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European Solidarity Corps

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2017)0262 – C8-0162/2017 – 2017/0102(COD))

Amendment 1
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 1 (Rapporteur), 33 (Deirdre Clune), 34 (Tom Vandenkendelaere, Jeroen Lenaers) and 32 (João Pimenta Lopes)

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Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The State of the Union address of 14 September 2016¹⁷ emphasized the need to invest in young people and announced the establishment of a European Solidarity Corps with a view to creating opportunities for young people across the Union to make a meaningful contribution to society, show solidarity **and develop** their skills, thus getting **not only work** but also invaluable human experience.

¹⁷ The State of the Union 2016: Towards a Better Europe – A Europe that Protects, Empowers and Defends, IP/16/3042 (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3042_en.htm).

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¹⁷ The State of the Union 2016: Towards a Better Europe – A Europe that Protects, Empowers and Defends, IP/16/3042 (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3042_en.htm).

Or. en

Amendment 2
S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 36 (Jean Lambert) and 37 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

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Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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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, **regional** and local **governmental and non-governmental** 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 have been mobilised to offer volunteering, traineeship or job opportunities to young people across the EU. These activities, whether implemented before or after the entry into force of this Regulation, should continue to apply the rules and conditions set by the respective Union programmes that have financed them under the first phase of the European Solidarity Corps.

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Or. en

Amendment 3 **EPP, S&D, ALDE**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 2 (Rapporteur), 39 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 41 (Deirdre Clune) and 42 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort)

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Young people should be provided with easily accessible opportunities to engage in solidarity activities, which **could enable** them to express their commitment

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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 would also support the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers.

enabling them *in the first place* to express their commitment to the benefit of communities *and in parallel to acquire* useful experience, skills and competences for their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development, thereby improving their *skills and enhancing occupational strength which they can go on to apply in an employment setting*. Those activities would also support the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers.

Or. en

Amendment 4

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 3 (Rapporteur), 45 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 46 (Jean Lambert), 47 (Sven Schulze, Sabine Verheyen, Michaela Šojdrová), 49 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort), 50 (João Pimenta Lopes), 51 (Thomas Mann) and 139 (Thomas Mann)

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Text proposed by the Commission

(5) 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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(5) The solidarity activities offered to young people should *help* respond to unmet societal needs and challenges *and* contribute to strengthening communities *and citizenship and respond to personal and professional development needs of the participants. Solidarity activities should be of high quality and effectively accessible to all young people, offering them* the opportunity to acquire valuable knowledge and competences *and to have their efforts recognised*, and be implemented in safe and healthy conditions. *Particular efforts should be made to ensure the effective inclusiveness and accessibility of the solidarity activities offered, notably in relation to young people with fewer opportunities, in particular young people with disabilities. Solidarity activities*

should never replace corporate social responsibility policies, nor should have a negative impact on existing jobs or traineeships.

Or. en

Amendment 5

S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 4 (Rapporteur), 54 (Jean Lambert), 55 (Jana Žitňanská), 56 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort), 58 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

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Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The European Solidarity Corps would provide a **single** entry point for solidarity activities throughout the Union. Consistency and complementarity of that framework should be ensured with other relevant Union policies and programmes. The European Solidarity Corps should build on the strengths and synergies of existing programmes, notably the European Voluntary Service. It should also complement the efforts made by Member States to support young people and ease their school-to-work transition **under the Youth Guarantee¹⁹** by providing them with additional opportunities to make a start on the labour market in the form of traineeships or jobs in solidarity-related areas within their respective Member State or across borders. Complementarity with existing Union level networks pertinent to the activities under the European Solidarity Corps, such as the European Network of Public Employment Services, EURES and the Eurodesk network, should also be ensured. Furthermore, complementarity between existing related schemes, in particular national solidarity schemes and mobility schemes for young people, and

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(6) The European Solidarity Corps would provide a **main** entry point for solidarity activities **undertaken by young people** throughout the Union. Consistency and complementarity of that framework should be ensured with other relevant Union policies and programmes. The European Solidarity Corps should build on the strengths and synergies of existing programmes, notably the European Voluntary Service, **and should not jeopardise financing of the already existing relevant programmes in the area of solidarity**. It should also complement the efforts made by Member States to support young people **in accessing volunteering opportunities and those developed to** ease their school-to-work transition by providing them with additional opportunities to make a start on the labour market in the form of traineeships or jobs in solidarity-related areas within their respective Member State or across borders. Complementarity with existing Union level networks pertinent to the activities under the European Solidarity Corps, such as the European Network of Public Employment Services, EURES and the Eurodesk

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network, *the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and other relevant civil society organisations including the social partners*, should also be ensured.

