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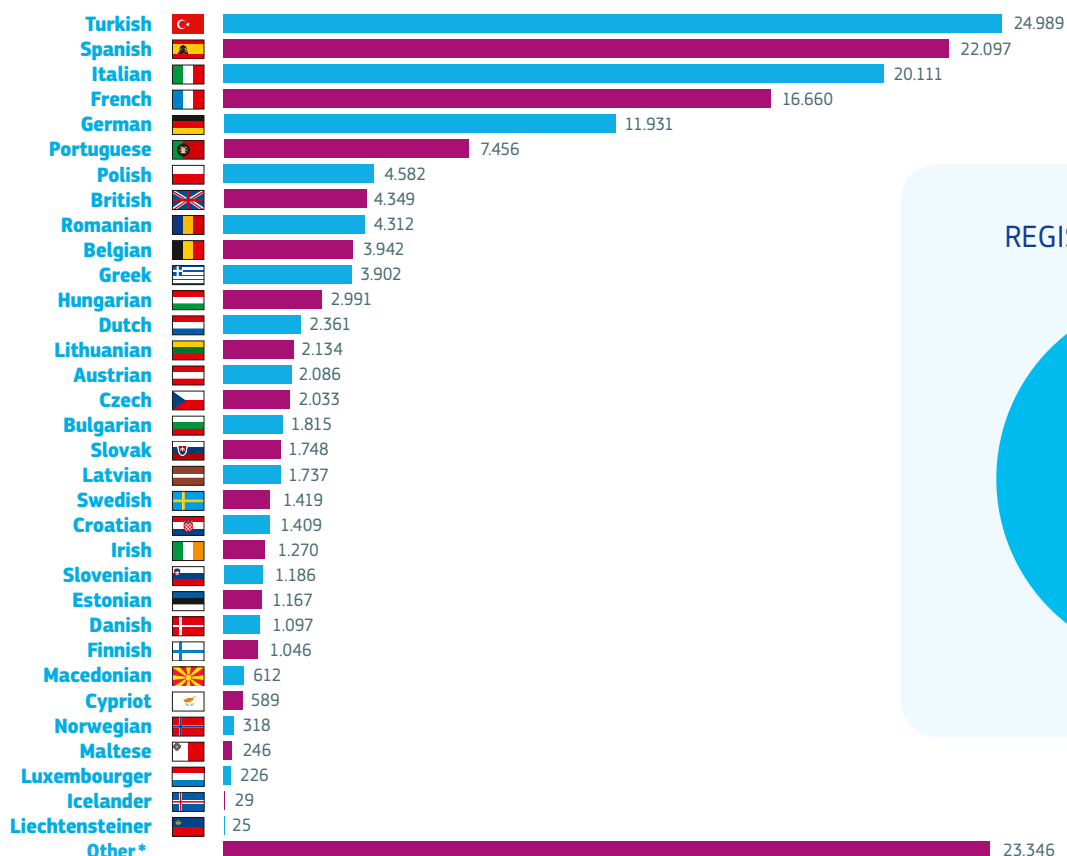
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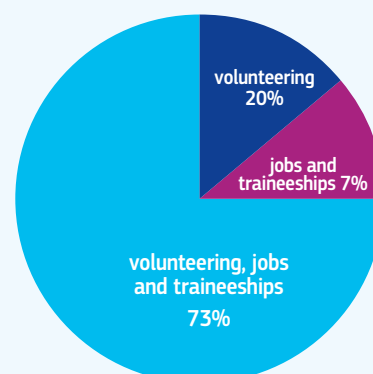
Since its launch in December 2016, the European Solidarity Corps has attracted more than 175,000 young people who have expressed their interest to help in solidarity action across Europe. More than 30,000 people have already started their activities in projects dealing with various topics such as environment, culture, social services, helping refugees, migrants, children or the elderly. The European Solidarity Corps is more than only volunteering. It also creates opportunities for young people to develop their skills and increase their future labour market prospects via a job or a traineeship.

