

The European Solidarity Corps



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The European Solidarity Corps is a programme that ...

- ... brings together young people wanting to build a **more inclusive society** and support vulnerable persons
 - ... gives young people the opportunity to address **social and humanitarian challenges**
 - ... aims at improving young people's **skills and employability**.
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Volunteering

Volunteering projects offer young people the opportunity to carry out an unpaid voluntary service to contribute to overcoming important societal challenges. Young people can participate in volunteering activities either individually or in a team.

+ Individual volunteering

Young people can contribute as individuals to the daily work of organisations active in the field of solidarity.

- + **Eligible participants:** The volunteers have to be aged between 18 and 30 years and be registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

- + **Duration:** Activities may last between 2 weeks and 12 months.

+ Volunteering teams

Volunteering teams are groups of young people who carry out their voluntary service together. They collectively commit themselves to causes, such as the restoration of cultural heritage, the care of endangered species, or educational activities in refugee camps.

- + **Eligible participants:** Volunteering teams are composed of minimum 5 to 40 volunteers coming from at least 2 countries. They have to be aged between 18 and 30 years and be registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.
- + **Duration:** Activities may last from 2 weeks to 2 months.

+ **Who can submit a grant application for a volunteering project?**

Luxembourg-based host and support organisations holding a valid Quality Label for lead organisation, as well as a national accreditation (agrément national), can submit a project to the National Agency Anefore.

+ **Who can participate in a volunteering project?**

Cross-border individual volunteering projects are based on the partnership of at least 2 quality labelled organisations from 2 countries (participating countries or third countries). For in-country activities and team volunteering activities, at least one organisation holding a Quality Label is required.

Luxembourg-based host and support organisations holding a valid Quality Label as partner organisation, as well as a national accreditation (agrément national) can join the project of a lead organisation.

Volunteering Teams in high priority areas

Volunteering Teams in high priority areas are large-scale, high-impact projects focussing on the relief for persons fleeing armed conflicts and other victims of natural or man-made disasters and on fostering positive learning experiences and outcomes for young people with fewer opportunities.

+ **Eligible participants:** A project is made up of a minimum of 40 participants joining in teams of minimum 5 volunteers. Participants have to be aged between 18 and 30 years and registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

+ **Duration:** Activities may last from 2 weeks to 2 months.

+ **Who can submit a grant application for a Volunteering Team in high priority areas project?**

Any organisation holding a valid Quality Label can submit a project to the Education and Culture Executive Agency. Projects have to be based on the partnership of minimum 3 organisations from at least 2 different EU Member States or third countries associated to the programme. Luxembourg-based organisations need to have a national accreditation (agrément national).



Humanitarian Aid Volunteering

Humanitarian Aid Volunteering takes place in third countries, where there are ongoing humanitarian aid operations. This action gives the opportunity to young people aged 18 to 35 years old to contribute to society by individual or team activities aimed at improving the living conditions of people in need.

- + **Eligible participants:** The volunteers have to be aged between 18 and 35 years and be registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.
- + **Duration:** Activities may last from 2 weeks to 2 months (team volunteering) or between 2 and 12 months (individual volunteering).
- + **Who can submit a grant application for a Humanitarian Aid Volunteering project?**

Any organisation holding a valid Quality Label for humanitarian aid volunteering (submission to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)) at the application deadline can submit a project to the EACEA. Projects have to be based on the partnership of minimum 3 organisations from different countries. Each project needs to involve at least 15 volunteers. Luxembourg-based organisations need to have a national accreditation (agrément national).



What is a Quality Label?

The Quality Label is a quality certificate allowing organisations to participate in volunteering projects of the European Solidarity Corps. Organisations can apply for the host and/or the support role. In addition to these roles, those organisations who wish to apply for grants, manage and coordinate volunteering projects will be required to obtain a Quality Label for lead organisation. Organisations, who do not hold a Quality Label for lead organisation may only act as partners in projects.

Solidarity projects

Solidarity projects allow groups of at least 5 young people, registered in the European Solidarity Corps, to organise and implement innovative projects in their own country and to engage with their local community. These projects must address key challenges in society and include a European dimension.

- + **Eligible participants:** Groups of 5 or more young people aged between 18 and 30 years, residing in Luxembourg and registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal may submit a project.
- + **Duration:** These projects may last from 2 to 12 months.
- + **Who can submit a Solidarity project?**

Groups of 5 or more young people aged between 18 and 30 years, residing in Luxembourg and registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal may submit a project. In this case one of the young people in the group assumes the role of the legal representative. Alternatively any public or private body, legally established in a programme country, can submit a project on behalf of the group that will implement the project.



Deadlines for the submission of applications:

Volunteering projects (only for organisations holding the lead Quality Label)	20 February 2024 / 1st October 2024 (at 12.00 noon, Brussels time)
Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas	8 February 2024 (at 17.00, Brussels time)
Volunteering under the Humanitarian Aid Corps (only for organisations holding the Quality Label for humanitarian aid volunteering)	16 April 2024 (at 17.00, Brussels time)
Solidarity projects	20 February 2024 / 7 May 2024 / 1st October 2024 (at 12.00 noon, Brussels time)
Quality Label	Continuously until 31 December 2024 (at 12.00 noon, Brussels time)
Quality Label for humanitarian aid volunteering	until 24 September 2024 (at 17.00, Brussels time)

Where to apply?