Partnerships with European networks which are specialised in certain urgent social problems which are insufficiently tackled by Member States such as extreme poverty, homelessness, destitution among Roma communities, exclusion of asylum seekers, should be established.

Furthermore, complementarity between existing related schemes, in particular national solidarity schemes and mobility schemes for young people, and the European Solidarity Corps should be ensured, building on good practices where appropriate.

¹⁹ Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee (2013/C 120/01).

Or. en

Amendment 6
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 5 (Rapporteur) and 61 (Heinz K. Becker)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) In order to maximise the impact of the European Solidarity Corps, provisions should be made to allow other Union programmes such as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Europe for Citizens programme, the European Regional Development Fund and the Health Programme to contribute to the objectives of the European Solidarity Corps by supporting activities within its

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(7) In order to maximise the impact of the European Solidarity Corps, provisions should be made to allow other Union programmes such as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Europe for Citizens programme, the European Regional Development Fund and the Health Programme to contribute to the objectives of the European Solidarity Corps by supporting activities within its

scope. This contribution should be financed in accordance with the respective basic acts of the concerned programmes. Once they have obtained a valid European Solidarity Corps quality label, the **beneficiaries** should be given access to the European Solidarity Corps portal and receive the quality and support measures provided according to the type of activity offered.

scope. This contribution should be financed in accordance with the respective basic acts of the concerned programmes. Once they have obtained a valid European Solidarity Corps quality label, the **participating organisations** should be given access to the European Solidarity Corps portal and receive the quality and support measures provided according to the type of activity offered.

Or. en

Amendment 7

S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 6 (Rapporteur), 65 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Robert Rochefort, Enrique Calvet Chambon), 66 (Jean Lambert), 67 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The European Solidarity Corps should open up new opportunities for young people to carry out volunteering, traineeship or job placements in solidarity-related areas as well as to devise and develop solidarity projects based on their own initiative. Those opportunities should contribute to enhancing their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development. The European Solidarity Corps should also support 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.

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(8) The European Solidarity Corps should open up new opportunities for young people to carry out volunteering, traineeship or job placements in solidarity-related areas as well as to devise and develop solidarity projects based on their own initiative. Those opportunities should **help respond to unmet societal needs and contribute to strengthening communities while also** contribute to enhancing their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development. The European Solidarity Corps should also support 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 should also contribute to supporting and strengthening existing organisations implementing solidarity actions.**

Amendment 8**EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 7 (Rapporteur), 69 (Jean Lambert), 70 (Deirdre Clune), 71 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort) and 72 (Jana Žitňanská, Anthea McIntyre)

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 9***Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) Voluntary activities 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. **Voluntary** activities **should** not have an adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment, nor should they be seen as a substitute for it. In order to ensure continuity with respect to the volunteering activities that are supported at Union level, the volunteering activities under the European Voluntary Service that fall within the geographical scope of the European Solidarity Corps should be supported by the latter in the form of cross-border volunteering placements. The other volunteering activities under the European Voluntary Service that do not fall under the geographical scope of the European Solidarity Corps should continue to be supported under the Programme established by Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport²⁰. With respect to the interpretation of related legislation at Union level, both the cross-border volunteering placements under the European Solidarity Corps and the volunteering activities that continue to be

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(9) Voluntary activities 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. **However, given the cross-sectorial nature of solidarity-related activities, the different status of entities and organisations potentially involved into these activities, as well as the socio-economic significance of the solidarity sector in the EU, provisions should be taken in this Regulation to ensure that voluntary activities do not have an adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment, nor should they be ever seen or effectively deployed as a substitute for it. For this reason, solidarity placements in the form of volunteering under this Regulation should be offered exclusively by and limited to public bodies or participating organisations in the non-profit sector.** In order to ensure continuity with respect to the volunteering activities that are supported at Union level, the volunteering activities under the European Voluntary Service that fall within the geographical scope of the European Solidarity Corps should be supported by the latter in the form of cross-border volunteering placements. The other volunteering activities under the European Voluntary

supported under Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should be considered equivalent to those carried out under the European Voluntary Service.

