-19 restrictions were relaxed.

Our branches held many training courses that produced different toolkits and materials which build capacity and empower our activists and volunteers to take concrete actions for peace.

More workcamps were possible than in the previous years, and they were useful tools to respond to emerging crises arising in 2022, especially the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the economic and political crisis in Sri Lanka.

All the above would have never been possible without the involvement, commitment and passion of all our branches, working groups, partners and volunteers all over the world, as well as our donors. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and to thank all of you out there who keep inspiring us and who keep spreading kindness, warmth and solidarity.

Amitiés,  
Alexandra Vasileiou  
International President



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Service Civil International (SCI)'s vision is 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 conflicts. SCI's mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact.

All SCI activities should be in line with SCI's values: volunteering, non-violence, respect for human rights, solidarity, respect for the environment, inclusion, empowerment, cooperation.

## OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The work to accomplish our mission was guided by our new [Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#), highlighting two goals with six objectives.

**Goal 1:** Reasserting the values of volunteering for peace

**Goal 2:** Empowering all people around the world to actively practice peace

### Objectives:



1.1 Re-emphasise the connection between volunteering and peace



2.1 Continue cultivating the culture of peace across the SCI movement



1.2 Maintain our high-quality approach and versatility of opportunities to peaceful volunteering



2.2 Support individuals to become peace envoys



1.3 Increase global participation in volunteering for peace



2.3 Foster the network of peace efforts

## OUR MEMBERS

AVI Moldova  
CID Macedonia  
CVS Bulgaria  
GAIA Kosovo  
ID Norway  
IVP Australia  
IVP Indonesia  
IVS Great Britain  
KVT Finland  
New Group SCI Belarus  
PVN Albania  
SCI Austria  
SCI Bangladesh  
SCI Belgium  
SCI Catalunya  
SCI France  
SCI Germany  
SCI Hellas  
SCI Hong Kong – China  
SCI Hungary – ÚTILAPU

SCI India  
SCI Italy  
SCI Japan  
SCI Madrid  
SCI Malaysia  
SCI Nepal  
SCI Poland  
SCI Romania  
SCI Slovenia – Zavod Voluntariat  
SCI South Korea  
SCI Sri Lanka  
SCI Sweden  
SCI Switzerland  
SCI-IVS USA  
SVI Mauritius  
VCV Serbia  
VCZ Croatia  
VIA Netherlands  
VSI Ireland  
VWAN Nigeria

## THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2022 the International Executive Committee was composed of the following members: Hemamali Perera (International Vice-President and International Acting President), Alexandra Vasileiou (International Treasurer), Antonios Sifakis, Silvio Martinelli, Bert Verstappen, Alena Lemisev (members). Femi Aganran and Chantal Doran joined as co-opted members.



# SCI IN NUMBERS

## OUR MOVEMENT

Each year, SCI organises international voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds to promote a culture of peace. SCI's movement consists of **40 branches** and more than 90 partner organisations.

