

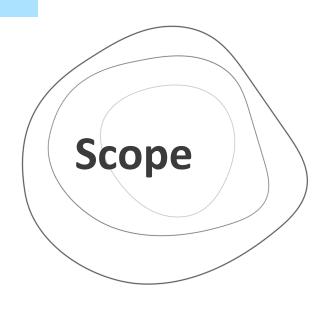
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European Solidarity Corps 2021-2027

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The European Solidarity Corps Aims to foster solidarity in the European society by engaging young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity (mainly volunteering) activities.

Offers young people opportunities to:

- make a meaningful contribution to society and help resolve challenging situations across Europe
- develop their skills and get some valuable experience in the process

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES









Inclusion

Green

Digital

Participation





Volunteering projects offer opportunities for young people to take part in solidarity activities contributing to the daily work of participating organisations, to the ultimate benefit of the communities within which the activities are carried out.



Volunteering

Individual volunteering allows young people to participate in the daily activities of organisations for 2-12 months (in cases for people with fewer opportunities as of 2 weeks) abroad or in their country of residence.

Volunteering teams are groups of 10-40 young people from at least two countries volunteering for a shorter period of 2 weeks to 2 months.

Geographical scope

EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia and Turkey – <u>organisation can apply to the National Agency of the country they are established in</u>

Third countries not associated to the programme: Norway, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Russian Federation - can participate in projects as partners.

Minimum two organisations covering host and support role (except for in-country and volunteering teams)

Prerequisite: hold a **Quality Label**



A Solidarity Project is a nonprofit solidarity activity initiated, developed and implemented by young people themselves for a period from 2 to 12 months, to bring positive change in their local community.



Solidarity Projects

Solidarity projects identify clear challenges and objectives which the group of young people wish to tackle together.

Participation in a solidarity project is an important non-formal learning experience through which young people can boost their personal, educational, social and civic development.

Geographical scope: EU Member States, Liechtenstein, Iceland, North Macedonia and Turkey

Groups of minimum 5 young people - one of participants takes a role of legal representative and submits the application

Organisations can apply on behalf of the group

No Quality Label is needed



!NEW as of 2022: volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations

Aim: to provide emergency aid based on the fundamental principles of neutrality, humanity, independence and impartiality, helping to deliver assistance, relief and protection where most needed.

- ✓ complementary support such as experienced coaches and experts
- ✓ Individual and in teams



Quality Label

- QUALITY LABEL

 EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
- Prerequisite for organisations to participate in volunteering
- Needed to ensure organisations' ability to comply with quality standards and objectives of the Corps
- It doesn't automatically lead to a grant
- Organisations interested in volunteering projects can apply for the label on continuous basis to the National Agencies
- For Humanitarian Aid Corps, organisations apply to Education and Culture Executive agency
- The label is not needed for solidarity projects



Quality and support measures

The Corps provides a range of quality and support services for participants and organisations:





How does it work in practice?

Young people register in the European Solidarity Corps database (europa.eu/youth/solidarity) and can be selected for projects by organisations.

Quality labelled organisations select young people from the database for their projects.





Call 2022

- Volunteering projects: 23 February or 4 October (if organised)
- Volunteering teams in high priority areas: 6 April
- Solidarity Projects: 23 February, 4 May (if organised) and 4 October
- Humanitarian aid volunteering: Quality Label by 22
 September and the projects by 3 May 2022.



More info & contact details

More information on the European Youth Portal: europa.eu/youth/solidarity

Contact the National Agency in your country

Read the <u>European Solidarity Corps Guide</u> and find <u>call for proposals</u>









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