

#EUSOLIDARITYCORPS



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THE EU'S POLITICAL VISION ON SOLIDARITY



President Juncker's resolve to

support the many socially minded young people to make meaningful contributions to society and show solidarity, **help** them gain invaluable experience and **address** unmet needs in Europe's communities

in the **shape of a corps** (*aka arm, service, branch*) of like-minded citizens and organisations willing to be active agents of positive change.

State of the Union speech 2016

UNMET NEEDS



25%

of young people in the EU say that they have been **involved in an organised voluntary activity** in the past 12 months.*



50,000

job seekers **are looking for work abroad in solidarity-related sectors.**"



88%

of young people who have never volunteered, say they have not done so because they **did not have the opportunity**. Only **6% of young people have volunteered abroad.***

TIMELINE

September 2016	Announced in Juncker's State of the Union speech
December 2016	Launched as part of 'Investing in Europe's Youth' package of measures: The Solidarity Corps based on 8 programmes (2016 - 2017)
	Registrations for young people on the Solidarity Corps database begin
March 2017	Matching process between participants and organisations start
	First Corps participant starts her placement
May 2017	Commission proposes a legal base for the European Solidarity Corps (2018-2020)
End of 2017/ beginning of 2018	Adoption of the legal base by the EP and the Council
First half of 2018	The legal base enters into force



Phase 1 in 2016 - 2017: CONTRIBUTING EU PROGRAMMES

First placements started via 8 EU funding programmes:

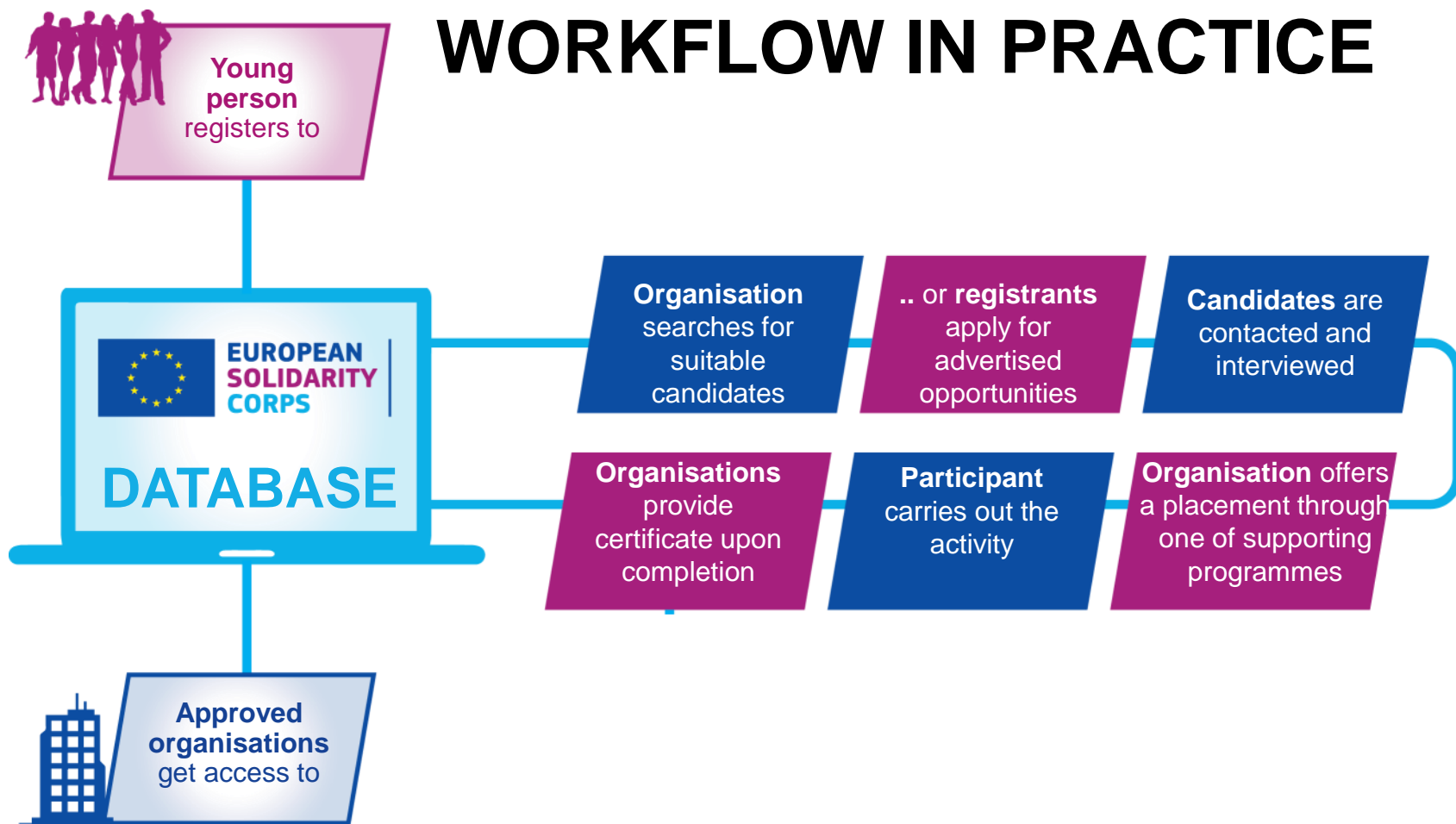
- Erasmus+ (European Voluntary Service)
- EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation: EaSI
- LIFE programme
- EU Health programme
- Europe for Citizens Programme
- European Regional Development Fund (Interreg Volunteer Youth)
- Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

HOW DOES IT WORK IN PRACTICE?



