



European Commission



Investing in

EUROPE'S YOUTH

European Solidarity Corps

«There are many young, socially minded people in Europe willing to make a meaningful contribution to society and help show solidarity. We can create opportunities for them to do so... **Solidarity is the glue that keeps our Union together**... Young people across the European Union will be able to volunteer their help where it is needed most, to respond to crisis situations... These young people will be able to develop their skills and get not only work but also invaluable human experience.»

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 14 September 2016



The European Solidarity Corps will provide new opportunities for young Europeans to engage in solidarity activities across Europe, to gain invaluable experience, to develop their skills, and to make a contribution to society. Young people between the ages of 18 and 30 will be able to volunteer or do an internship, apprenticeship, or work where it is needed most and to respond to challenging situations.



25%

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



80,000

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



6%

of young people say that **they have volunteered abroad.** Of those who say they had not done so, **88% say that they did not have the opportunity.**

THE TARGET

Having **100,000 young people** joining the European Solidarity Corps by the end of 2020.

THE PLACEMENTS

Placements for the European Solidarity Corps can be **offered by national and local authorities, municipalities, big or small NGOs, and private companies**. All organisations have to adhere to the Charter of the European Solidarity Corps before they can participate.

Placements can last **between 2 and 12 months**.

TWO POSSIBILITIES

Volunteering strand	To do an internship, apprenticeship or be employed under the occupational strand	
For a volunteering placement, travel costs, lodging, food, insurance and pocket money are covered.	For internships and apprenticeships, there will be an employment contract. Travel costs are covered and a subsistence allowance is paid.	For a job placement, there will be an employment contract and a wage according to national laws. Travel costs are covered.

THE TASKS



Education



Health care



Social and labour market integration



Assistance in the provision of food and other items



Shelter construction / site construction, renovation and management



Reception and integration of migrants and refugees



Environmental protection



Prevention of natural disasters

HOW TO JOIN

Registration is easy. Interested young people can join the European Solidarity Corps on europa.eu/solidarity-corps.

HOW IT WILL WORK

Once registered on the site, **young people can be contacted by interested organisations** offering a placement.