Service that do not fall under the geographical scope of the European Solidarity Corps should continue to be supported under the Programme established by Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport²⁰. With respect to the interpretation of related legislation at Union level, both the cross-border volunteering placements under the European Solidarity Corps and the volunteering activities that continue to be supported under Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should be considered equivalent to those carried out under the European Voluntary Service.

²⁰ 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.

²⁰ 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.

Or. en

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EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 8 (Rapporteur), 76 (Jean Lambert), 77 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort), 78 (Jana Žitňanská, Anthea McIntyre), 79 (Deirdre Clune) and 80 (Jeroen Lenaers, Tom Vandenkendelaere)

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Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) *Traineeships* and jobs in solidarity-related areas can offer additional opportunities for young people to make a

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(10) *The European Solidarity Corps should also provide for a framework for traineeships* and jobs in solidarity-related

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 placements offered under the European Solidarity Corps should be remunerated by the participating organisation and follow the quality principles outlined in the Council Recommendation on establishing a Quality Framework for Traineeships of 10 March 2014²¹. ***The traineeships and jobs*** offered should constitute a stepping stone for young people to enter the labour market and should therefore be accompanied by adequate post-placement support. The traineeship and job placements should be facilitated by relevant labour market actors, in particular public and private employment services, social partners and Chambers of Commerce. As participating organisations, they should be able to apply for funding via the competent implementing structure of the European Solidarity Corps in view of intermediating between the young participants and employers offering traineeship and job placements in solidarity sectors.

areas ***to help build social, economic and civic cohesion and should be clearly separated from voluntary activities, both from a financial and organisational point of view, as they*** can offer ***different and additional opportunities for young people to make a start and increase their chances on the labour market and career prospects*** while contributing to addressing key societal challenges, ***but should never lead to job substitution. Remunerated traineeships and jobs can represent an incentive for disadvantaged young people and those with fewer opportunities to participate in solidarity-related activities that they may not be able to access otherwise. The traineeship placements can ease the transition of young people from education to employment***, which is key to ***achieve*** their ***sustainable integration into*** the labour market. The traineeship placements offered under the European Solidarity Corps should ***always*** be remunerated by the participating organisation and ***should*** follow the quality principles outlined in the Council Recommendation on establishing a Quality Framework for Traineeships of 10 March 2014²¹. ***Besides, the traineeship placements should be distinguished from voluntary work and based on a written agreement concluded at the beginning of the traineeship between the trainee and the participating organisation, which should indicate the educational and training objectives, the working conditions, the remuneration and the rights and obligations of the parties under applicable national law and/or applicable collective agreements of the country where the traineeship takes place, as well as the duration of the traineeship. Traineeship placements*** offered should constitute a stepping stone for young people to enter the labour market and ***should not substitute jobs. Traineeship placements should be temporary and should have a reasonable duration as defined in this Regulation. Job***

*placements should be based on a written contract and should respect all the terms and conditions of employment as defined in national law and/or applicable collective agreements of the country where the job is carried out. Financial support to participating organisations offering job placements should not exceed twelve months. Traineeships and jobs should be clearly distinguished, in terms of funding and substance from voluntary activities, and should therefore be accompanied by adequate **preparation, on-the-job training and** post-placement support **in relation to their participation in the European Solidarity Corps**. The traineeship and job placements should be facilitated by relevant labour market actors, in particular public and private employment services, social partners and Chambers of Commerce. As participating organisations, they should be able to apply for funding via the competent implementing structure of the European Solidarity Corps in view of intermediating between the young participants and employers offering traineeship and job placements in solidarity sectors.*

²¹ Council Recommendation of 10 March 2014 on a Quality Framework for Traineeships, OJ C 88, 27.3.2014, p. 1.

²¹ Council Recommendation of 10 March 2014 on a Quality Framework for Traineeships, OJ C 88, 27.3.2014, p. 1.

Or. en

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S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 9 (Rapporteur), 82 (Jana Žitňanská, Anthea McIntyre), 83 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 84 (João Pimenta Lopes), 85 (Heinz K. Becker), 86 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort), 87 (Jean Lambert) and 88 (Tom Vandenkendelaere, Jeroen Lenaers)

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Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Young people's spirit of initiative is an important asset for society and for the labour market. The European Solidarity Corps should contribute 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. Those projects should be an opportunity to *try out ideas* and support young people to be themselves drivers of solidarity actions. They could also serve as a springboard for further engagement in solidarity activities and could be a first step towards encouraging European Solidarity Corps participants to engage in *self-employment* or setting up associations, NGOs or other bodies active in the solidarity, non-profit and youth sectors.