REGISTRATIONS - MORE THAN **175,000** YOUNG PERSONS REGISTERED

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS: REGISTRATIONS BY NATIONALITY



REGISTRATIONS BY STRAND

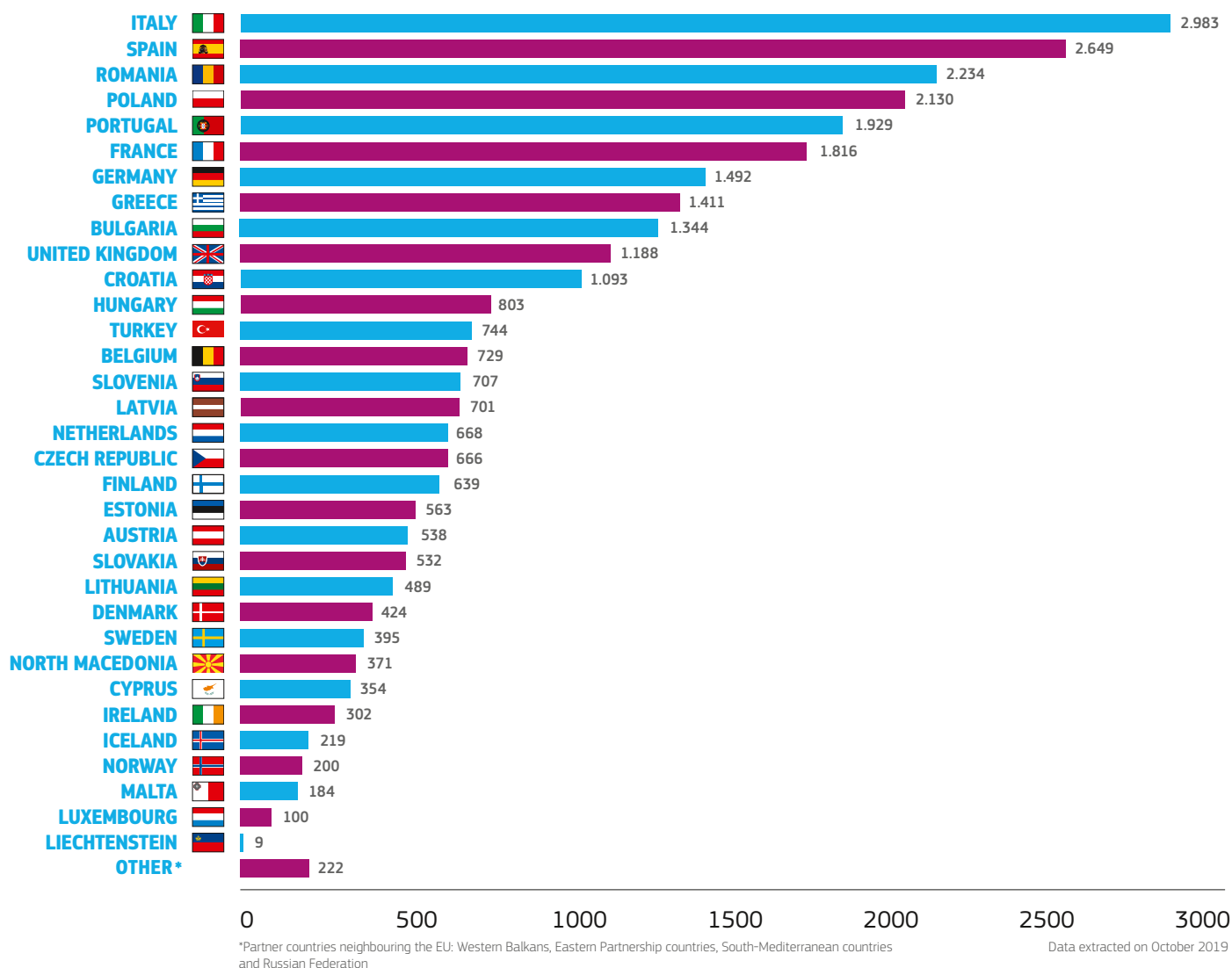


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*Young people residing in an EU Member State, an EFTA country, Turkey, or North Macedonia but with a nationality from any other country.

SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES – MORE THAN **30,000** YOUNG PERSONS ACTIVE IN PROJECTS SINCE DECEMBER 2016

ACTIVITIES BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION



EXAMPLES OF SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES



Cultural Heritage

Guillaume Vannier from France is volunteering in **Altdöbern, Germany** where his work focuses on cultural heritage preservation, and especially contributes to restoration and maintenance of a historical park.

A number of volunteers from all over Europe will, between 2017 and 2018, participate in three different Solidarity Corps projects in **central Italy**, helping with the protection and strengthening of the tangible and intangible heritage in the regions affected by devastating earthquakes in 2016.



