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# EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE: EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS BEYOND 2020

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Since its launch in 2016 the European Solidarity Corps has created opportunities for young people aged between 17 and 30 years willing to make a meaningful contribution to society and help show solidarity – through volunteering, traineeships or jobs.

*«I finished my masters in Law last July but I really wanted to do something more challenging, something concrete to know that I had an impact on people's lives. That's how I engaged in the European Solidarity Corps.»*

Geraldine, European Solidarity Corps trainee, Legal operator and cultural mediator, Euroform RFS, Cosenza, Italy

*«I volunteered because I wanted to gain a broader view of the world and to enhance my personal skills and my working experience. I am a volunteer in an asylum centre. I organise well-being workshops for the women of the centre. This is how a relationship between people who work here and people who live here starts.»*

Laura, European Solidarity Corps Volunteer, Red Cross, Eupen, Belgium

## WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2021-2027 PERIOD?

**FOR THE 2021-2027 EU BUDGET PERIOD, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES TO:**

- Increase the budget for the European Solidarity Corps to **€1.26 billion** to allow at least **350,000 young people** to participate.
- Make the volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations (**EU Aid Volunteers scheme**) part of the Solidarity Corps.

### European Solidarity Corps

expressing solidarity through youth  
volunteering, traineeships and jobs



**End 2016 – mid-2018**  
Supported by 8 existing EU programmes

**Mid-2018 – end 2020**  
Proposed own legal base and budget:  
**€ 375.6 million** to allow 100,000 young  
people to participate

**2021 - 2027**

**1.26 billion EUR**

for at least **350,000**

participants, including in support  
of humanitarian aid operations

## ADDED VALUE

The new proposal builds on the achievements of the European Solidarity Corps and the experience gathered so far: **It broadens the reach of the initiative** to more young people and to more communities in need and consolidates the Corps as a **single entry point** for young people willing to engage in solidarity by bringing the EU Aid Volunteers scheme in its realm.

### BEYOND 2020, THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Volunteering in solidarity activities
- Solidarity traineeships and jobs
- Youth-led solidarity projects, carried out by at least five volunteers
- Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations (former EU Aid Volunteers scheme)
- Networking activities to build a sense of belonging to the Corps (alumni networks, events)
- Quality and support measures such as insurance, training and a certificate at the end of a placement



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For information on how to participate as an individual or an organisation, go to the European Solidarity Corps portal: <https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity>.

## SOLIDARITY CORPS TIMELINE

- 14 September 2016** President Juncker announces the creation of a European Solidarity Corps in his State of the Union Address 2016 before the European Parliament
- 7 December 2016** The European Solidarity Corps is launched
- 8 March 2017** Matching of young people with organisations begins
- 20 March 2017** The first European Solidarity Corps member starts her placement
- 30 May 2017** The Commission proposes more than €340 million for the European Solidarity Corps
- June 2018** Proposal for the European Solidarity Corps beyond 2020
- June 2018** Expected political agreement among EU institutions to give the European Solidarity Corps its own budget for 2018-2020
- 2018-2019** Take-up of negotiations between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the future long-term budget, including the European Solidarity Corps.

