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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Eleni Theocharous**

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Establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0440 – C8-0264/2018 – 2018/0230(COD))



**Amendment 45**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(1)** The European Union is built on solidarity, among its citizens and among its Member States. This common value guides its actions and provides the necessary unity to cope with current and future societal challenges, which young Europeans are willing to help address by expressing their solidarity in practice.

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Or. fr

**Amendment 46**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(1a)** ***Given the significant increase in humanitarian crises and global emergencies, and with a view to enhancing the promotion of solidarity and the visibility of humanitarian aid among Union citizens, there is a need to develop solidarity between Member States and with third countries affected by man-made or natural disasters.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 47**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) In its Communication ‘A European Solidarity Corps’ of 7 December 2016<sup>18</sup>, the Commission emphasised the need to strengthen the foundations for solidarity work across Europe, to provide young people with more and better opportunities for solidarity activities covering a broad range of areas, and to support national and local actors, in their efforts to cope with different challenges and crises. The Communication launched a first phase of the European Solidarity Corps whereby different Union programmes were mobilised to offer volunteering, traineeship or job opportunities to young people across the Union.

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<sup>18</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A European Solidarity Corps (COM(2016) 942 final).

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3. In its Communication ‘A European Solidarity Corps’ of 7 December 2016<sup>18</sup>, the Commission emphasised the need to strengthen the foundations for solidarity work across Europe **and beyond its borders**, to provide young people with more and better opportunities for solidarity activities covering a broad range of areas, and to support national and local actors, in their efforts to cope with different challenges and crises. The Communication launched a first phase of the European Solidarity Corps whereby different Union programmes were mobilised to offer volunteering, traineeship or job opportunities to young people across the Union.

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Union as one of the foundations of the EU's external action. *The EU's policies are not, however, sufficiently shaped by solidarity, with many provisions prohibiting the solidarity policies that should be possible at national level, such as state protection for domestic economic operators against the disastrous consequences of fully opening markets to international competition.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(4a) The European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, which was signed in 2007, shall provide the framework within which the EU will respond to humanitarian crises. It reaffirms the commitment to an approach based on needs and the fundamental principles of neutrality, humanity, independence and impartiality. The European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid should guide the activities of the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps.*

Or. pl

**Amendment 50**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(4 a) Assistance to people and communities outside the Union which are confronted with disasters or which are*

*particularly vulnerable to disasters and in need of humanitarian aid is an important expression of solidarity; financial allocations should reflect this principle and allow for the participation of at least 5000 volunteers in support of humanitarian aid operations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4b) Participating volunteers and organisations implementing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps should abide by the principles set out in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 52**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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**(5)** Young people should be provided with easily accessible opportunities to engage in solidarity activities, which could enable them to express their commitment to the benefit of communities while acquiring useful experience, skills and competences for their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development, thereby improving their employability. Those activities should also support the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers.

**5.** Young people should be provided with easily accessible opportunities to engage in solidarity activities, which could enable them to express their commitment to the benefit of communities while acquiring useful experience, skills and competences for their personal, **cultural**, educational, social, civic and professional development, thereby improving their employability. Those activities should also support the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers.

**Amendment 53**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The solidarity activities offered to young people should be of high quality, in the sense that they should respond to unmet societal needs, contribute to strengthening communities, offer young people the opportunity to acquire valuable knowledge and competences, be financially accessible to young people, and be implemented in safe and healthy conditions.

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Or. pl

**Amendment 54**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
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*needs and ensure a needs-oriented programme.*

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**Amendment 55**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) The European Solidarity Corps provides a single entry point for solidarity activities throughout the Union and beyond. Consistency and complementarity should be ensured with other relevant Union policies and programmes. The European Solidarity Corps is built on the strengths and synergies of predecessor and existing programmes, notably the European Voluntary Service<sup>19</sup> and the EU Aid Volunteers<sup>20</sup>. It also complements the efforts made by Member States to support young people and ease their school-to-work transition under the Youth Guarantee

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<sup>19</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50–73).

<sup>20</sup> Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps ('EU Aid Volunteers initiative') (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 1-17).