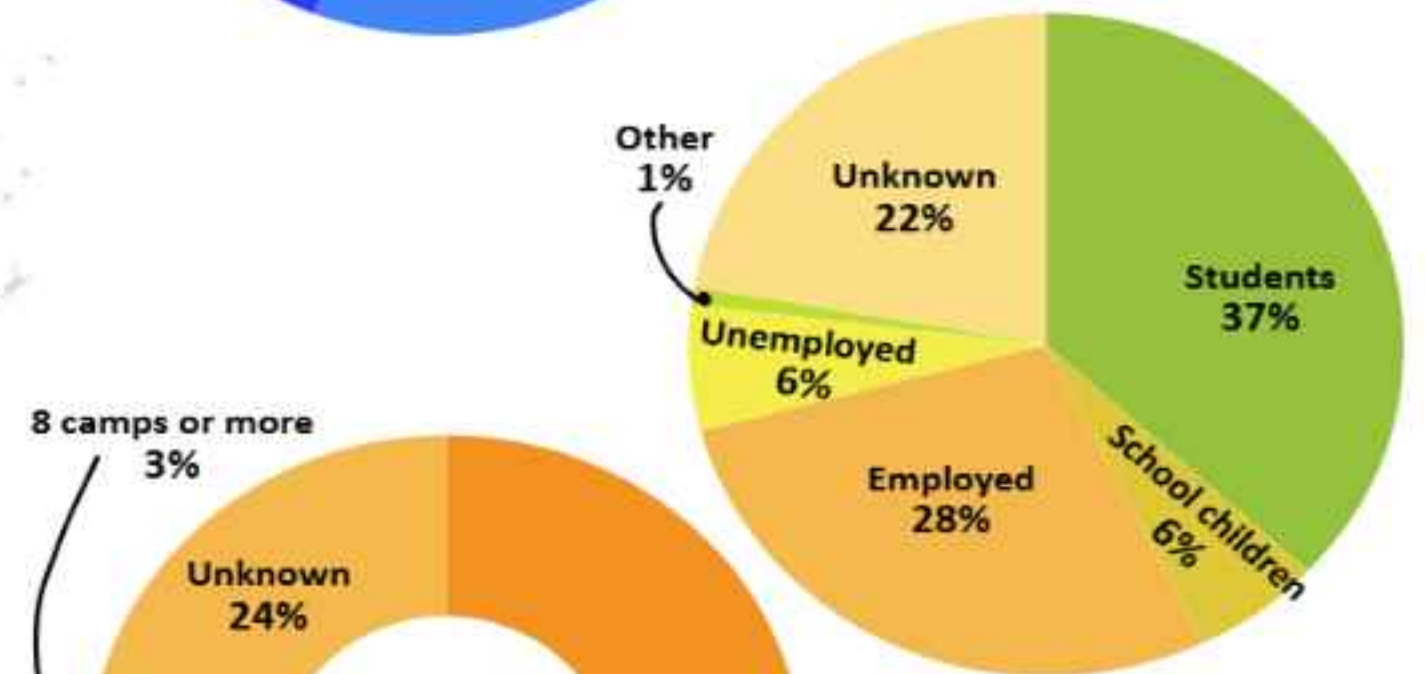
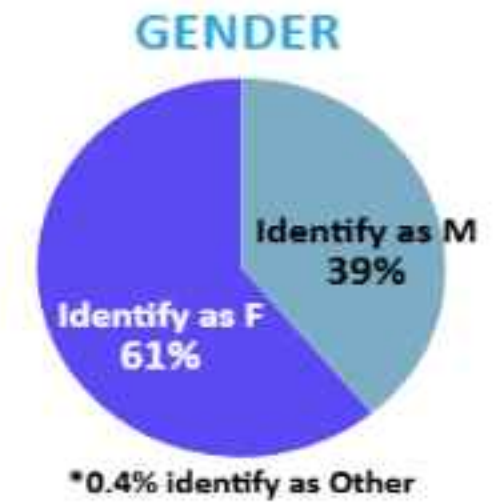
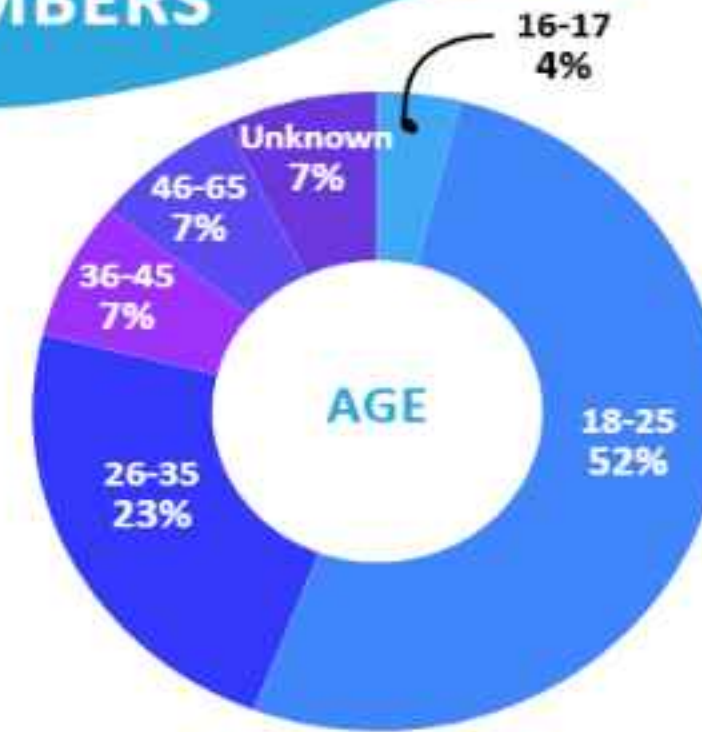


## OUR PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEERS

In 2022, a total of **136 camps** took place, of which **3 happened online**. Regular camps lasted an average of 14 days, while online camps were a bit shorter, with an average duration of 10 days.

Workcamps focussed on **different themes**, many centering their activities on art, culture and local history, environment protection, children and youth, and climate and sustainable lifestyle. Other workcamps allowed participants to contribute to community life, raise awareness on the topics of poverty and social injustice, work to oppose antiracism, antifascism, remembrance and in support of refugees, immigrants and ethnic minorities. In a few camps, volunteers worked with people with disabilities and contributed to international solidarity, peace and disarmament.

In 2022, 839 volunteers participated in SCI workcamps and 324 volunteers participated in long-term volunteering or special programmes, for **a total of 1163 volunteers** participating in SCI projects. SCI's volunteers have a wide mix of backgrounds and life experiences - take a look at some of the statistics of this year!



# OUR PROJECTS

## FUNDING PEACE: THE POWER GRID FOR YOUR PROJECT

*FUNDing peace* was an International Activity funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. It aimed at empowering young people to design and implement their own peace projects that are in line with, and contributing to SCI's vision, mission and values. The project involved 16 partner organisations located in Albania, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland, Romania, Spain, Kosovo.

### The idea

The goal of the project was to connect young people in an open and supportive platform, empowering them to exchange thoughts, ideas and experiences. The project aimed to provide young people and partner organisations with knowledge, inspiration and skills needed to initiate cross-cultural peace projects; cultivate young people's capacity to integrate key transversal topics in their projects - such as climate justice, anti-discrimination, inclusiveness and intersectionality - and lay foundations of an open and supportive platform that helps young people become active citizens.

### The activities

*FUNDing peace* consisted of three elements: a training course, an online course with different modules and follow-up actions.



### Online course

An online course on project management was tested during the training course and launched in November on SCI's online learning platform. It is free and open to all and it aims to support young people to start their projects and to provide resources, tips and activity ideas for more inclusion, more sustainability, more equality in new projects.



