





## YES! YOUTH FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY

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## WHAT IS?

The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe.





### **OBJECTIVES**

promote solidarity as a value, mainly through volunteering, to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe, while also responding to societal challenges and strengthening communities, with particular effort to promote social inclusion. It shall also contribute to European cooperation that is relevant to young people.





#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

- registering on the European Solidarity Corps Portal
- the registration is possible at the age of 17 y.o. but participants must have reached 18 and must not be older than 30 at the start date of the activity.

#### **ORGANISATIONS**

- European Solidarity Corps projects are mainly submitted and managed by organisations
- organisations participating in European Solidarity Corps projects must be established in a participating country or a partner country
- Have the Quality Label







## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteering
Traineeship and Jobs
Solidarity Projects





## **VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteering is solidarity activity that takes the form of a *full-time* (at least 30 and not more than 38 hours per week) voluntary *unpaid activity* for a period of up to 12 months

It provides young people with the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations in solidarity activities to the ultimate benefit of the communities within which the activities are carried out.

#### TYPES OF VOLUNTEERING

- Individual
- Volunteering Teams





#### INDIVIDUAL

- Young people participate in the daily work of organisations
- Lasts between 2 and 12 months, and in some cases, 2 weeks and up
- Participants can volunteer abroad (cross-border) or in their country (in-country) of residence for projects covering social inclusion, environment, culture, and more.

#### VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

- Solidarity activities allowing teams of 10-40 young people from at least two different countries who volunteer together
- period of between 2 weeks and 2 months





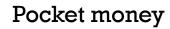














**TRAINING** 



Certificate YouthPass EU Solidarity Corps





## **ELIGIBILITY**

INDIVIDUAL	VOLUNTEERING TEAM
PARTICIPANTS	
-18-30 y.o. residing in a participating country or in a partner country	-18-30 y.o. residing in a participating country or in a partner country
-Registered in the EU Solidarity Corps Portal	-Registered in the EU Solidarity Corps Portal
Only 1 time (participants who have taken part	Can take part in more than one Solidarity
in a Erasmus+ volunteering activity or EVS are not eligible	Corps volunteering <u>teams</u> activity
ORGANIZATIONS	
Any organization legally established in a participating country or a partner country     With valid Quality Label or Erasmus+ volunteering accreditation	- Any organization legally established in a participating country or a partner country - With valid Quality Label or Erasmus+ volunteering accreditation
CROSS-BOARDER - min. 2 organization (1 host, 1 supporting) IN-COUNTRU - Min 1 organization with the HOST role	





### **BUDGET**

- TRAVEL- according to the distance
- ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT
- a) Project Management
- 2000€/ volunteering team activity or 225€/ participant in individual activity
- b) Activity Costs- based on the country and the duration of stay
- INCLUSION SUPPORT- based on the country and the duration of stay
- POCKET MONEY- based on the country and the duration of stay
- LINGUISTIC SUPPORT- 150€/participant
- EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT
- COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITY COSTS





## **TRAINEESHIP & JOBS**

solidarity activities that provide young people a unique opportunity to gain experience and make a start on the labour market while contributing to address important societal challenges.

The participation of young people in these activities will be of benefit to themselves and to national and local authorities and bodies, non-governmental organisations and companies in their efforts to cope with various challenges.





## **TRAINEESHIP**

• period of work practice of between 2 to 6 months renewable once for a maximum, duration of 12 months

Eligible traineeship activities need to meet the following conditions:

- remunerated by the organisation providing the traineeship;
- include a learning and a training component
- written *traineeship agreement* concluded at the beginning of the traineeship in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework of the country where the traineeship takes place, as appropriate

Should be clearly separated from volunteering, both from a financial and organisational point of view and should never lead to job substitution.





#### **JOBS**

• Min. duration of 3 months (There is no maximum duration set for the employment contract but the financial support provided through the European Solidarity Corps is limited to 12 months)

#### Eligible activities need to meet the following conditions:

- remunerated by the organisation employing the participant;
- include a learning and a training component
- written *employment contract* which respects all the terms and conditions of employment as defined in the national law, applicable collective agreements, or both, of the country in which the job is being carried out.

Jobs should be accompanied by adequate preparation and support upon return.





## **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **ORGANIZATION**

Any organisation legally established in a Member State of the European Union.

Any eligible participating organisation holding a valid and relevant (Jobs/Traineeships)

Quality Label

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

18 and 30 years legally residing in a Member State of the European Union and have registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

A participant can take part in only one European Solidarity Corps traineeship.