Or. fr

**Amendment 57**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(7a) The EU Aid Volunteers (EUAV) initiative is not only for young people, as**

*provided for in the European Solidarity Corps programme, but also for any EU citizen or long-term resident of 18 years or over with proven skills and experience in the field of humanitarian aid;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 58**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) The European Solidarity Corps opens up new opportunities for young people to carry out volunteering, traineeship or job activities in solidarity-related areas as well as to devise and develop solidarity projects based on their own initiative. These opportunities contribute to enhancing their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development. The European Solidarity Corps also supports networking activities for European Solidarity Corps participants and organisations as well as measures to ensure the quality of the supported activities and to enhance the validation of their learning outcomes. It will thus also contribute to European cooperation relevant to young people and raising awareness of its positive impact.

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**Amendment 59**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. fr

## Amendment 60 Mireille D'Ornano

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. fr

## Amendment 61 Adam Szejnfeld

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) Volunteering activities (both within and beyond the Union) constitute a rich experience in a non-formal and informal learning context which enhances young people's personal, socio-educational and professional development, active citizenship and employability. Volunteering activities should not have an adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment, nor should they be seen as a substitute for it. The Commission and the Member States should cooperate regarding volunteering policies in the youth field via the open method of coordination.

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Or. pl

**Amendment 62**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
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Or. fr

**Amendment 64**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(12)** Traineeships and jobs in solidarity-related areas can offer additional opportunities for young people to make a start on the labour market while contributing to addressing key societal challenges. This can help foster the employability and productivity of young people while easing their transition from education to employment, which is key to enhancing their chances on the labour market. The traineeship activities offered under the European Solidarity Corps follow the quality principles outlined in Council Recommendation on establishing a Quality Framework for Traineeships<sup>21</sup>. The traineeships and jobs offered constitute a stepping stone for young people to enter the labour market and are accompanied by adequate post-activity support. The traineeship and job activities are facilitated by relevant labour market actors, in particular public and private employment services, social partners and Chambers of Commerce, and are remunerated by the participating organisation. As participating organisations, they should apply for funding via the competent implementing body of the European Solidarity Corps in view of intermediating between the young participants and employers offering traineeship and job activities in solidarity sectors.

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<sup>21</sup> Council Recommendation of 15 March 2018 on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships (OJ C 153, 2.5.2018, p. 1).

*Amendment*

**12.** Traineeships and jobs in solidarity-related areas can offer additional opportunities for young people, ***including young people with disabilities***, to make a start on the labour market while contributing to addressing key societal challenges. This can help foster the employability and productivity of young people while easing their transition from education to employment, which is key to enhancing their chances on the labour market. The traineeship activities offered under the European Solidarity Corps follow the quality principles outlined in Council Recommendation on establishing a Quality Framework for Traineeships<sup>21</sup>. The traineeships and jobs offered constitute a stepping stone for young people to enter the labour market and are accompanied by adequate post-activity support. The traineeship and job activities are facilitated by relevant labour market actors, in particular public and private employment services, social partners and Chambers of Commerce, and are remunerated by the participating organisation. As participating organisations, they should apply for funding via the competent implementing body of the European Solidarity Corps in view of intermediating between the young participants and employers offering traineeship and job activities in solidarity sectors.

Or. fr

**Amendment 65**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(13)** Young people's spirit of initiative is an important asset for society and for the labour market. The European Solidarity Corps contributes to fostering this aspect by offering young people the opportunity to devise and implement their own projects aimed at addressing specific challenges **to** the benefit of **their local** communities. These projects are an opportunity to try out ideas and support young people to be themselves drivers of solidarity actions. They also serve as a springboard for further engagement in solidarity activities and are a first step towards encouraging European Solidarity Corps participants to engage in self-employment or setting up associations, non-governmental organisations or other bodies active in the solidarity, non-profit and youth sectors.

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Or. fr

**Amendment 67**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 14**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(14)** Young people and organisations participating in the European Solidarity Corps should feel that they belong to a community of individuals and entities committed to enhancing solidarity across Europe. At the same time, participating organisations need support to strengthen their capacities to offer good quality activities to an increasing number of participants. The European Solidarity Corps supports networking activities aimed at strengthening young people and participating organisations' engagement in this community, at fostering a European Solidarity Corps spirit, as well as at encouraging the exchange of useful practices and experience. These activities also contribute to raising awareness about the European Solidarity Corps among public and private actors as well as to collect feedback from participants and participating organisations on the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps.

