



European Center for  
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## Legal Frameworks for Volunteering: Regulative prospects and International Experience

**Date:** June 18, 2026

**Time** 17:00 – 19:00 CET (UTC+01:00, Central European Time)

*The event will be held as a Zoom webinar; there will be no live broadcast or video recording. The webinar is open to representatives of Belarusian and international civil society organizations (CSOs) and individual experts by personal invitation.*

*To participate in the webinar, please complete the [online registration form](#).*

### Context and objectives of the webinar:

The event prompted by the upcoming concept of the Law on Volunteering, announced in Belarus for 2026 according to the [official plan of legislative activities](#). The webinar aims to raise awareness among key independent CSOs on the international approaches and foreign experience in the volunteering regulation. Special attention will be focused on the cases of volunteering legislation in Netherlands and on the recent achievements of Armenian civil society organisations in the field of fruitful advocacy in volunteering regulation.

### Program

- 17:00 – 17:10** Opening of the seminar, introduction to the program and technical aspects of participation
- 17:10- 17:40** Role of the new initiative to draft a Law on Volunteering within the current legal framework regarding volunteer work in Belarus. Previous experience in developing the concept and draft of the Law on Volunteering in 2019–2021, the content of the bills frozen at that time, and the areas of concern. Possible ideas for a new concept of the Law – *by the experts from Lawtrend.*
- 17:40 – 18:10** Options for conceptual approaches to the legal regulation of volunteer work in accordance with European standards. Conclusions and recommendations based on the experience of the Netherlands – *by Esther Meester, Head of Democracy in the European center for Not-for-Profit Law, Netherlands.*
- 18:10 – 18:40** A success story of promoting good practices and effective reform in the legal regulation of volunteering by civil society organizations in Armenia – *by Tatevik Margaryan from the Transparency International Anticorruption Center, Armenia.*
- 18:40 – 19:00** Q&A, discussion on interests, goals, and potential individual or joint actions within the framework of cooperation between different CSOs during the actual drafting of the concept for the future Law on the volunteering in Belarus.