*“It's fundamental to build projects that are inclusive and sustainable right now, so the course is very useful for anyone who wants to create a project.”*

- Mirko, training course participant



### Training course

In June-July, a one-week training course was held in Belgium with the participation of volunteers and youth workers. Participants came together to connect with their European peers and SCI, map important topics and needs, share visions and work on participants' projects. They learnt and discussed topics such as sustainability, peace, intersectionality, gender, and focused on the process of project design, implementation, and evaluation, paying attention to centering the projects on actual identified needs.

*“I departed as a young project coordinator from ‘Impact Centre’, and I came back as a future project leader thanks to this meaningful training course ‘FUNDing Peace: the power grid for your project’.”*

- Brixhilda, training participant

### Follow-up Period

After the training course, we stayed connected with the group of participants by facilitating additional opportunities to meet up online and went deeper into project topics. Three sessions, tailored to the participants' needs, were organised: a session to discuss their project plans, ask specific questions and get feedback on their proposals from the project team, a second session for more feedback and a final panel launch event for the online course, including a tutorial and discussion. As a result, three groups moved forward with planning their own non-formal education projects, with plans to apply for funding.

# OUR PROJECTS

## GRASSROOTS CHANGE

*Volunteering, leadership and emancipation through hands-on work and mentoring*

### The idea

The *Grassroots Change* project was a 2-year project funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union. It aimed to improve the quality of short- and long-term voluntary projects in the defined Sub-Saharan African and European countries by investing in leadership and mentoring training courses for the youth organisations involved as well as by creating tools for the sending and hosting organisations. The project reflected on the decrease of volunteer exchange between European and African countries and wanted to fight the "voluntourism" perspective in the work of our organisations. It also addressed the needs of knowledge transfers to younger generations and of adaptation to a transformative leadership in order to create dynamic and resilient organisations. The final goal of the project was to create grassroots change in the communities of each organisation, paying special attention to global challenges and focussing on the gender perspective, climate justice and decolonisation. The project started in late 2020 and will end in May 2023; it was coordinated by SCI Catalunya while the International Secretariat of SCI was a project partner, together with SCI Italia (Italy), KVT Finland (Finland), VWAN Nigeria (Nigeria), AJOV (Mozambique), SAVWA (South Africa), and ZWA (Zimbabwe).



### The activities

After an online kickoff meeting, a mapping project and a webinar "Decolonise volunteering: dream or reality?" in 2021, the activities continued offline in 2022.

### African Regional Camp Coordinator Training

A 8-day Camp Coordinator Training took place in January 2022 in Zimbabwe. Participants were 27 current and future camp coordinators and group leaders from 7 African countries, who were able to explore and deepen their understanding of their roles. Sessions covered topics including conflict resolution, nonviolent communication, understanding group dynamics, and creating a safe space for participants. In addition, the training went into the three central themes of the Grassroots Action project: climate justice, gender, and decolonisation. Each was discussed in relation to the IVS movement and within the frame of African local contexts.



### European Camp Coordinator Regional Training

For one week in Italy, 17 participants from 8 different countries discussed how to create change by reflecting on how organisations and local communities can benefit from volunteering experiences with a focus on climate change. The training employed non-formal education methods and considered a global perspective. The goal was to investigate the decrease in volunteering exchanges between European and African countries by addressing the "voluntourism" perspective



in our organisations' work. Activities and workshops on climate justice were held throughout the week. In addition, participants who have coordinated a work-camp before and those who haven't, had the chance to exchange knowledge.

*"One of the biggest things that I learned from this training is listening. Listening to other people and being an active listener, being able to understand people with completely different ideas."*

- Luisa, participant

# OUR PROJECTS

## Job Shadowing

Participants in the previous training courses co-ordinated workcamps, with one camp coordinator from Europe and one from Africa.

*“The group dynamic was great, it was so easy to get along and share each other’s experiences. Being in such a diverse group gave me a lot of insight into different cultures.”*

- Stella-Filda, Participant in a workcamp in the framework of the job shadowing



## First Steering team meeting & LTV Mentor Training

In July, key representatives from each of the partner organisations of the project met in Marracuene, Mozambique to evaluate the activities and outcomes delivered so far and to plan the last part of the project. The Steering Team meeting was combined with a meeting to look at mentoring needs linked to Euro-African long term volunteering (LTV) projects.

## Training of Trainers for Camp Leaders

In October, 20 participants, coming from different countries in Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, met in Spain for the training of trainers of workcamp coordinators. Participants discussed gender, climate justice and decolonization, learned about non-formal education and used role-playing to train their skills in different scenarios.



## STEP TO THE FUTURE

### Empowering youth leaders to tackle gender inequalities

Step to the Future was a funding coordinated by the International Secretariat to expand the reach of the Grassroots Change project. It brought the possibility of additional participation and regional representation, by enabling participants from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia to join the African regional Camp Coordinator training in Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2022. The project was supported by UNESCO’s Participation Programme.

## THIS HOUSE IS ON FIRE

The online seminar “This House is on Fire” took place in February 2022 and lasted seven days. Due to the pandemic, the training course had to be shifted to an online format but it was still a very insightful and important training with the topic of political communication within the SCI network. The training was directed at communication officers within the SCI branches and partners and aimed at asking political questions and discussing how SCI as a peace organisation can become more political again and addressing political issues more proactively in our communication. The training course also provided participants with tools and methods for communication officers to be more effective with common campaigns in the network and the use of our communication channels. Some of the immediate outcomes of the seminar were the creation of political communication guidelines for SCI workcamps and the drafting of a statement on the imminent Russian aggression on Ukraine.