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*thus essential; this should be carried out according to a tried and tested methodology for gathering information.*

Or. fr

## Amendment 68

Louis Michel

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 14

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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14. Young people, *participants in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative* and organisations participating in the European Solidarity Corps should feel that they belong to a community of individuals and entities committed to enhancing solidarity across Europe *and beyond*. At the same time, participating organisations need support to strengthen their capacities to offer good quality activities to an increasing number of participants. The European Solidarity Corps supports networking activities aimed at strengthening *the engagement of* young people, *participants in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative and organisations* in this community, at fostering a European Solidarity Corps spirit, as well as at encouraging the exchange of useful practices and experience, *including with local volunteers from third countries*. These activities also contribute to raising awareness about the European Solidarity Corps among public and private actors as well as to collect feedback from participants and participating organisations on the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps.

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**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 14 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(14a) National agencies should encourage former participants to become ambassadors of the European Solidarity Corps in order to share their experiences through youth organisations, educational institutions and workshops. As ambassadors, they would participate in the training of future candidates, thus contributing to the promotion of the programme. To that end, national agencies should provide volunteers with support.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 70**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(15) Particular attention should be given to ensuring the quality of the activities and other opportunities offered under the European Solidarity Corps, in particular by offering training, language support, insurance, administrative and post-activity support to participants as well as the validation of the knowledge, skills and competences acquired through their European Solidarity Corps experience. Security and safety of the volunteers remain of paramount importance and volunteers should not be deployed to operations conducted in the theatre of international and non-international armed conflicts.

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*and should be subject, where appropriate, to background checks or other measures with a view to ensure child safeguarding.*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

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Or. pl

**Amendment 72**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
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Or. fr

**Amendment 73**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15a) The EU principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination should be fully respected at all stages of the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps, including the identification and selection of participating volunteers and organisations.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 74**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(16)*** To ensure the impact of European Solidarity Corps activities on the personal, educational, social, civic and professional

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<sup>22</sup> Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning (OJ C 398, 22.12.2012, p. 1–5).

Or. fr

## **Amendment 75**

### **Louis Michel**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 16**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

**(16)** To ensure the impact of European Solidarity Corps activities on the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of the participants, the knowledge, skills and competences that are the learning outcomes of the activity should be properly identified and documented, in accordance with national circumstances and specificities, as recommended in Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning<sup>22</sup>.

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##### *Amendment*

**16.** To ensure the impact of European Solidarity Corps activities on the personal, educational, social, ***cultural***, civic and professional development of the participants, the knowledge, skills and competences that are the learning outcomes of the activity should be properly identified and documented, in accordance with national circumstances and specificities, as recommended in Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning<sup>22</sup>.

Or. fr

**Amendment 76**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 17**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(17) A quality label should ensure compliance of the participating organisations with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps, as regards their rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. Obtaining a quality label is a precondition for participation but should not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity Corps.

*Amendment*

(17) A quality label should ensure compliance of the participating organisations with ***universal values, the principles and objectives of the EU, as well as*** the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps, as regards their rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. Obtaining a quality label is a precondition for participation but should not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity Corps.

Or. pl

**Amendment 77**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 17**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(17) A quality label should ensure compliance of the participating organisations with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps, as regards their rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. Obtaining a quality label is a precondition for participation but should not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity Corps.

*Amendment*

**17.** A quality label should ensure compliance of the participating organisations with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps, as regards their rights, ***safety*** and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. Obtaining a quality label is a precondition for participation but should not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity Corps.

Or. fr

**Amendment 78**

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**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 18**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(18)** Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing bodies of the European Solidarity Corps. The attributed quality label should be reassessed periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its attribution were found to be no longer fulfilled.

*Amendment*

**18.** Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing bodies of the European Solidarity Corps. ***The process of acquiring a label should be simplified for organisations that already hold certification, in particular under the current EUAV and for parties to ECHO framework partnership agreements.*** The attributed quality label should be reassessed periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its attribution were found to be no longer fulfilled.

