



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**



**European
Commission**



POLITICAL VISION

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 of like-minded citizens and organisations** willing to be active agents of positive change.

State of the Union speech 2016



2016
September

Until 2018 the Corps was supported by 8 EU funding programmes (one of them Erasmus+ with European Voluntary Service)

2018
October

Since October 2018 it has a self-standing legal base and funding

2018
16 October

First deadline for call for proposals under the new legal base

To sum up:

Who?

Young people (18-30) and organisations

What?

Volunteer, train or work

Why?

Respond to societal challenges

Provide young people opportunities to learn and develop themselves

How much?

More than 100.000 opportunities

375,6 MioEUR for 2018-2020





WHAT ACTIONS ARE SUPPORTED?

Volunteering

**Traineeships and
Jobs**

Solidarity Projects



Volunteering

Individual volunteering allows young people participate in the daily work of organisations for **2-12 months** (or as of 2 weeks for people with fewer opportunities) abroad or in their country of residence.

Volunteering teams are groups of 10-40 young people from at least two countries volunteering for a shorter period of **2 weeks to 2 months**.

Accommodation, food, pocket money and travel costs for participants to and from the venue are covered.



Traineeships and Jobs

Traineeships - full-time work practice that lasts between **2-6 months** (renewable once) in the organisation responsible for the traineeship abroad or in the participant's country of residence.

Jobs - full-time activities that last between **3-12 months** abroad or in the participant's country of residence. They are paid for by the organisation employing the participant.

Participants' travel costs to and from the venue are covered. If travelling abroad, participants receive a small allowance to help them relocate and settle in.



Solidarity Projects

Solidarity projects are initiated, developed and implemented by at **least five young people** who want to make a positive change in their local community having a clear European added value in mind for a period of 2-12 months.

One of participants takes a role of legal representative and submits the application (unless an organisation applies on behalf of the group). All participants have to be registered in the European Solidarity Corps database.



QUALITY LABEL

- ❑ Prerequisite for organisations to participate in volunteering, traineeships and job activities
- ❑ Needed to ensure organisations' ability to comply with quality standards and objectives of the Corps
- ❑ It doesn't automatically lead to a grant
- ❑ Organisations can apply for the label on continuous basis to the National Agencies (or EACEA in case of EU umbrella organisations)
- ❑ The label is not needed for solidarity projects



QUALITY and SUPPORT MEASURES

The Corps provides a range of quality and support services for participants and organisations:

- ☐ General online training
- ☐ Linguistic support
- ☐ Training and evaluation cycle
- ☐ Mentoring
- ☐ Recognition of learning outcomes
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Certificate of participation
- ☐ European Solidarity Corps portal



GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Volunteering activities are open to

- EU Member States
- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey
- 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

Jobs and traineeships, and currently also **solidarity projects** are open to EU Member States.

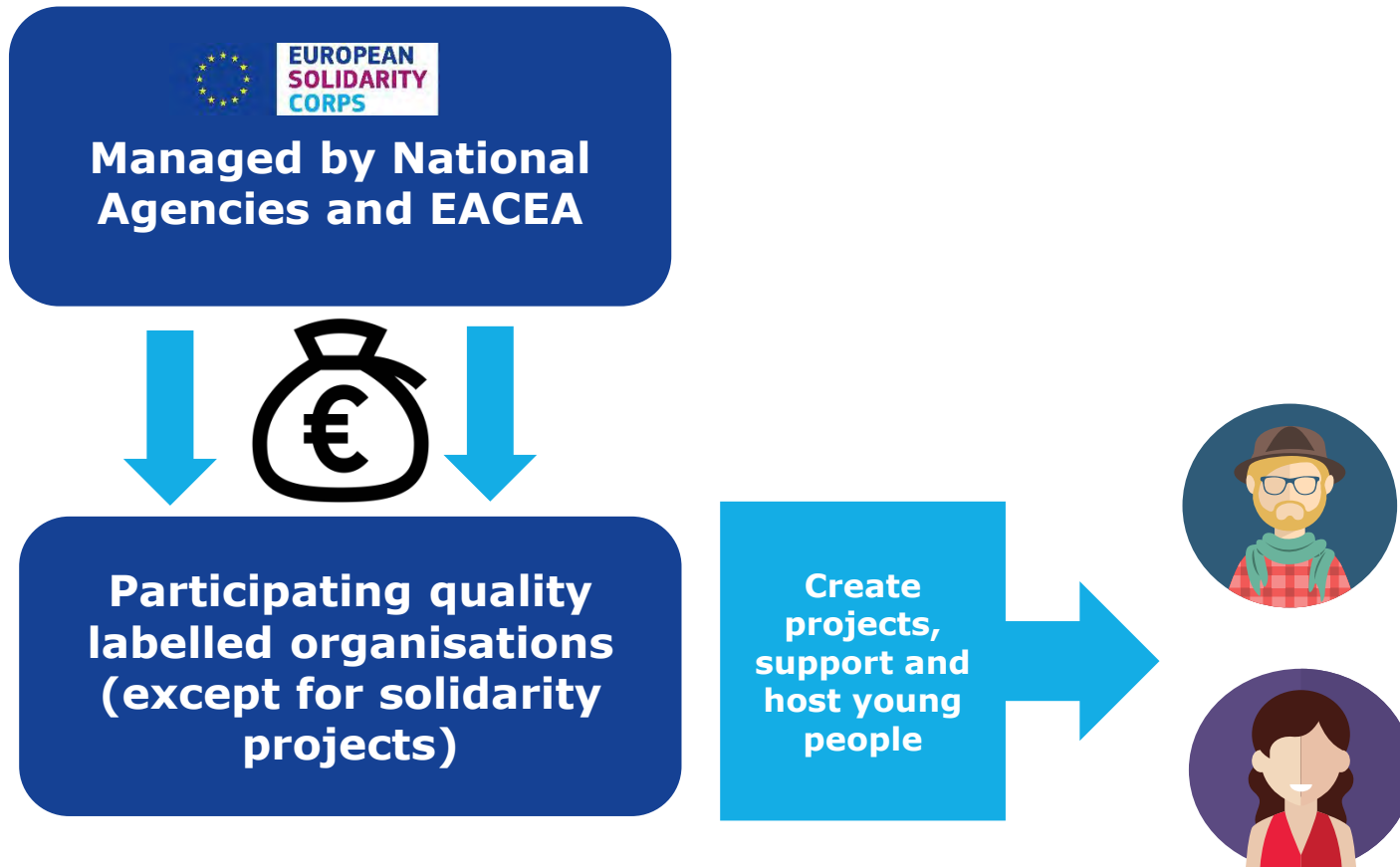
SOLIDARITY SECTORS

Projects can tackle **various topics** such as:

Education, health, youth work, social assistance and welfare, support and integration of migrants and refugees, environment and nature protection, disaster prevention, rural development and more.



HOW IS THE FUNDING ALLOCATED?



HOW DOES IT WORK IN PRACTICE?



Young people (age 17-30) register in the European Solidarity Corps database and are matched for projects by organisations. They can start a project when they are 18.

Quality labelled (and EVS accredited) organisations select young people from the database for their projects

MORE INFORMATION

Register for the European Solidarity Corps:

europa.eu/solidarity-corps

For the European Solidarity Corps Guide and if you want to apply for funding as an organisation or a group of young people (for solidarity projects):

ec.europa.eu/youth/solidarity-corps

Contact Erasmus+ National Agency in your country.