# OUR PROJECTS

## VISION SEMINAR

### The idea

The Vision Seminar, which was intended to take place in 2020 in the framework of SCI's 100-year anniversary celebrations, finally took place in 2022. It consisted of four zoom sessions and a final online event, where participants linked the 2020 process to the process of creating a new SCI Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. The goal was also to symbolically create a bridge between the past and the future, between SCI history and the current and future challenges.

### The activities

The vision seminar consisted of four online meetings about four main issues and a final seminar to draw the due conclusions and start working out the New Strategic Plan for the next few years. Each seminar, after an introduction of the agenda, had one or more experts introducing the topic, adding valuable information and contributing some ideas for discussion. Afterwards, participants were discussing different questions in small groups and presenting the main ideas in the plenary.

#### 1/5 What does it mean to work for peace today, in the current context?

##### Online – June 2022

The first event provided an introduction of the Vision Seminar process, background and objectives, and of the context by talking about "The spirit of Ceresole in our new times, comparing 1920 and 2020". This was followed by the intervention of the guest speaker Mrs. Simona Costanzo Sow, United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC), on "The New Now, the new paradigms, the new challenges for peace". Participants debated in working groups about the question of "Changing the vision!" and shared the results in the plenary.

#### 2/5 What is the way to achieve peace today?

##### Online - July 2022

The second event saw the intervention of two guest speakers – Goran Božičević, peace trainer and activist, associated SCI-friend and Björn Kunter, former SCI-activist who has been active in several peace-organisations. They shared their experiences as peace activists and gave some inputs for the following group discussions on the following questions:

- Is International Voluntary Service (IVS) (still) the right and relevant way?
- Should peace-building have a more profound element in our IVS?
- Should SCI do more than IVS? Why or why not, if yes, what and how?

#### 3/5 Can we capture all areas of SCI work under peace (defined in 4 levels: with oneself, with others, within society, with nature)?

##### Online - September 2022

The third event was organised with the expert intervention of Jamison Ervin, Ph.D., Manager of the Global Programme on Nature for Development (Nature, Climate and Energy; Bureau for

Policy and Programme Support) at the United Nations Development Programme. She focussed on the aspect of Peace with Nature, given the growing interest in this area and the importance for SCI to find its space.

#### 4/5 SCI: one international peace movement or a network of individual organisations?

##### Online - October 2022

The fourth event saw Bert Verstappen sharing his learnings while working 30+ years for an international human rights NGO. The participants discussed the role of civil society, the advantages of networking, the present and potential partners of SCI and the characteristics of SCI as an organisation, network and movement.



#### 5/5 VISION SEMINAR: Towards a new vision of SCI's future

##### Online - November 2022

The final event concluded the series of workshops by taking on board the conclusions, recommendations and proposals of the four previous workshops and drawing some lessons learnt and vision for the future of SCI.

Participants discussed the vision of SCI in four points that are bringing a new dimension to it:

- The Local-Global interdependence
- The All-Partnership/s approach
- The Feminist and LGBTQ+ issues
- The "human" Communication

They then discussed the strategic plan in relation to elements to take into consideration:

- The Youth
- Advocacy work
- Communication as a tool
- Environment and Climate change

# OUR PROJECTS

## FORGING UBUNTU

### *The power of degendering volunteering for climate justice in africa*

The *Forging Ubuntu* project was inspired by the project *Grassroots Change*, where representatives of 6 organisations in West, East, and Southern Africa and SCI's International Secretariat met in Harare, Zimbabwe. Together they identified a need to go deeper into two of the project themes (gender equality and climate justice) within a South-South cooperation context. Thus the project was born. It started in August 2022 and finished in March 2023. It was co-funded by the UNESCO's Participation Programme 2022-2023 and the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (Grassroots Change project).



#### The idea

The *Forging Ubuntu* project aimed to strengthen practices among and between six of SCI's partner organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa. The partners were Kipepeo (Kenya), AJOV (Mozambique), VWAN (Nigeria), SAVWA (South Africa), New Hope Waves (Zambia) and ZWA (Zimbabwe). It focused on volunteering as a tool to address gender inequalities and climate change. The project was intended to be African-driven, bringing together volunteers from different parts of the continent to find and share practical solutions for problems facing their communities. The work of many of the participating organisations includes principles of permaculture and agroecology, as means of both mitigation and adaptation to climate change to build resilient communities. The project goals were to support participants in developing climate actions and workcamps in their communities; create "multipliers" (individuals trained and ready to participate in and initiate gender equality programs); and share information on adaptation and mitigation of climate change and empowerment through self-help projects.

#### The activities

Forging Ubuntu consisted of two main elements: 1 international training, and 6 follow-up community actions.

#### Training

It took place in October 2022, in Pretoria, South Africa, and addressed, in a hands-on way, the intersections of gender and climate justice for volunteering organisations and the communities they work with. The training had 3 main aims: better understand the relationship between climate change and gender inequality, and methods for resilience; gain hands-on experience in permaculture and share practices from the different organisations present; make a concrete plan for a follow-up action addressing gender inequality and climate justice.