Or. fr

**Amendment 79**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 18**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(18)** Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing bodies of the European Solidarity Corps. The attributed quality label should be reassessed periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its

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**(18)** Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing bodies of the European Solidarity Corps, ***in line with existing certification schemes and with a view to the simplification of administrative procedures.*** The attributed quality label should be reassessed

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periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its attribution were found to be no longer fulfilled.

Or. pl

**Amendment 80**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) The European Solidarity Corps Portal should be continuously developed in order to ensure easy access to the European Solidarity Corps and to provide a one-stop shop for both interested individuals and organisations as regards, inter alia, registration, identification and matching of profiles and opportunities, networking and virtual exchanges, online training, language and post-activity support as well as other useful functionalities, which may arise in the future.

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Or. pl

**Amendment 81**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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order to ensure easy access to the European Solidarity Corps and to provide a one-stop shop for both interested individuals and organisations as regards, inter alia, registration, identification and matching of profiles and opportunities, networking and virtual exchanges, *training and language support, online if required*, and post-activity support as well as other useful functionalities, which may arise in the future.

Or. fr

**Amendment 82**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 27**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-30, *and* participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

*Amendment*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps *primarily* targets young people aged 18-35, *while needs and contexts in humanitarian aid in third countries may justify the participation of experts above this age*. Participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. *Special attention should be given to the promotion and facilitation of equal participation of women and men*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 27**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-30, *and*

*Amendment*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-30, *but the*

participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

*specific nature of humanitarian aid operations in third countries allows for the participation of people up to the age of 35 in relation to the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps.* Participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

Or. pl

**Amendment 84**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 27**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-30, and participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

*Amendment*

27. The European Solidarity Corps targets, *in principle*, young people aged 18-30 *on a gender-equal basis*, and participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. *The upper age limit (of 30 years) does not apply to candidates for the EU humanitarian aid initiative;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 85**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 27**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-~~30~~, and participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

*Amendment*

27. The European Solidarity Corps targets young people aged 18-~~30~~, and participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity Corps should require prior registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

**Amendment 86**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 27 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(27a) The Union's principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination suggest that Union citizens and long-term residents in the Union of all walks of life and age should be able to engage as active citizens. In view of the specific challenges of humanitarian action, participants in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative should be at least 18 years of age and may represent a wide variety of profiles and generations whose skills are relevant to the successful conduct of such humanitarian operations.***

Or. es

**Amendment 87**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 28**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(28)** Special attention should be **given** to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity Corps are accessible to all young people, notably **the** most disadvantaged ones. Special measures should be in place to promote social inclusion, the participation of disadvantaged young people, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of a number of rural areas and of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and Territories. Similarly, the participating countries should endeavour to adopt all

**28.** Special attention should be **paid** to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity Corps are accessible to all young people, notably most disadvantaged ones **or those who, on an a priori basis, may not feel cut out to participate in these activities.** Special measures should be in place to promote social inclusion, the participation of disadvantaged young people, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of a number of rural areas and of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and

appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the European Solidarity Corps. This should resolve, where possible, and without prejudice to the Schengen acquis and Union law on the entry and residence of third-country nationals, administrative issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence permits, as well as the issuing of a European Health Insurance Card in the case of cross-border activities within the European Union.

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Or. fr

## Amendment 88

Louis Michel

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 28

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) Special attention should be given to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity Corps are accessible to all young people, notably **the** most disadvantaged ones. Special measures should be in place to promote social inclusion, the participation of disadvantaged young people, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of a number of rural areas and of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and Territories. Similarly, the participating countries should endeavour to adopt all appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the European Solidarity Corps. This should resolve, where possible, and without prejudice to the Schengen acquis and Union law on the entry and residence of third-country nationals, administrative issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence permits, as well as the issuing of a European Health

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*Amendment*

28. Special attention should be given to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity Corps are accessible to all young people, notably most disadvantaged ones, **including candidates for volunteer work with disabilities**. Special measures should be in place to promote social inclusion, **training**, the participation of disadvantaged young people, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of a number of rural areas and of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and Territories. Similarly, the participating countries should endeavour to adopt all appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the European Solidarity Corps. This should resolve, where possible, and without prejudice to the Schengen acquis and Union law on the entry and residence of third-country nationals, administrative issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence

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permits, as well as the issuing of a European Health Insurance Card in the case of cross-border activities within the European Union.

