



# European Solidarity Corps

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# Commission Communication on the European Solidarity Corps

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[http://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-solidarity\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-solidarity_en)

[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)

# European Solidarity Corps objectives

***Common crises***

***Common solutions***

***"More solidarity will keep Europe  
together"***

# European Solidarity Corps system

- *ESC connects young people (18-30) and participating organisations*
- *Youngs will be engaged in solidarity volunteering activities or solidarity jobs for 2-12 months*
- *EU sets up the system for the registration of the young people and select the participating organisations*
- *EU supports the costs of the solidarity volunteers*

## Intervention fields of the ESC:

***Should be activities of general interest:*** such as education, youth activities, health, social and labour market integration, environmental protection and the conservation of Natura 2000 sites, prevention of natural disasters (floods, forest fires...).

Several ESC activities are related to rural areas and agricultural activities. **Under the RDPs**, EAFRD can support the engagement of SC participants in case of several measures (e.g. LEADER, TA, rural network, cooperation measure)

# State of play of the implementation

## 1st phase (pilote phase) is on-going (2016-2017)

- **Young registration is on-going. The aim is the engagement of 100 000 youngs by 2020. Already 20 000 registered**
- **Participating organisation registration is on-going**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is under elaboration (2018-2020)

- **The aim is to have the framework in place for the 2nd phase by the end of 2017**



# **EAFRD intervention in the first phase of the ESC LIFE Programme**

*EAFRD (TA) contributes to LIFE ESC programme under which SC volunteers can be engaged for environmental protection, mainly targetted to Natura 2000 sites and species protected by the Birds and Habitats Directives*

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2016/index.htm#eusolidarity>

*Deadline 7 MARCH 2017*

# Some useful information related to the call

- *The call is about selecting participating organisations*
- *Applicants can be public bodies or private organisations*
- *Each organisation will have to organise placement for at least 300 volunteers*
- *Volunteers should be involved in activities related to environmental protection, nature conservation and restoration of natural areas and ecosystems (mainly Natura 2000 sites and species protected by the Birds and Habitats Directive)*





**THANK YOU!**