



European Commission

European Solidarity Corps: One year since take-off



'I am particularly proud of the young Europeans volunteering to give language courses to Syrian refugees or the thousands more who are serving in our new European Solidarity Corps. They are bringing European solidarity to life.'

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 13 September 2017

The European Solidarity Corps was announced by President Juncker in his 2016 State of the Union Address before the European Parliament. Since the launch of the European Solidarity Corps on 7 December 2016:



42,745 young people have registered



2,166 young people have obtained a placement with 1,434 organisations

By the end of 2017, one year since the opening of the online registration tool, 3,600 placements are expected.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS IN ACTION: HELP WHERE IT IS MOST NEEDED

In August 2017, 16 European Solidarity Corps volunteers arrived in Norcia, Italy, one of the towns that were hit hard by several severe earthquakes between August 2016 and January 2017. They help with the ongoing efforts to repair damage and rebuild social services for the local community. In total, by 2020, **230 volunteers** will have been deployed in the Italian earthquake regions.

The European Solidarity Corps is about showing solidarity to the people who need it most after dramatic events such as natural disasters, but also to help the most vulnerable in our societies.





Dorotea, from Croatia, is deployed in Aveiro; she is volunteering in a project that **supports young people with special education needs** by helping them in their daily routines and organising activities to enhance their learning processes and their autonomy.



Aaron, from the Netherlands, was deployed in Berlin, where he volunteered at a school and day-care centre to **teach Syrian refugees** and create theatre projects with them, in order to help them with their integration in society.



And Theodoros from Greece was volunteering in Stuttgart where he helped **improve the chances of young people** in the Danube region to find a job that matches their skills and educational background.



MORE THAN VOLUNTEERING

From the start, the European Solidarity Corps has been about more than only volunteering. Its aim is also to create opportunities for young people to develop their skills and increase their future labour market prospects via a **job or a traineeship**.

Two projects led by the Italian and French Public Employment Services were kick-started earlier this year, and will identify and offer solidarity-related jobs or traineeships in another EU country to up to 6,000 young people. Young people interested in this opportunity should register at **europa.eu/solidarity-corps**. Organisations interested in cooperating, and registered young people who wish to be proactive, can contact the project leaders via the following websites/email addresses:

FR (Pôle Emploi): escorps.eu

Contact: eusolidaritycorps@pole-emploi.fr

IT (ANPAL): eusolidaritycorps.anpal.gov.it

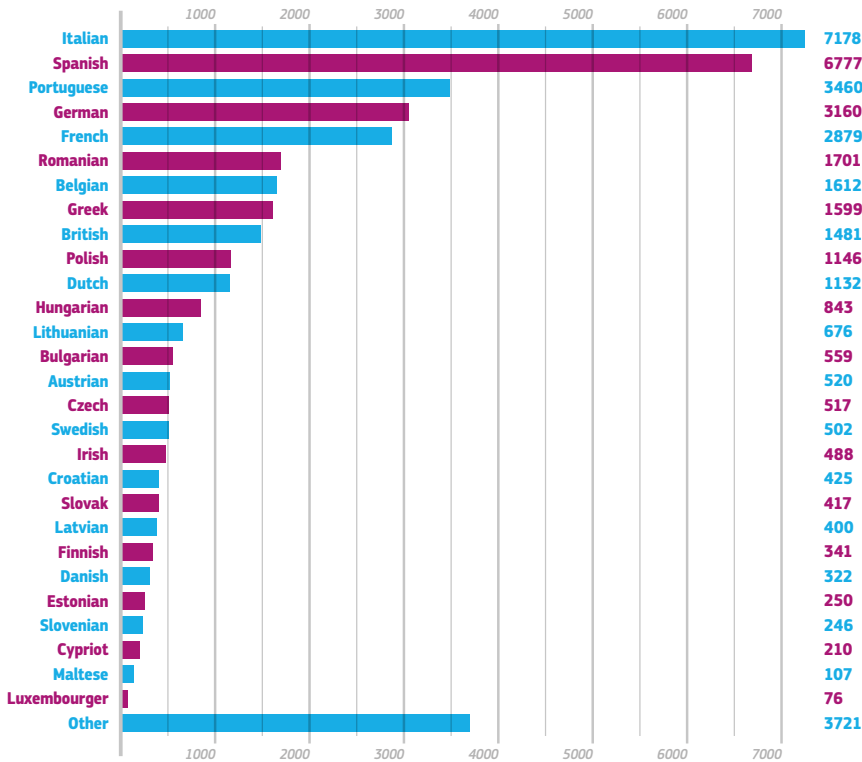
Contact: eusolidaritycorps@anpal.gov.it

100,000 PLACEMENTS BY 2020

The aim is to have 100,000 young people taking part in the European Solidarity Corps. To achieve this ambition, the Commission proposed in May 2017 to give the European Solidarity Corps **a budget of more than €340 million** for the next three years, and to extend the types of activities.

Young people who have registered are kept up to date through regular newsletters and can share their solidarity experience or follow other participants through a mobile app.

SOLIDARITY CORPS: REGISTRATION BY NATIONALITY*



SOLIDARITY CORPS TIMELINE

- 14 September 2016** President Juncker announces the creation of a European Solidarity Corps in his State of the Union Address 2016 before the European Parliament
- 7 December 2016** The European Solidarity Corps is launched
- 8 March 2017** Matching of young people with organisations begins
- 20 March 2017** The first European Solidarity Corps member starts her placement
- 30 May 2017** The Commission proposes more than €340 million for the European Solidarity Corps
- 17 August 2017** Solidarity Corps volunteers arrive in Norcia, Italy
- 7 December 2017** The European Solidarity Corps turns one

First half of 2018

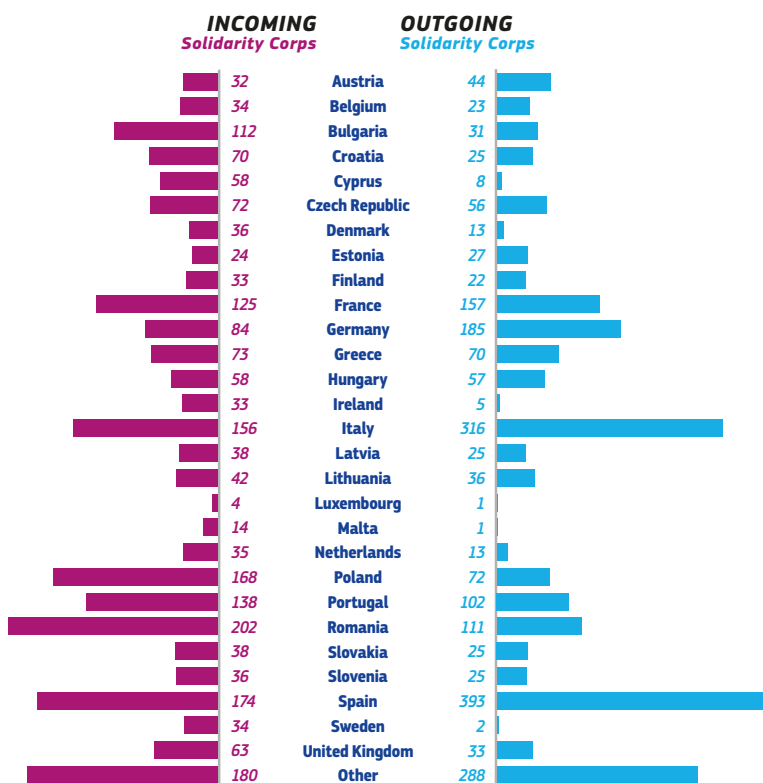
Expected adoption of the proposal to strengthen the Solidarity Corps.



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europa.eu/solidarity-corps

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WHERE ARE THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS PARTICIPANTS GOING AND WHERE ARE THEY FROM?*



* Statistics retrieved on 5 December 2017