Or. fr

**Amendment 89**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 38**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(38) Appropriate outreach, publicity and dissemination of the opportunities and results of the actions supported by the Programme should be ensured at European, national and local level. Special attention should be paid to social enterprises encouraging them to support the European Solidarity Corps activities. The outreach, publicity and dissemination activities should rely on all the implementing bodies of the Programme, including, when relevant, with the support of other key stakeholders.

*Amendment*

**38.** Appropriate outreach, publicity and dissemination of the opportunities and results of the actions supported by the Programme should be ensured at European, national and local level. Special attention should be paid to social enterprises encouraging them to support the European Solidarity Corps activities. The outreach, publicity and dissemination activities should rely on all the implementing bodies of the Programme, including, when relevant, with the support of other key stakeholders. ***These outreach, publicity and dissemination activities should be designed in such a way as to reach the most disadvantaged in society as effectively as possible. They should also include details of feedback received from participants or participating organisations.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 90**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 39**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(39) In order to better achieve the

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Or. pl

**Amendment 91**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 39**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(39)** In order to better achieve the objectives of the Programme, the Commission, Member States and national agencies should preferably work closely together in partnership with non-governmental organisations, youth organisations and local stakeholders having expertise in solidarity actions.

*Amendment*

**39.** In order to better achieve the objectives of the Programme, the Commission, Member States and national agencies should preferably work closely together in partnership with non-governmental organisations, youth organisations and local stakeholders having ***proven*** expertise in solidarity actions.

Or. fr

**Amendment 92**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 40**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(40)** ***In order to ensure greater efficiency in communication to the public at large and stronger synergies between the communication activities undertaken at the initiative of the Commission, the resources allocated to communication under this Regulation should also***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*contribute to covering the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, provided that these are related to the general objective of this Regulation.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 93**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 42**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(42) In order to ensure sound financial management and legal certainty in each participating country, each national authority should designate an independent audit body. Where feasible, and in order to maximise efficiency, the independent audit body could be the same as the one designated for the actions referred to in Chapter III of [New Erasmus Regulation].

*Amendment*

(42) In order to ensure sound financial management, ***cost optimisation*** and legal certainty in each participating country, each national authority should designate an independent audit body. Where feasible, and in order to maximise efficiency, the independent audit body could be the same as the one designated for the actions referred to in Chapter III of [New Erasmus Regulation].

Or. pl

**Amendment 94**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and 30 years and who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity;

*Amendment*

2. ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and 30 years and who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity; ***the age limit shall not apply to candidates for the EUAV;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 95**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and 30 years **and** who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity;

*Amendment*

(2) ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and 30 years, **and up to 35 years for the activities referred to in Chapter IV**, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity;

Or. pl

**Amendment 96**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and **30** years and who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity;

*Amendment*

(2) ‘registered candidate’ means an individual aged between 17 and **35** years and who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal to express the interest to engage in a solidarity activity but is not yet participating in such activity;

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) ‘participant’ means an individual

*Amendment*

**3.** ‘participant’ means an individual



aged between 18 and 30 years, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps;

aged between 18 and 30 years, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps. ***The upper age limit shall not apply to candidates for the EUAV;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 98**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) ‘participant’ means an individual aged between 18 and 30 years, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps;

*Amendment*

(3) ‘participant’ means an individual aged between 18 and 30 years, ***and up to 35 years for the activities referred to in Chapter IV***, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps;

Or. pl

**Amendment 99**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) ‘participant’ means an individual aged between 18 and **30** years, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps;

*Amendment*

(3) ‘participant’ means an individual aged between 18 and **35** years, who has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity Corps;

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Judith Sargentini**

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 7

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) ‘traineeship’ means a solidarity activity for a period from two to six months, renewable once and for a maximum duration of 12 months, that is offered and paid by the participating organisation hosting the European Solidarity Corps participant;

#### *Amendment*

(7) ‘traineeship’ means a solidarity activity for a period from two to six months, renewable once and for a maximum duration of 12 months, that is offered and paid by the participating organisation hosting the European Solidarity Corps participant **and that involves a learning component**;

Or. en

## Amendment 101

Louis Michel

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 3 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity and democracy in the Union and abroad, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, **with** particular **effort** to promote social inclusion.