Helping protect cultural heritage, Norcia, Italy, September 2017



Social Inclusion

Franziska Edlinger from Austria, has volunteered in **Livadeia, Greece** in a centre for chronically sick people, where she has been helping those seeking personal, psychological or any other form of support.

Petya Hristova from the Czech Republic is volunteering in **Stara Zagora in Bulgaria** where she is involved in a foundation working with Roma children and young people. She is a leader of diverse workshops such as musical, dance, English lessons or sport.

Ruben Ruiz Redondo from Spain, is volunteering in **Malta** to help disabled people through educational, therapeutic and recreational services. The services include: pottery sessions, therapeutic horse riding, arts and crafts, swimming sessions and animal park visits.

Ana Denisa Pop from Romania volunteered in **Rotterdam, the Netherlands**, where she supported young people from disadvantaged backgrounds through animating art, cultural activities, games and sport activities for children with limitations.



Integration of migrants

Nazli Deger from Turkey volunteered in **Manderfeld, Belgium** where she helped refugees and asylum seekers hosted by the Red Cross organisation. She assisted in daily duties of the asylum centre like provision of meals, reception services but also in activities such as engaging the refugees in sports, culture, manufacturing, language or computer lessons.

Maria Nicolaouva, Sebastian Riveaud and Clara Calvet Casulleras from different European countries are volunteering in **Athens, Greece** where they support refugees mainly by taking care of the children while their parents attend language classes.

Debora Lucque from Italy is volunteering in **Luxembourg** where she supports the project 'Living together in an intercultural dynamic' aiming at the integration of migrants in Luxembourgish society and the promotion of respect for the other.

Anna Kraska from Poland together with local youth workers supported a project in **Espoo, Finland**, in which she carried out activities, like clubs, camps and events for young people from different age groups and backgrounds, including refugees and asylum seekers.

Maitreyi-Géraldine Gupta from France, has been working in **Rende, Italy** in an organisation supporting asylum seekers and political refugees, where she has been taking care of institutional matters, outlining the immigrants' needs, providing legal help, analysing and solving conflicts and undertaking social insertion activities.



Supporting asylum seekers, Rende, Italy, February 2018

Laura Nocifora from Italy is the European Solidarity Corps volunteer in **Eupen, Belgium**. She volunteers in the Red Cross asylum seekers' centre where she helps in daily duties of the centre. Among other tasks, she organises well-being workshops for the women of the centre.



Education

Dolores Gambale from Italy volunteered in **Česká Třebová, Czech Republic** in a project focused on providing education to children and youth in their leisure time, especially focusing on children with social problems.

Vilja Viebahn from Germany is volunteering in **Alsace, France** in a project that supports different vulnerable groups in social difficulties, including children. At the same time, the project promotes awareness about environmental protection, tolerance and active citizenship.

Alessa Heiden from Germany is volunteering in **Cluj-Napoca, Romania** where she helps children from a minority background and children with special needs become self-confident and aware adults through the use of games, play, sport or music.

Vladislavs Jelisejevs from Latvia worked in **Dumbravita, Romania** in the project 'European Diversity in Human Unity' in which he focussed on delivering non-formal education to students of all ages, in and around the city of Baia Mare. Within their association they also ran public events as well as English classes on diverse topics.



Supporting Local communities

Merelle Naar from Estonia volunteered in **Zirl, Austria** where she was helping local community by building a natural playground for children or refurbishing historical pathways.

Charlotte Dumoulin from Belgium is volunteering in **Helsinki, Finland** in an organisation promoting peace, equality, anti-racism and dialogue. Charlotte is working with youth workers to help them overcome their prejudices in their work.

Sara Piu from Italy volunteered in **Tallinn, Estonia** in a project in which she supported the final event of the Sport Year Foundation Interreg Central Baltic Project.

Lorenza Brustoloni from Italy, volunteered in **Cyprus** in a project that aimed at improving living standards for infants, children and the elderly in the community of Avgorou.



Volunteering in an asylum seeker centre, Eupen, Belgium, June 2018

THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS BEYOND 2020

With the Commission's proposal to foresee €1.26 billion for the Solidarity Corps in the next EU budget, at least 350,000 other young people will be able to participate in a solidarity activity between 2021 and 2027.