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Subject: The European Solidarity Corps and labour market integration

On 7 December 2016, the Commission launched the European Solidarity Corps. This is a scheme enabling young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to take part in volunteering or professional projects which could potentially lead to a traineeship, an apprenticeship or a job.

Since its launch, some 64 000 young people have joined the European Solidarity Corps, and 5 000 of them have started their activity.

In May 2018, the Commission announced that the budget allocated to the European Solidarity Corps for the period 2021-2027 would be EUR 1.26 billion. This should allow 350 000 young people to take part in the programme.

The main objective of this budget increase is to allow more young people to gain their first work or volunteering experience, with the unemployment rate for under-25s in the EU standing at 15.3% in April 2018.

A year and a half after the programme was launched, does the Commission have precise information and feedback from young people who have already participated in the European Solidarity Corps?

Has an evaluation been carried out into their chances of joining the labour market after participating in the programme?