#### *Amendment*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, **peace** and democracy in the Union and abroad, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, **particularly in efforts to reduce risks related to natural and man-made disasters, and to deal with emergencies in fragile countries and post-conflict situations**; particular **efforts shall be made** to promote social inclusion.

Or. fr

## Amendment 102

Enrique Guerrero Salom

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 3 – paragraph 1

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity and democracy in the Union and abroad, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

*Amendment*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity and democracy in the Union and abroad, ***and to make progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals***, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

Or. es

**Amendment 103**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity and democracy in the Union and abroad, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

*Amendment*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity ***and non-profit*** activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, ***sustainable development*** and democracy in the Union and abroad, addressing societal and humanitarian challenges on the ground, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

Or. pl

**Amendment 104**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The specific objective of the Programme is to provide young people, including those with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities for engagement in solidarity activities in Europe and abroad while improving and properly validating their competences as well as facilitating their employability and transition into the labour market.

*Amendment*

2. The specific objective of the Programme is to provide young people, including **persons with disabilities and** those with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities for engagement in solidarity activities in Europe and abroad while improving and properly validating their competences as well as facilitating their employability and transition into the labour market.

Or. fr

**Amendment 105**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) participation of young people in solidarity activities addressing societal challenges, as referred to in Article 6;

*Amendment*

(a) participation of young people in solidarity activities addressing societal challenges **and efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**, as referred to in Article 6;

Or. es

**Amendment 106**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) participation of young people in humanitarian aid related solidarity activities (European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps) as referred to in Article 10.

*Amendment*

(b) participation of young people **and people with expertise** in humanitarian aid related solidarity activities (European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps) as referred to in Article 10.

Or. fr

**Amendment 107**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2 a. The Annual Work Programme adopted pursuant to Article 18 shall include a list of activities that are potentially harmful to participants, beneficiaries and society, or inappropriate for participants, which shall not be carried out in the framework of the Programme or which shall be subject to special training, background checks or other measures.**

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) attracting newcomers, both young people and participating organisations;

(b) attracting newcomers, both young people and ***those with some experience in the EUAV initiative and*** participating organisations;

Or. fr

**Amendment 109**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Actions implemented under the

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strand ‘European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps’ shall in particular contribute to providing needs-based humanitarian aid aimed at preserving life, preventing and alleviating human suffering and maintaining human dignity and to strengthening the capacity and resilience of vulnerable *or disaster-affected communities*.

strand ‘European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps’ shall in particular contribute to providing needs-based humanitarian aid aimed at preserving life, preventing and alleviating human suffering and maintaining human dignity and to strengthening the capacity and resilience of *communities that are vulnerable to or affected by natural or man-made disasters*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 110**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The actions under this Chapter shall be carried out in compliance with the humanitarian aid principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

*Amendment*

2. The actions under this Chapter shall be carried out in compliance with the humanitarian aid principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence, *as enshrined in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 111**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 – point a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(a a) solidarity projects, as referred to in Article 9;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 112**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

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**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3a. On the basis of a prior assessment of needs in third countries, this Regulation should support actions aimed at strengthening humanitarian aid capacity in order to enhance local preparedness and response to humanitarian crises and to ensure that volunteers' work has an effective and sustainable impact on the ground, including:**

**a) management of risks associated with natural disasters, preparedness and response, coaching, training in volunteer management, and other relevant areas for staff and volunteers from hosting organisations;**

**b) exchange of best practices, technical assistance, twinning programmes and exchange of staff and volunteers, creation of networks and other relevant actions.**

Or. pl

**Amendment 113**  
**Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3a. The Commission shall continue, maintain and update the EU's aid volunteer database, regulate access thereto and use thereof, including with regard to the availability and suitability of EU aid volunteers, thus enabling the continued participation of returning volunteers. The processing of personal data collected in or for this database shall be carried out, where relevant, in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC and**

Or. es

**Amendment 114**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations as referred to in Article 4.1, point (a) shall include *a* learning and training ***component***, shall not substitute traineeships or jobs and shall be based on a written volunteering agreement.

