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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Call for proposals 2021 – EAC/A02/2021**European Solidarity Corps**

(2021/C 132/06)

1. Introduction and objectives

This call for proposals is subject to:

- the adoption without significant modifications by the legislative authority of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/1475 and Regulation (EU) No 375/2014,
- the positive opinion by the Committee established in the basic act on the annual work programme for the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps in 2021,
- the adoption by the Commission of the 2021 annual work programme, after referral of the committee of the programme,
- the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2021 after the adoption of the budget for 2021 by the budgetary authority or if the budget is not adopted as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths, and
- the designation of the National Agency by the National Authority and the acceptance by the Commission, and the signature of the Contribution Agreements.

Therefore, this notification does not legally bind the Commission (the contracting authority). In case at least one of the conditions above is not met, the contracting authority reserves the right to abandon or cancel the present call and to launch others with different content and appropriate deadlines for submission.

2. Actions

This call for proposals covers the following actions of the European Solidarity Corps programme:

- Volunteering Projects,
- Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas,
- Solidarity Projects,
- Quality Label for solidarity volunteering activities,
- Quality Label for humanitarian aid volunteering.

3. Eligibility

Any public or private body may apply for funding within the European Solidarity Corps. In addition, groups of young people registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal, may apply for funding for Solidarity Projects.

The following countries can fully take part in all European Solidarity Corps actions:

- the 27 Member States of the European Union and overseas countries and territories,
- third countries associated to the Programme:
 - the EFTA/EEA countries ⁽¹⁾: Iceland and Liechtenstein,
 - EU candidate countries ⁽²⁾: the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia.

In addition, certain actions are open to organisations from third countries non-associated to the Programme.

Please refer to the 2021 European Solidarity Corps Guide for further details on the modalities of participation.

4. Budget and duration of projects

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 1 38 873 000.

The total budget earmarked for the call for proposals as well as its repartition is indicative subject to the adoption of the 2021 European Solidarity Corps Annual Work Programme, and may be modified subject to an amendment of the Annual Work Programme for the European Solidarity Corps. Potential applicants are invited to regularly consult Annual work programmes for the European Solidarity Corps and their amendments, published on: <https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/organisations/reference-documents-resources> as regards budget for each action covered by the call.

The level of grants awarded as well as the duration of projects vary depending on factors such as the type of project and the number of partners involved.

5. Deadline for the submission of applications

Deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Volunteering Projects	28 May 2021
	5 October 2021
Solidarity Projects	28 May 2021
	5 October 2021

Deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 17.00, Brussels time.

Volunteering Teams in high priority areas	5 October 2021
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Applications for the Quality Labels can be submitted on a continuous basis.

Please refer to the 2021 European Solidarity Corps Guide for detailed instructions for the submission of applications.

6. Full details

The detailed conditions of this call for proposals, including priorities, can be found in the 2021 European Solidarity Corps Guide at the following internet address: <https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/organisations/calls-for-proposals>

The 2021 European Solidarity Corps Guide constitutes an integral part of this call for proposals and the conditions for participation and funding expressed therein apply in full to this call.

⁽¹⁾ Subject to the decision of EEA Joint Committee to participate in the programme.

⁽²⁾ Subject to the signature of the bilateral Association Agreements.