



What action
does the
2021-2027
programme
support?

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering provides young people with the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations that specialise in solidarity activities to benefit communities. The activities can take place either abroad or in the participant's country of residence. Individual volunteering can last up to 12 months, whereas team volunteering usually lasts between 2 weeks and 2 months.

NEW

Humanitarian aid strand

For the first time and building on the EU Aid Volunteers programme, the European Solidarity Corps is extending its scope to cover volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations.

This strand will be open to young people aged between 18 and 35 to provide emergency aid based on the fundamental principles of neutrality, humanity, independence and impartiality, helping to deliver assistance, relief and protection where most needed. It will help address humanitarian challenges in safe third countries, where EU humanitarian aid activities take place.

Volunteers in the humanitarian aid field will be trained and prepared to ensure that they have the necessary skills and competences to help people in need effectively. Volunteers and organisations will be able to rely on complementary support, for example from experienced coaches and experts.



SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

Solidarity projects are bottom-up activities set up and carried out by a group of young people with a view to addressing the key challenges within their communities.

The new programme will therefore focus on volunteering and solidarity projects. Traineeships and jobs, which was an action in the 2018-2020 European Solidarity Corps, will be discontinued.