*Amendment*

1. Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations as referred to in Article 4.1, point (a) shall include ***an adequate*** learning and training ***phase before the placement, shall comply with the humanitarian aid principles referred to in Article 10(2), including the ‘do no harm principle’***, shall not substitute traineeships or jobs and shall be based on a written volunteering agreement.

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations as referred to in Article 4.1, point (a) shall include a learning and training component, shall not substitute traineeships or jobs and shall be based on a written volunteering agreement.

*Amendment*

1. Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations as referred to in Article 4.1, point (a) shall include a learning and training component, shall not substitute traineeships or jobs and shall be based on a written volunteering agreement. ***The training provided to young volunteers must be linked to projects in which they will be involved.***

Or. fr



**Amendment 116**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1a. The EUVA initiative should foster the participation of local volunteers from third countries;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 117**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2a. Communication campaigns on the European Solidarity Corps pertaining to the EUVA initiative should be carried out primarily on EU territory and should focus on work undertaken by volunteers and humanitarian aid workers under the humanitarian aid principles of humanity, independence, neutrality and impartiality that inform their action.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 118**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2a. Volunteering must meet the real needs and gaps identified at local level by the host organisations.**

Or. pl

**Amendment 119**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2b. Assessing the level of risk with regard to the safety and security of volunteers should be a priority, especially in countries or areas considered to be unstable, or where there are immediate risks.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 120**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 11a***

***Identification and selection of candidate volunteers***

***1. On the basis of a prior assessment of needs in third countries, the Commission should identify and select candidate volunteers for training in cooperation with national agencies and host organisations.***

***2. The identification and selection of candidate volunteers shall be carried out in accordance with Article 14, respecting the principles of non-discrimination, gender equality and equal opportunities.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 121**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

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**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 11b**

***Training of candidate volunteers***

***1. Building on existing programmes and procedures, the Commission shall establish a training programme to prepare candidate volunteers to support and complement humanitarian aid actions.***

***2. Candidate volunteers who have been identified and selected in accordance with the application procedure shall be eligible to participate in the training programme implemented by qualified organisations. The individual scope and content of the training to be undertaken by each volunteer candidate shall be determined in consultation with the certified host organisation according to needs, taking into account the previous experience of the volunteer candidate and the planned volunteering location.***

***3. The training programme shall include an assessment of the readiness of candidate volunteers to be seconded to support and complement humanitarian aid activities in third countries, as well as to meet local needs.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 122**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 12 a**

***Breakdown of the budget dedicated to activities under Articles 7, 8, 9 and 11 1. The indicative breakdown of the***

*budget dedicated to activities under Articles 7, 8, 9 and 11 is as follows: (a) for volunteering in solidarity activities and solidarity projects, as specified in Articles 7 and 9: 85 % (b) for traineeships and jobs, as specified in Article 8: at least 7.5 % (c) for volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations, as specified in Article 11: at least 7.5 %*

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, prizes and procurement.

*Amendment*

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, prizes and procurement. ***In order to simplify requirements for beneficiaries, lump sums, unit costs and flat-rate funding shall be used to the maximum possible extent.***

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Young people aged 17 to 30 years willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. However, at the moment of commencing volunteering, traineeship, job or a solidarity project a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than 30.

*Amendment*

Young people aged 17 to 30 years, ***and up to 35 years in relation to the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps***, willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. However, at the moment of commencing volunteering, traineeship, job or a

solidarity project a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than 30.

***For the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps, the maximum age limit shall be 35 years.***

***The following are eligible to apply for volunteer status:***

- a) EU citizens,***
- b) third-country nationals legally residing in a Member State, and***
- c) nationals of the countries referred to in Article 14 under the conditions laid down in that Article.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 125**  
**Eleni Theocharous**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***Young people aged 17 to 30 years*** willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. ***However***, at the moment of commencing volunteering, traineeship, job or a solidarity project a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than ***30***.

