



European Commission



European Solidarity Corps: How to take part as an organisation?



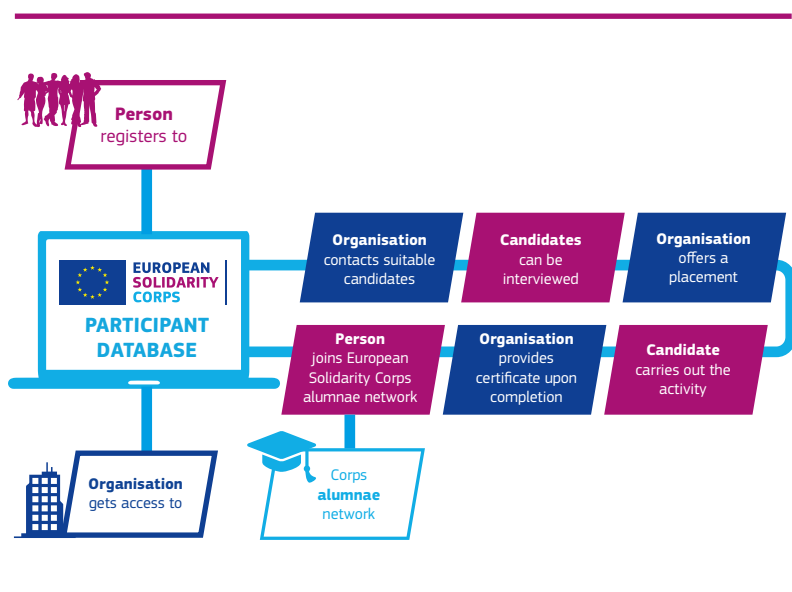
Organisations play a vital role in the European Solidarity Corps. They are those that offer placements to young people registered for the Corps. In this first phase, before the entry into force of the new legal base, organisations willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps can apply for funding through existing EU funding programmes. Eight programmes support the European Solidarity Corps:

- Erasmus+ Programme with its European Voluntary Service
- EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)
- LIFE programme
- Europe for Citizens programme
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- European Regional Development Fund (through the Interreg programme)
- Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- Health programme



What organisations can participate?

A large variety of organisations such as non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, national, regional and local authorities or social enterprises could become a participating organisation. After having been authorised in line with each contributing EU funding programme, the participating organisation can look for potential employees, trainees, apprentices or volunteers for their solidarity activities in the Corps database. In case of the Employment and Social Innovation Programme, an intermediary will be in charge of matching organisations with suitable candidates. Each participating organisation will have to comply with high quality standards, will need to subscribe to the European Solidarity Corps Mission Statement and its Principles, and will have to adhere to the European Solidarity Corps Charter, setting out the rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience.



Programme	Short description	Volunteering or occupational strand	Who is eligible?	How to apply for grants?	Deadline(s) for calls	Geographical scope
Erasmus+ Programme, European Voluntary Service (EAC) Link	Through EVS organisations can apply to run projects involving international volunteers in areas such as youth work, cultural activities, social care, environmental protection, etc.	Volunteering strand	NGOs, youth, sport, voluntary, community organisations, public bodies, social enterprises and other	Requests for accreditation of organisations and applications are submitted to the Erasmus+ National Agencies	26/04/17 04/10/17	EU Member States, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey
Employment and Social Innovation (EMPL) Link	A financing instrument to promote high-quality and sustainable employment	Occupational strand	Two consortia led by public employment services have been selected through the call and will match organisations and Solidarity Corps participants.	The two consortia will soon make available online information for organisations interested in offering occupational placements.	17/03/17	Cross border placements in all EU Member States
LIFE/European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (ENVI/AGRI) Link	A joint initiative using volunteer work to support environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects	Volunteering strand	Public or private bodies, actors or institutions registered in the EU	Proposals must be compliant with the application guide	07/03/17 25/08/17	EU Member States
Europe for Citizens (HOME) Link	Projects to raise awareness of the EU, its history and diversity	Occupational and volunteering strand	Public bodies or non-profit organisations with a legal personality	Proposals must be compliant with the programme guide	01/03/17 01/03/18	All EU Member States and the Western Balkans, excluding Kosovo*
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (HOME) Link	The programme aims to integrate third-country nationals	Occupational and volunteering strand	Public bodies, non-profit-making entities or international organisations	Proposals must be compliant with the criteria of each call for proposals	28/02/17 Autumn 2017	All EU Member States except Denmark
Interreg Volunteers Initiative (REGIO) Link	The initiative sends volunteers in regions where Interreg cooperation programmes are managed	Volunteering strand	Public and private organisations (e.g. in municipalities, universities, hospitals, associations participating in Interreg projects, or in the secretariats coordinating Interreg programmes)	Submission of a volunteering proposal, to the Association of European Border Regions	Open call, proposals can be submitted to the Association of European Border Regions.	All EU Member States
Health Programme (SANTE) Link	This programme promotes healthy lifestyles, and protects EU citizens from serious diseases	Volunteering strand	NGOs, public sector bodies, public administrations, universities, higher education institutions	Proposals must be compliant with the criteria of each call for proposals	15/06/17	EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Serbia and Moldova

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

The application mechanisms and awarding of grants happens in accordance with the evaluation rules of each programme.