+ For Volunteering projects and Solidarity projects:

To the National Agency of the country in which the applicant organisation is established

+ For Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas and Volunteering projects under the Humanitarian Aid Corps:

To the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) based in Brussels.



In Luxembourg, Anefore is responsible for promoting, managing and developing the decentralised actions of the **Erasmus+** and **European Solidarity Corps** programmes.

Anefore operates under the authority of the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. Its role is to facilitate programmes and effectively manage resources.

Anefore's missions include:

- + Promoting the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes in Luxembourg
- + Managing and monitoring projects, with a focus on quality
- + Highlighting and disseminating project outputs
- + Developing an environment conducive to achieving the objectives of both the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes.

How to apply

Organisations planning to submit a project proposal to be granted EU funding under the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes are invited to carefully read the instructions in the respective Programme Guide.

Individuals may not submit proposals under the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes on their own behalf, unless their application represents an organisation, respectively a group of young people.

Each applicant organisation needs to be in possession of an organisation ID (OID).

Applications must be submitted online and have to be written in German, French or English.

One online form is needed. It should be completed by the project leader, who first has to register on the Organisation Identification Portal for the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes.

All information about decentralised actions of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes is available on:

Luxembourg's National Agency Anefore website:
www.anefore.lu (in French)

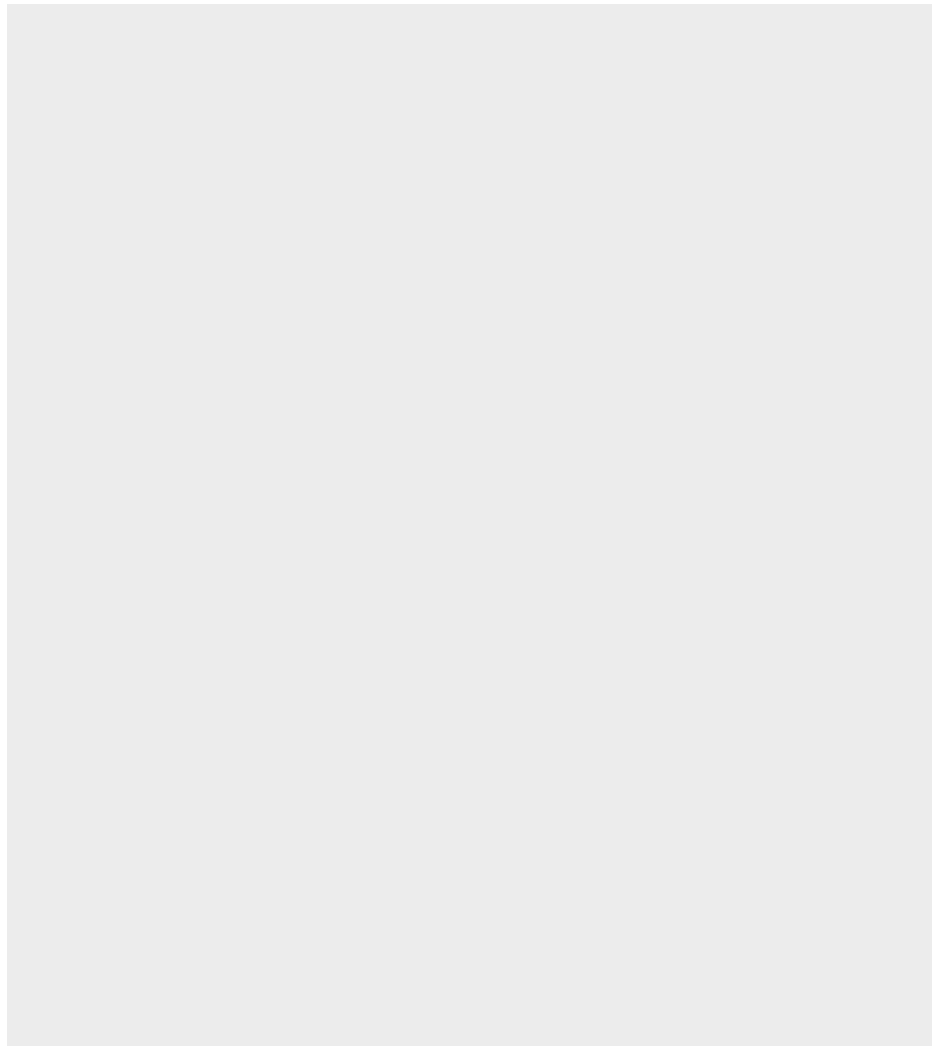
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Additional information about decentralised and centralised actions of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes is accessible online.

European Commission website:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

www.europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

Official Facebook group of the European Solidarity Corps:
www.facebook.com/groups/1147016848762453/



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