*"I learned a lot of things: how climate change has affected nature and its surroundings, and about permaculture being a solution. I am already on the ground implementing what I learned. How to make a hot compost was a mystery, now I am busy doing my own 18-day hot compost!"*

– training participant

#### Follow-up actions

They took place in the participants' respective countries, in November and December 2022. The objective was to share the learning and practises from the Pretoria training, through a community action of their choice. The actions ranged from permaculture workcamps to awareness raising meetings and community building activities centred around permaculture, sustainability, gender equality.



# OUR PROJECTS

## FORGING UBUNTU: LOCAL ACTIONS

### Workcamp on permaculture, climate change for justice, gender equality

#### Mozambique (Katembe Nsime) - December 2022

This 12-day work camp took place in Nsime, in the Matuitine District, Mozambique, gathering a total of 42 participants, 80% of whom were female participants. It focused on learning and sharing permaculture practices. Adil Sadeia, a community leader who participated in the training in Pretoria, led the camp and shared his learnings from his training a month before. During the camp, participants shared their belief in the importance of youth involvement to attain climate justice. They also debated on gender equality. Participants learned how to prepare compost, how to create an irrigation system and how to make beds in small spaces in order to grow food.



### New Hope Waves follow-up actions on gender equality and permaculture

#### Zambia (Livingstone) - December 2022

The New Hope Waves team organized a workshop centered on the necessity of gender equality and how the community will benefit from it. The group of participants, made of a diversity of men, women, and young people, also benefited from hands-on permaculture training.

### Moving from Rhetoric to Action – Hands On-Agroecology, Permaculture, Design, Climate Colonisation and Gender Inclusion

#### Zimbabwe (Chaseyama) - November and December 2022

After members of the Zimbabwe Workcamp Association returned from the training in Pretoria, a two-week follow-up action was organised, in order to spread and share their knowledge and new skills. The first week was focused on discussions and debates, on topics such as gender inclusion and climate colonisation. Participants and volunteers were able to talk about these concepts, some for the first time. It allowed an exchange of experiences and new ideas.



### VWAN Forging Ubuntu Follow-up Action

#### Nigeria (Eruwa) - December 2022

The workcamp in Nigeria gathered young people from the whole country. The group had a discussion around climate change, permaculture and agriculture with an academic expert. They also had a session on gender that brought together diverse perspectives on the topic. The participants also had practical activities to experience different ways of planting and cropping.



### Forging Ubuntu SAVWA Workshop and Workcamp

#### South Africa (Soshanguve) - November and December 2022

SAVWA organised both a one-day workshop and a 14-day workcamp to follow up on the training in Pretoria. The aim of the workshop was to bring young people together, who can sometimes feel isolated from one another in the community, to encourage them to think collectively, to give them a space and time to do it and to be involved in the community. The workcamp included young people from that workshop, community and SAVWA volunteers and two international volunteers, from Portugal and Italy. That mix was judged as beneficial for everyone as it allowed for diverse debate and peer-learning. Overall, these follow-up activities permitted to create debate, give a platform to young people, raise some issues in the community and brainstorm about ways to improve.



### Empowerment of small holder farmers through permaculture and gender advocacy in Luanda sub-county

#### Kenya (Luanda sub-county) - December 2022

As a follow-up action, Kipepeo gathered local small-holder farmers from their community. The aim was to share what was learned in Pretoria about permaculture to empower the participants to grow and develop their farm in a sustainable way, both in environmental terms and as a means of living. The project also aimed at intentionally including women, to empower them with necessary skills and knowledge and to give them a platform to be a part of the decision making. The team used for instance the Gender Toolkit during the training. Kipepeo wishes to provide a Permaculture Design Course in the future to all people needing it in the community. This activity was a great way to start it.



# OUR PROJECTS

## PLACEMENT OFFICER TRAINING

20 international participants took part in the SCI Placement Officer Training (POT) online, for one week in February. Volunteers or staff in SCI who place (other) volunteers in volunteering camps had the opportunity to get to know all the practical procedures, the OPS online database, tips, tricks, possible challenges, and good practices around that – as well as to get a better understanding of SCI as a movement and the possibilities of making it more inclusive.



## EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING

SCI's annual meeting to evaluate and improve volunteer exchanges, the Exchange Platform Meeting (EPM), was held in person in Belgium, after two years of online meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions. SCI friends, branches, partners and contacts came together in October 2022 for one week. Additional sessions were held online to include more people. A total of 60 participants from 34 SCI branches, groups, partners, and contact organisations attended. The theme of the EPM was "Volunteering as a tool for inclusion", where 24 sessions were organised, discussing a variety of topics, including decolonisation of volunteering, gender co-responsibility for equality, inclusive transition, journalism of inclusion, inclusion of sans-papier, challenges of exchanges, volunteering in orphanages, vision and strategy of SCI, impact measurement, project management, networking, communication, insurance, statistics and finances. EPM allowed people from the movement to get to know each other, to discuss inclusion topics, to bring suggestions for the International Committee Meeting of SCI, to share good practices and to get motivation for the following year.



*“It is important to realise that volunteering is a sharing of cultures, an exchange of know-how and a joint participation in a common project where everyone learns from each other.”*

- Noella, EPM participant

## ONLINE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING FAIR

On May 9th, on the occasion of Europe Day, we organised the second edition of SCI's Online International Volunteering Fair, in Gathertown. The space was open all day, and with two time slots one hour allocated to meet with organisations.

