



# EUROPEAN UNION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Erasmus+  
European Solidarity Corps  
Discover EU**

**DG EAC**



Erasmus+

Allows to study, train, go on a youth or staff exchange in Europe and beyond, as well as receive funding for other types of projects in education, youth and sport area.



**EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY  
CORPS**

Provides opportunities to 18-30 year olds to volunteer, train, work and run your own solidarity project.

**#DiscoverEU**

Gives a chance to 18 year olds to explore Europe

# Three key actions of Erasmus+

## **KA1**

**Learning  
mobility of  
individuals**

**Eg: study period  
or traineeship  
abroad for  
students, youth  
exchanges**

## **KA2**

**Innovation  
and best  
practices**

**Opportunities for  
organisations to  
cooperate on a  
strategic level**

## **KA3**

**Support for  
Policy  
Reform**

**Eg: meetings  
between young  
people and  
decision makers**

# Who benefits from Erasmus+?



**Students in higher  
education, pupils**



**Those in vocational  
education, trainees and  
apprentices**



**Teachers or non-teaching  
staff of schools,  
universities, adult  
education organisations**



**Organisations: NGOs,  
education and training  
institutions, public  
authorities, youth and  
sport organisations**



**Youth workers**



**Young people**

# Who can participate in Erasmus+?

Eligible countries are divided into two groups:  
**programme countries** and **partner countries**.

**Programme countries**  
can take part in all  
actions of Erasmus+.

They are all European  
Union countries and  
North Macedonia,  
Iceland, Liechtenstein,  
Norway, Serbia and  
Turkey.

**Partner countries** can  
only take part in some  
actions. They are all  
other countries of the  
world

For more information on geographical scope check out [this page](#).

# Zoom in on **youth exchanges**

## **What?**

Groups of young people from different countries meet outside the school environment to undertake a programme of activities (workshops, debates, role plays), within or outside the EU

**How old?** 13-30 years old

**How long?** 5-21 days

[Check out this VIDEO](#)

# How to apply?

**Centralised** activities (eg capacity building projects from KA2) are managed by Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Executive Agency in Brussels.

Centralised projects are larger and more strategic, designed to tackle specific issues throughout Europe and beyond.

**Decentralised** activities (eg. youth exchanges from KA1) are managed by the National Agencies which are located in each programme country, or National Erasmus+ Offices outside the EU.

The majority of these projects will be implemented on a national, regional or local level and focus on an exchange between countries.

*More on:*

*<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>*

**CONTACT YOUR NATIONAL AGENCY FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**







# THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS IS...

## 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**





# WHICH 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** (in cases for people with fewer opportunities as of 2 weeks) 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** count as full-time work practice and last between **2-6 months** (renewable once) in the organisation responsible for the traineeship abroad or in the participant's country of residence.

**Jobs** are full-time and last between **3-12 months** abroad or in participant's country or 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.



# GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

**Volunteering activities** are open to

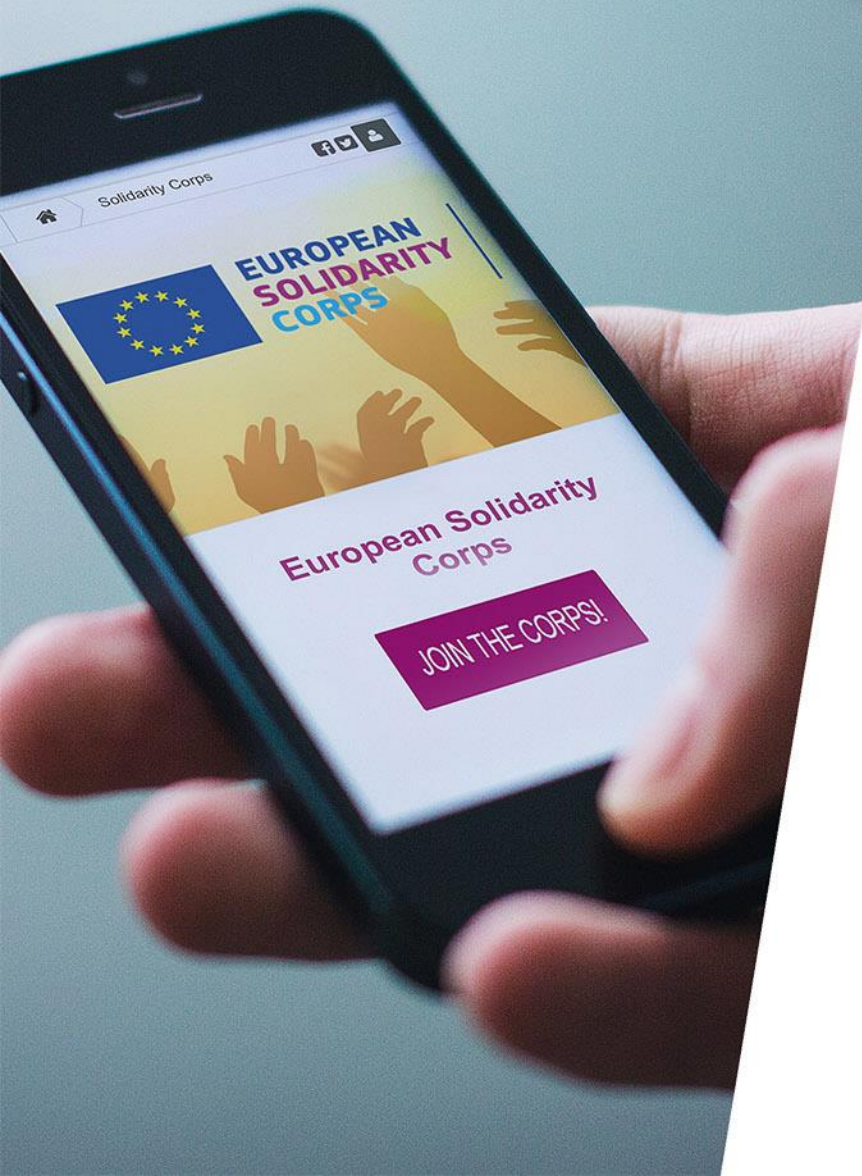
- EU Member States
- North Macedonia and Turkey
- Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia
- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
- Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia
- Russian Federation

**Jobs and traineeships** are open to EU Member States

**Solidarity projects** are open to EU Member States, Turkey, North Macedonia and Iceland.



# 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 organisations** select young people from the database for their projects

**MORE INFO:**

**[europa.eu/youth/solidarity](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity)**





initiative of the European Union for at least **20 000 of young people** to receive a travel pass

### ★ **Conditions**

- **18 years** old
- **Nationality** of one of the 28 Member States
- Travel **alone** or in a **group of friends**
- Travel between **1 day and up to 30 days** inclusive
- Pre-defined travel time
- Become a **DiscoverEU Ambassador**

### ★ **When and how to apply?**

- 2019 application rounds open online in May 2019 and in autumn 2019
- Link: [https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en)
- Provide personal data and give more details about the trip
- Answer 5 **quiz** questions and a subsidiary question to rank applicants
- Lucky applicants are informed and their travel will be arranged according to their final requests

# A DiscoverEU journey



**Valentine's video**