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**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

ABOUT

WHAT IS IT?

The European Solidarity Corps aims to foster solidarity in European society, engaging young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality activities. It offers young people opportunities to help resolve challenging situations across Europe.

With a budget of €375.6 million for 2018-2020, it can support participants to carry out **volunteering activities, traineeships and jobs** and run their own **solidarity projects**.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Interested 17-30 year olds can register on the European Solidarity Corps portal. Registrants who are age 18 and above can be invited to participate in solidarity-related projects by organisations that have access to the database. These organisations can also advertise opportunities on the portal so that young people can respond to them directly.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Individual volunteering lets young people participate in the daily work of organisations and lasts between 2 and 12 months, and in some cases, 2 weeks and up. Participants can volunteer abroad or in their country of residence for projects covering social inclusion, environment, culture, and more.

Volunteering teams are groups of 10-40 young people from at least two different countries who volunteer together for a period of between 2 weeks and 2 months.

The costs of accommodation and food are covered. Participants also receive a small allowance for personal expenses.

TRAINEESHIPS AND JOBS

Traineeships count as full-time work practice and last between 2 and 6 months – renewable once. They are paid for by the organisation responsible for the traineeship. Trainees develop their personal, educational, social, civic and professional skills.

Jobs are full-time and last between 3 and 12 months. They are paid for by the organisation employing the participant.

Traineeships and jobs can take place in the participant's country of residence or abroad. If abroad, participants receive a small allowance to help them relocate and settle in a foreign country.

Participants of **volunteering activities, traineeships** and **jobs** get online linguistic support, training and mentoring. Their travel costs to and from the project venue are covered.

SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

Solidarity projects are initiated, developed and implemented over a period of 2 to 12 months by at least five young people who want to make a positive change in their local community. Young people who want to run a solidarity project in their country of residence must register in the European Solidarity Corps portal.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Open to young people (age 18-30) and organisations from the following Participating and Partner Countries:

- > Member States of the European Union
- > Turkey and North Macedonia
- > Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway
- > Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia
- > Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
- > Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia
- > Russian Federation

TRAINEESHIPS AND JOBS

Open to young people (age 18-30) and organisations from the Member States of the European Union.

SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

Open to young people (age 18-30) residing in Participating Countries. For further information on eligible Participating and Partner Countries and eligibility criteria, please refer to the European Solidarity Corps Guide.



HOW TO TAKE PART?

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people can register on the European Solidarity Corps portal and search for opportunities.

A group of young people or an organisation on their behalf can apply for solidarity project funding within set deadlines. A Quality Label is not needed for solidarity projects.

ORGANISATIONS

In order to participate in the European Solidarity Corps volunteering, traineeship and job activities, organisations should obtain a **Quality Label**. A Quality Label ensures compliance with the principles and objectives of the European Solidarity Corps. Organisations apply for a Quality Label to the National Agency of their country or regional SALTOs in case of Partner Countries. Applications for Quality Label can be submitted on a continuous basis.

Any public or private organisation from a European Union Member State holding a Quality Label can submit **applications for funding** within set deadlines for volunteering, traineeships and jobs. They should be submitted via online forms to the National Agency in the country where the applicant organisation is established. Organisations from Partner Countries outside the European Union that hold a Quality Label can participate in volunteering activities as partners.

In specific cases applications for a Quality Label and funding should be addressed to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).



FIND OUT MORE

- > To **participate as an individual**, register on the European Solidarity Corps portal: europa.eu/solidarity-corps
- > To view the **European Solidarity Corps Guide**, apply for **funding** or find the **contact details** of your National Agency or SALTO, visit: ec.europa.eu/youth/solidarity-corps



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