The Online International Volunteering Fair was a chance for young people and anyone interested in volunteering to get real-time information about the hundreds of opportunities that are available.

Anyone could access the fair, for free, and explore our different rooms:

- The hallway, with booths from different organisations from all over the world and information about their projects
- The Fly-in Movie Room, with movies about volunteering and SCI projects
- The Chronicles' room, to read testimonies from our volunteers
- The Info Room, to know more about SCI and volunteering in general, including short-term, long-term and European programmes

Around 50-60 participants joined throughout the day, and they met with 10 of our organisations in person: volunteers, activists, camp coordinators, staff members and organisers were available to answer questions about volunteering opportunities, what to expect from their projects, the application process, the impact of your volunteering, and more.

This event was part of the European Year of Youth activities.



## COP-27 DELEGATION

The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also referred to as COP27, took place in November in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. SCI has observer status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, so we could send a delegation of 8 young climate activists from the least represented geographical regions (Latin America and the Caribbeans, Asia-Pacific and Africa), in cooperation with the Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC (YOUNGO). This allowed us to give the chance to more affected groups to push for their own agenda at the conference, as a small step for more climate justice. It was also a chance to raise awareness about the current human rights situation in Egypt by sharing the campaign of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BRANCHES



NO WAR IN UKRAINE!  
NO WAR ANYWHERE!

On 24 February 2023, we woke up with the news that Russia invaded Ukraine, in an act of military aggression that was unthinkable just a few days before.

As a peace movement, we reacted with a [statement](#) against war, in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and in support of peace movements and peace activists in Ukraine, Russia and internationally. 31 organisations that are part of the Service Civil International network signed the statement. That was the beginning of a series of activities organised by our branches in reaction to these events.

## SCI POLAND

### Summer in the Theater Workcamp

In July, SCI Poland organised a workcamp in Kalisz, in cooperation with Dom Sądziński Podgórze 2-4 and Multi.Art Association, with the theme "What is change and how to tame it?". For two weeks children from Poland and Ukraine, who found themselves living in the same neighbourhood, explored it through numerous activities, mainly artistic. There was no shortage of threads related to the topic of climate change and environmental protection. The finale of the day camp was an event prepared jointly by the youngest children participating in the camp and an international group of volunteers. The workcamp was attended by people from Italy, Ukraine, Belgium, Finland and Hungary, and coordinated by ESC volunteers working every day in the SCI Poland office: Svitlana Kukharuk and Elvira Amatuzzi.



*"I liked to talk to kids, and some stories of Ukrainian kids were so heart-touching that I was about to burst into tears."*

- Svitlana, camp coordinator

### Other activities

SCI Poland was at the forefront of SCI's response to the war, supporting people fleeing the war in Ukraine in different ways, including:

- covering the cost of the training of educators of a Ukrainian teacher who came to Poland as a refugee and employing her and several other people from Ukraine in the organisation of their activities
- supporting other NGOs in organising a 2-h focus group meeting for a group of 18 Ukrainians living in Poznań, to work out recommendations for the new policy of integration of the Polish Ministry of Integration.
- Organising the event "From Crimea occupation to full-scale war - movie night about Russian

invasion of Ukraine"

- Organising a Ukrainian-Polish photo walk
- Organising workcamps: Summer School in Trzcianka, Refugee Centre in Linin, Summer School in Poznań and the Summer in the Theater

Huge part of these activities were made possible thanks to donations from private people around the world and other SCI branches, collected via a fundraising campaign launched in April 2022.



## SCI MADRID

### Profes

Knowing that language learning is fundamental to achieve a real inclusion in the host society, SCI Madrid organises the project 'Profes' to offer free daily Spanish classes for migrants and refugees, in order to support them in their process in Spain. The beginning of the war in Ukraine, and its subsequent consequences, have highlighted the need to support people who have been forced to seek refuge in other countries. For this reason, SCI Madrid has worked to accompany Ukrainian and Russian students during their learning process.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BRANCHES

## SCI CATALUNYA

SCI Catalunya organised an event during their General Assembly, bringing together three women: one from Ukraine, one from Russia and one from Belorussia. In the space of 90 minutes, they openly exchanged opinions, feelings and emotions, from their very personal point of view. A moderator facilitated the session to make sure that everyone felt comfortable expressing themselves. It was an emotional and cathartic exchange that highlighted how difficult it is to be non-violent in such circumstances, and that an organisation like SCI has to struggle for its vision. It was also clear that those who are definitely winning from all these wars are the armament industry, so it is fundamental that SCI restart campaigns against them and their lobbies.

## GAIA KOSOVO + SCI AUSTRIA

### Methods against war

About 22 people, most of them between 20 and 30 years old, came to Kosovo for a week in



June to participate in a project on antimilitarism in the city of Mitrovica. The seminar "Methods against war" was organised jointly by SCI Austria and GAIA Kosovo and was funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union. The focus was on the exchange and testing of different methods that can be used in the context of antimilitarism as well as on networking for upcoming projects.

In a short time, workshops were prepared and held, a public event was organised, and the methods tried out were recorded in the expansion of a toolkit that was created in Vienna in 2019 as part of the "Peace on the Streets" project. The fact that the seminar took place in Mitrovica made the relevance of the content

much more present for participants, since the city is still grappling with divisions in the aftermath of the war it endured.