*Amendment*

***Individuals legally residing in a participating country or holding Union citizenship*** willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. At the moment of commencing volunteering ***in solidarity activities, a*** traineeship, job or a solidarity project ***as referred to in Articles 6-8***, a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than ***35***. ***For actions under the European Voluntary Aid Corps, as referred to in Chapter IV, those age limits shall not apply.***

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Young people aged 17 to 30 years willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. However, at the moment of commencing volunteering, traineeship, job or a solidarity project a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than 30.

*Amendment*

Young people aged 17 to 30 years willing to participate in the European Solidarity Corps shall register in the European Solidarity Corps Portal. However, at the moment of commencing volunteering, traineeship, job or a solidarity project a young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than 30, ***with the exception of work under the EUVA initiative for which there is no upper age limit.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 127**

**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The European Solidarity Corps shall be open to the participation of public or private entities and international organisations, provided that they have received a European Solidarity Corps quality label.

*Amendment*

1. The European Solidarity Corps shall be open to the participation of public or private entities and international organisations, provided that they have received a European Solidarity Corps quality label. ***Organisations already holding a label certified under the EUVA initiative and signatories to a framework partnership agreement (FPA) between NGOs and DG ECHO at the Commission may be eligible for a simplified procedure for obtaining the label required by the new programme***

Or. fr

**Amendment 128**

**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

***1 a. Participating organisations shall perform several functions in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps. In a host function they shall carry out activities related to receiving the participants, including the organisation of activities, providing guidance and support to participants during the solidarity activity and providing feedback to the participant after the activity, as appropriate. In a support function they shall carry out activities in relation to the sending and the preparation of participants before departure, and during and after the solidarity activity, including training participants and guiding them to local organisations after the activity.***

Or. en

**Amendment 129**

**Louis Michel**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically and may be revoked.

*Amendment*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically and may be revoked.  
***Particular attention will be paid to avoiding the duplication of work.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 130**

**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 16 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically and may be revoked.

*Amendment*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically ***or upon request from participants*** and may be revoked.

Or. en

**Amendment 131**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The Commission shall organise regular meetings and trainings with and for the network of national agencies in order to ensure coherent implementation of the European Solidarity Corps across all participating countries. The Commission shall regularly consult key stakeholders, including participating organisations, on the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps.***

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***5 a. The Commission shall organise regular meetings with the network of national agencies in order to ensure coherent implementation of the European Solidarity Corps across all participating countries. The Commission shall also invite existing Union level networks,***



*pertinent to the activities under the Programme, social partners and networks representing young people and volunteers.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 133**

**Adam Szejnfeld**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 28 – paragraph 2**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The actions of the European Solidarity Corps shall also be consistent with and complementary to the relevant policies, programmes and instruments at national level in the participating countries. To this end, the Commission, national authorities and national agencies shall exchange information on existing national schemes and priorities related to solidarity **and youth**, on the one hand, and actions under the European Solidarity Corps, on the other hand, with a view to build on relevant good practices and achieve efficiency and effectiveness.

##### *Amendment*

2. The actions of the European Solidarity Corps shall also be consistent with and complementary to the relevant policies, programmes and instruments at national level in the participating countries, ***in order to guarantee a sense of responsibility on the part of the participating countries.*** To this end, the Commission, national authorities and national agencies shall exchange information on existing national schemes and priorities related to solidarity, ***youth and humanitarian needs***, on the one hand, and actions under the European Solidarity Corps, on the other hand, with a view to build on relevant good practices and achieve efficiency and effectiveness.

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 134**

**Adam Szejnfeld**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 28 – paragraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The actions of the European Solidarity Corps in third countries referred to in Article 11 shall be in particular consistent with and complementary to other areas of Union external action, in

##### *Amendment*

3. The actions of the European Solidarity Corps in third countries referred to in Article 11 shall be in particular consistent with and complementary to other areas of Union external action, in

particular humanitarian aid policy,  
development cooperation policy,  
enlargement policy, neighbourhood policy  
and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

particular humanitarian aid policy,  
development cooperation policy, ***security  
policy***, enlargement policy, neighbourhood  
policy and the Union Civil Protection  
Mechanism.

Or. pl