### **BUDGET**

- TRAVEL- according to the distance
- ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT
- a) Project Management

225€/ participant

- b) Activity Costs- based on the country and the duration of stay
- INCLUSION SUPPORT- based on the country and the duration of stay
- RELOCATION ALLOWANCE- based on the country and the duration of stay
- LINGUISTIC SUPPORT- 150€/participant
- EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT
- COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITY COSTS





### **SOLIDARITY**

- A Solidarity Project is an activity that a young person can carry out in a *group of 5* people or more to help to bring positive change to the local community.
- It is set up and implemented by young people themselves in a place where they live.
- The project should be devoted to challenges within your community, but it can also help to tackle regional or even national issues.
- Together with addressing the local challenges, a Solidarity Project should also demonstrate *European value* by taking priorities identified at European level such as, for instance, inclusion, climate change, democratic engagement, citizenship or gender equality.
- The project can last from 2 to 12 months and it is mainly part-time.





#### WHO CAN APPLY

• The group that will implement the project.

One of the young people in the group assumes the role of the legal representative and takes the responsibility of submitting the application.

- Any public or private body on behalf of the group that will implement the project.
- A group of minimum 5 young people aged between 18 and 30 years who are legally residing in one and the same participating country and have registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.





## **BUDGET**

- PROJECT MANAGEMENT- 500€/ month
- COACHING COST- max 12 days based on the venue country and the working days
- EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT





# **QUALITY LABEL**





- The Quality Label is an organisation's *entry ticket* for the European Solidarity Corps. It is a prerequisite for participation in Volunteering, Traineeships and Jobs, but *does not automatically lead to a European Solidarity Corps project grant.*
- The applications for the Quality Label can be submitted on a continuous basis (i.e. at any time) during the programming period.
- Depending on the type of solidarity activity an organisation wants to be involved in and its role, there are different requirements in order to obtain the Quality Label.
- An organisation can apply for a *supporting and/or host role* for *volunteering and/or Traineeships and Jobs*.





#### 8 STEPS TO NAVIGATE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE EU SOLIDARITY CORPS:

- 1. Get your Organisation ID number: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/organisation-registration/screen/home">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/organisation-registration/screen/home</a>
- 2. Obtain your Quality Label: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/web-esc/screen/home">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/web-esc/screen/home</a>
- 3. Develop your project (including finding your partners and identifying potential participants)
- 4. Apply for grant: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/web-esc/screen/home">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/web-esc/screen/home</a>
- 5. Receive a grant decision and match participants on the Solidarity Corps portal
- 6. Start your project
- 7. Implement project activities
- 8. Close your project





# HOW TO REGISTER IN THE PORTAL -Participants-



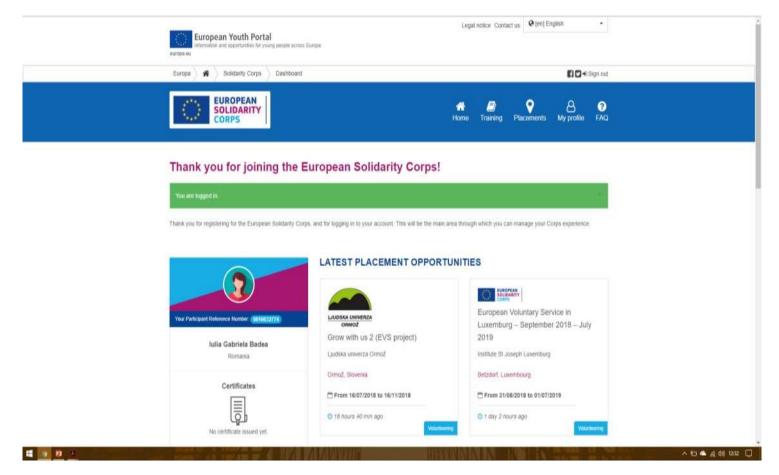


### PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

- 1. Register your details in the European Solidarity Corps systemhttps://europa.eu/youth/SoLiDarity\_en
- 2. Organisations will be able to search the database for people for their projects. (Placement Administration and Support System (PASS))
- 3. Organisations will then ask selected participants to join their projects.- If an organisation does contact you and offers you a position on their project, you do not have to agree to take up their offer the decision on whether or not to join a project is always completely up to you.











# EU PROGRAMMES THAT OFFERS EU SOLIDARITY CORPS OPPORTUNITIES

- Erasmus+
- LIFE programme
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- Interreg Volunteer Youth Initiative
- EU Health programme
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Europe for Citizens programme
- EU programme for Employment and Social Innovation





#### For more information

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/eu-solidarity\_en

https://ec.europa.eu/youth/sites/youth/files/european-solidarity-corps-guide\_2020\_en.pdf

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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