## IVP AUSTRALIA

### Raising Peace in Australia

International Volunteers for Peace is the founder of Raising Peace, a network of Australian peace focused organisations and individuals. The original impetus was to celebrate 100 years of SCI and give our work a higher profile. Raising Peace has continued to grow in strength and has organised events over the course of 2022 that offered critiques of the increasing Australian and global disposition towards war.

The war in Ukraine was a focus of a dedicated event in July. "The People's Forum on the Ukraine War" was organised by the University of Sydney with Raising Peace support, and addressed the following themes: What led to the Ukraine War? What can be done to end it? What is Australia's role in giving peace a chance? The panel and audience worked together to develop an understanding of forces leading to the Ukraine war, to propose steps towards ending it and to identify contributions which Australian parliamentarians, media and citizens can make to achieve a lasting peace with justice. The event was chaired by Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees, University of Sydney.

## SCI SWITZERLAND

### Working Group Peace Policy

SCI Switzerland founded the working group Peace Policy in 2022. The objectives of this working group are on the one hand to make SCI Switzerland more visible as part of the peace movement, and on the other hand to participate in the public debate for a more peaceful future. The working group has participated in peace demonstrations and is also planning to offer training on non-violent resistance to the SCI Switzerland network. A working group on political statements has also been formed. Volunteers regularly write and publish political statements on current national peace policy issues on social media and on the SCI Switzerland website. The campaigns are in German and French.

So far 3 campaigns have been published:

- No to the approval of the easing of restrictions on the export of war materiel,
- We demand asylum for conscientious objectors!
- 3 reasons not to support the "Citizen Service" initiative.

The working group consists of more than 8 volunteers from different linguistic regions of Switzerland.



# RESOURCES AND TOOLS

## FUNDING PEACE ONLINE COURSE

The online course on project management is free, open to all and it aims to support young people to start their projects and to provide resources, tips and activity ideas for more inclusion, more sustainability, more equality in new projects.



## PEACE ON THE STREETS

This toolkit collects antimilitarist educational methods and tools for doing street activism against war and militarization. It was created by SCI Austria as part of a series of anti-war projects from 2019 to 2022.



## CLIMATE BEYOND CLASSISM

The handbook is the result of the seminar *Climate Beyond Classism* organised by SCI Germany, which discussed the challenges of social class in the context of the climate crisis. The participants shared their experiences in the climate and environmental movement, in the labour movement and in international voluntary work.



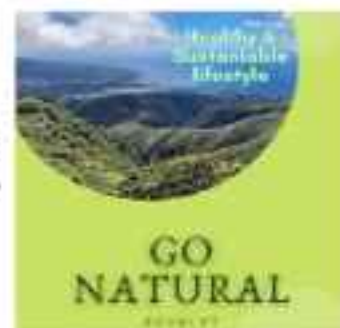
## IMAGE MAPPING

The manual is the outcome of the seminar *Image Mapping* organised by SCI Austria.

The seminar was a space for reflection around the practices and experiences with volunteering in rural areas. The manual explores international youth projects and volunteering camps in the countryside and it is for everyone who wants to strengthen the local impact of international volunteering projects!

## GO NATURAL

Participants of the project *GO Natural: Add Quality to Your Life* by PVN Albania created this booklet with practical information about healthy lifestyle, sustainable food and environment.



## THE GENDER EFFECT

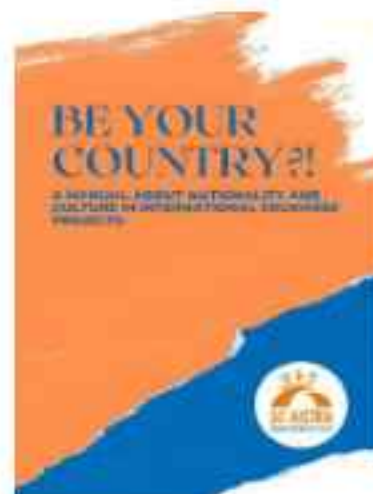
The Booklet is an outcome of *Gender Effect*, an international Training financed by Erasmus+ and it is an extension to the Free to be you and me toolkit. It reflects on the themes of gender and

sexuality and gives tools for youth workers to create gender-inclusive projects through empowerment and the creation of a safer space.



## BE YOUR COUNTRY

The manual is about nationality and culture in international exchange projects and it is the outcome of the seminar *Be your country?! Deconstructing culture in (international) youth work and non-formal education* organised online from 3 - 9 December 2021 by Service Civil International Österreich. In this seminar, youth workers and staff from volunteering organisations around Europe were looking at what we do, when we culturalise our non-formal education programs, our energisers, our support and training structures and our free time activities. With this Manual SCI and its partners aim to exchange and create a set of alternative approaches that instead of emphasising the differences put the spotlight on what makes us all human.