- **European Solidarity Corps Portal:**
one-stop shop
- **Young people** register in the database and are matched for projects by organisations
- **Organisations** develop projects, apply to participate and select young people from the database for their projects

WORKFLOW IN PRACTICE



5 STEPS FOR REGISTERED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM REGISTRATION TO PLACEMENT

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FROM
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#1

**SEND
APPLICATIONS
OR WAIT
TO BE
CONTACTED**



#2

**ACCEPT
OR DECLINE
A CONTACT
REQUEST**



#3

**DISCUSS
THE PLACEMENT
WITH
THE ORGANISATION**



#4

**ACCEPT
OR DECLINE
THE OFFER**



#5

**PROCEED WITH
ARRANGEMENTS**



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WHERE DO WE STAND?

- More than 38 000 registrations
- Highest number of registrations from: IT, ES, PT, DE, FR, RO
- Main age group 21-25 years
- More female (65%) than male (35%)
- 75% show interest in both volunteering and occupational strand
- 1600 deployed mainly through EVS
- Main sending countries: Spain, Italy, Turkey, France, Germany
- Main receiving countries: Spain, Poland, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, France and Portugal.

A photograph of two young women in a blue boat, likely a kayak, using long-handled nets to catch fish in a large blue tank. The woman on the left is holding a net with a fish inside, while the woman on the right is also holding a net. They are both wearing gloves and looking focused on their task. The background shows a black mesh netting.

VOLUNTEERING DIMENSION

Volunteering placements: mainly European Voluntary Service

Implementing bodies: Erasmus+ National Agencies for Youth

Projects run by partnerships between accredited EVS organisations

Target: Expected to support 8700 young people by end of 2017

Other contributing programmes in 1st phase: Interreg Volunteer Youth Initiative, LIFE/EAFRD, EU Health programme, AMIF and Europe for Citizens



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A photograph showing a man and a woman looking through a wire fence at a goat. The man is wearing a white cap and glasses, and the woman is wearing a grey coat and a pink scarf. The goat is brown and black, and its head is visible through the fence.

OCCUPATIONAL DIMENSION

Occupational placements: jobs and traineeships

Budget: up to EUR 14,2 million from EaSI

Facilitators: Two Public Employment Service (PES) led consortia with lead applicants from IT and FR

Target: up to 6,000 cross-border placements in the next 24 months

Other contributing programmes in 1st phase: AMIF, Europe for Citizens

WHY A LEGAL BASE?

- **More coherence and impact**
- **More opportunities**
- **Better quality**

PHASE 2: WHAT IS IT ABOUT?



The European Solidarity Corps supports young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to **volunteer** (individually or in **volunteering teams**) or do a **paid traineeship** or **job** placement in order to address key societal challenges either in their home country or abroad. In addition, **solidarity projects** will allow young people to develop and implement their **own projects** at local level. **Networking activities** will enhance the European Solidarity Corps' impact.



Geographic scope

EU Member States

Participation of other countries on the basis of bilateral agreements.

Sectorial scope

Examples of sectors:

Education, health, social entrepreneurship, social assistance and welfare, provision of food, support and integration of migrants and refugees, environment and nature protection, disaster prevention, rural development.

Individual scope

Young people between 18 until 30 years who are nationals or legally residing in a participating country.

PHASE 2: QUALITY AND SUPPORT MEASURES

Quality Label for organisations:
European Solidarity Corps Charter

Networking activities: alumni networks, post-placement support, seminars and activities to raise awareness of Corps

Training

PHASE 2: GOVERNANCE

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overall strategy and monitoring

Erasmus+ National Agencies for Youth in the Member States:
provide organisations with Quality Label and award EU grants

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA):
implements horizontal services such as online training and insurance

European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre
deals with certification and documentation of skills

More information on the European Solidarity Corps

Webpage European Solidarity Corps

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

Press Release "Investing in Europe's youth: Commission launches European Solidarity Corps"

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-4165_en.htm

"Communication "European Solidarity Corps"

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2016:942:FIN>

Press Release Commission proposes more than €340 million to enable 100 000 placements by 2020

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-1383_en.htm

Proposal for a regulation

https://ec.europa.eu/youth/sites/youth/files/library/documents/esc-com-2017-262_en.pdf

Q&A European Solidarity Corps

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-1370_en.htm

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<https://www.facebook.com/EUSolidarityCorps/>

Factsheet "European Solidarity Corps: One Year On:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-state-union-2017_en

