



## **EVS PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### **Introduction of the UEF:**

The U.E.F. is a non-profit European organization of and for civil society; it is addressing all citizens of the enlarged European Union and beyond. Its activities and campaigns aim at **contributing to the debate on the future of European integration and raising awareness of the European idea**. It strives for the promotion of the federalist perspective and thus for a political European Union of citizens and states, that is based on common European values, such as participatory democracy, tolerance and solidarity, and on active citizenship.

Not being affiliated to any political party, the UEF is an autonomous political movement. It cooperates with and seeks to influence European, national and local institutions, parties and associations. Among its supporters are decision-makers from a wide political spectrum, which allows the UEF to influence daily politics of the European Union more effectively. **UEF cooperates with the Young European Federalists (JEF), the European Movement, the World Federalist Movement and other pro-European organisations**, which share similar concern about the future of Europe.

The main activities of the UEF include:

- Raising public awareness of European integration and its importance
- Putting forward the necessity of a united Europe and of a Constitution
- Lobbying governments, decision makers, the press, and other non governmental organisations to support our vision of Europe.

### **General profile of the volunteer:**

For this project the UEF was looking for an open-minded student or young graduate with a hands-on attitude. The EVS candidate should bring along a strong motivation, contribute own ideas, enjoy working independently and have the readiness to work overtime if necessary. The volunteer should have excellent communication skills and experience with the organisation and implementation of events.

The nature of the position gives the possibility to be open to any gender, geographical precedence and social background. However, we wanted to have a young person with interest and a bit of experience in the field of European politics in order to let the volunteer benefit from the experience of working in an international political NGO and at the same time let the volunteer exploit her potential for the sake of the organisation. Ideally, we wanted to get an active member from one of the UEF's weaker sections, which will then act as sending organisation.



**Daily tasks of the volunteer:**

- The organisation and preparation of **seminars and conferences** aiming at the promotion of the idea of a united Europe based on a federal constitution, partly in cooperation with the European Secretariat of JEF (the Young European Federalists)
- Attending and providing support for UEF activities on within the European Convention and the European Parliament
- Following and monitoring developments in relation to the writing of a future European constitution, especially by media review and research
- Attending and reporting to the Secretariat from external **meetings of civil society** and other social events
- Assisting in the maintenance, updating and renewal of the **U.E.F. website**
- The establishment and maintenance of **databases** of press contacts, people interested in and relevant for the work of U.E.F. and other categories
- Providing and designing promotional **material and information** about the working of U.E.F. for people interested in our work and for local U.E.F. sections

Generally speaking, the volunteer will work in close cooperation with the Secretary-General and the European Secretariat of U.E.F., who will provide the volunteer with all necessary support; but the volunteer will, at the same time, be expected to work independently, take initiative and make own suggestions.

**Currently, we are looking for a volunteer willing to stay with us  
for the period of January – June 2008.**

For more information and applications, please contact **[info@federaleurope.org](mailto:info@federaleurope.org)**.