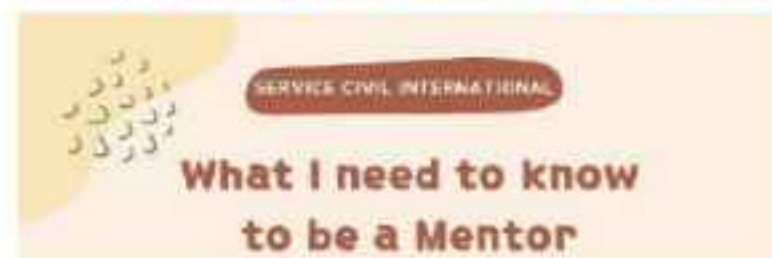


## ENTRE TERRES

ENTRE TERRES is an educational guide on migrations in the Mediterranean. The aim of this material is to provide tools for educational institutions, schools and institutes to address the issue of refugees with young people and children, from a perspective of peacebuilding and social transformation. It consists of 5 parts: Mare Mortum, Human Rights, Racism, Gender and LGBTQI+, Social Change. The name of the resource seeks to rescue the etymological meaning of the word mediterranean (Mediterraneus) and a vision of the old Mare Nostrum as a space for exchange, communication and meeting. This is a work carried out jointly by Stop Maremortum, Servei Civil Internacional and the Eduxarxa cooperative with the support of Minyons Escoltes i Guies de Catalunya, the Consell de Joventut de Barcelona and the Consell Nacional de Joventut de Catalunya.



## WHAT I NEED TO KNOW TO BE A MENTOR



This infographic on the role of a mentor is the output of the first steering team meeting & LTV mentor training of the Grassroots Change project.

## FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

“Knowing and sharing the values of SCI from the inside has been a totally enriching experience not only because I got to know this incredible organization and all the interesting programs and projects it carries out, but I have met people who will continue to be close to my heart for (I hope) many years. SCI is an organization that carries out volunteer projects in an ethical, responsible and sustainable way, values with which I feel identified.

- Blanca, long-term volunteer at SCI Italy



“What saves the day in the end is the working environment and the people you are with every day. There is always someone to help you when you need it, and also working with young people who are so motivated to make the world a bit better keeps you motivated even when you don't feel it so much yourself.

- Violetta, long-term volunteer at SCI Catalunya



“Whenever I talk about this experience, I start by saying that it was one of the most wonderful experiences I've ever had.

- Ericka, volunteer in a workcamp by SCI Madrid

“My expectations for the camp were getting experience as a leader and getting to know new people, but I ended up getting more: new friends, new skills and a more flexible view of life and cultures.

- Stella-Filda Nyamande, co-coordinator in a workcamp in Finland



“I'm very grateful that I got to participate in the course. I think that taking a Permaculture Design Course is a meaningful experience for everyone, regardless of whether or not you have land or feel ready to start gardening. You can apply the principles and concepts of permacultures everywhere; after all, you're only limited by your imagination.

- Claire, participant in the Permaculture Design Course by Gaia Kosovo



## OUR FINANCES

### SCI INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS 2021\*

\*All amounts in EUR

| Budget Item – Income                | 21 REAL        | 22 BDG         | 22 REAL        | Real of BDG |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 01. Branch Contributions            | 42,597         | 42,000         | 41,576         | 99%         |
| 02. Vol Exch Fee (excl Insur Prens) | 831            | 0              | 3,931          | /           |
| 03. Insurance Premiums Received     | 21,427         | 42,050         | 38,567         | 92%         |
| 04. Fees for Office Work Done       | 150            | 1,000          | 720            | 72%         |
| 05. Participation Fees              | 12,460         | 24,322         | 11,307         | 46%         |
| 06. Grants                          | 230,967        | 73,000         | 107,648        | 147%        |
| 07. Donations / Fundraising         | 26,163         | 45,000         | 6,679          | 15%         |
| 08. Financial                       | 4,022          | 650            | 16,805         | 2585%       |
| 09. Other Income                    | 10,793         | 14,800         | 27,358         | 185%        |
| 10. Extraordinary Income            | 14,595         | 0              | 8,528          | /           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>364,005</b> | <b>242,822</b> | <b>263,120</b> | <b>108%</b> |

| Budget Item – Expenditure    | 21 REAL        | 22 BDG         | 22 REAL        | Real of BDG |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 11. Staff Costs              | 208,441        | 132,663        | 146,541        | 110%        |
| 12. Office Costs             | 29,138         | 27,890         | 30,208         | 108%        |
| 13. Taxes                    | 444            | 550            | 554            | 101%        |
| 14. Travel & Meeting Costs   | 2,617          | 5,800          | 1,405          | 24%         |
| 15. Membership Fees          | 3,615          | 1,775          | 1,601          | 90%         |
| 16. Financial Costs          | 2,785          | 500            | 183            | 37%         |
| 17. Miscellaneous            | 0              | 0              | 3,139          | /           |
| 18. Project Costs            | 58,518         | 47,500         | 78,257         | 165%        |
| 19. Premiums and Claims Paid | 14,400         | 33,200         | 41,377         | 125%        |
| 20. Extraordinary Expenses   | 0              | 0              | 0              | /           |
| 21. Provisions               | 8,812          | 0              | 1,526          | /           |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>     | <b>328,770</b> | <b>249,878</b> | <b>304,792</b> | <b>122%</b> |

### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

In 2022 we received 2125€ in subscriptions from 14 SCItizens - the subscription program for people to regularly contribute to the international activities of SCI. Of this amount, 20% was re-distributed as financial support to branches in need.

In addition, we received 4555€ of donations from different individuals, some of which were collected on behalf of branches running international fundraising campaigns and transferred to them.

The donations we receive are used to realise all the international projects that you find in this report, as well as statutory meetings of the Movement.

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