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Or. en

Amendment 11

EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 10 (Rapporteur), 90 (Jean Lambert), 91 (Tom Vandenkendealere, Jeroen Lenaers), 93 (Jana Žitňanská, Anthea McIntyre) and 95

(Heinz K. Becker)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) Particular attention should be paid to ensuring the quality of the placements and other opportunities offered under the European Solidarity Corps, in particular by offering training, language support, insurance, administrative and post-placement support to participants *as well as the validation of the knowledge, skills and competences acquired through their European Solidarity Corps experience.*

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(13) Particular attention should be paid to ensuring the quality of the placements and other opportunities offered under the European Solidarity Corps, in particular by offering *adequate online and offline* training, language support, insurance, administrative and *pre- and* post-placement support to participants. *This support should be created in collaboration with youth organisations, other civil society organisations in order to tap into their expertise on the field. Post-placement support should also prioritise the continuous civic engagement of the participants in their community, guiding them towards local organisations or projects to engage with after the placement.*

Or. en

Amendment 12
EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 11 (Rapporteur), 92 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 96 (Jean Lambert), 97 (Heinz K. Becker) and 98 (Tom Vandenkendealere, Jeroen Lenaers)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) To ensure the impact of European Solidarity Corps placements on the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of the participants, the knowledge, skills and competences that are the learning outcomes

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(14) To ensure the impact of European Solidarity Corps placements on the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of the participants, the knowledge, skills and competences that are the learning outcomes

of the placement should be properly identified **and** documented, in accordance with national circumstances and specificities, as recommended in the Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning²².

²² Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning, OJ C 398, 22.12.2012, p. 1.

of the placement should be properly identified, documented, **assessed and certified**, in accordance with national circumstances and specificities, as recommended in the Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning²². ***This process should be facilitated by the European Commission which published for this purpose the European Guidelines for validating non-formal and informal learning and a European Inventory on validation.***

²² Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning, OJ C 398, 22.12.2012, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 13 **EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 12 (Rapporteur), 99 (Jean Lambert), 100 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 101 (Deirdre Clune), 102 (Marian Harkin) and 103 (Thomas Mann)

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 15**

Text proposed by the Commission

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

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(15) A quality label ***and monitoring framework respectively for the volunteering and for traineeships and jobs*** should be put in place, ***in partnership with relevant stakeholders***, to ensure compliance of the participating organisations with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps Charter, as regards their rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. Obtaining a quality label should be a precondition for participation but should not automatically

lead to funding under the European Solidarity Corps. *The quality labels should ensure that European Solidarity Corps activities do not substitute for actual jobs or traineeships. The process that leads to attribution of a quality label should not create additional bureaucracy that would dissuade organisations, in particular private businesses in the occupational component, from contributing to the European Solidarity Corps. A quality label should also ensure that the participating organisations comply with the ex-ante conditionality on social inclusion and particularly with its investment priority on the transition from institutional to community-based health and social services set out in the Common Provisions Regulation on the European Structural and Investment Funds, to prevent that EU funding can be used to support (even in an indirect way) segregating health and social infrastructures.*

Or. en

Justification

Since 2013, the European Union has steadily moved towards the deinstitutionalisation of health services, meaning the process replacing long-stay psychiatric hospitals with less isolated community mental health services, with the inclusion of an ex-ante conditionality in the European Structural and Investment Fund, according to which these funds cannot be dedicated to institutional health services. The European Solidarity Corps should include provisions in this sense.

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EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 13 (Rapporteur), 106 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 107 (Jean Lambert), 108 (Heinz K. Becker), 109 (Tom Vandenkendealere, Jeroen Lenaers), 111 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri) and 112 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Robert Rochefort)

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Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) A European Solidarity Corps Portal should continuously be 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-placement support as well as other useful functionalities, which may arise in the future.

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(17) A European Solidarity Corps Portal ***in all EU official languages*** should continuously be 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, ***information on existing solidarity placements or projects and on participating organisations, social partners, relevant Union and national contact points***, online training, language and ***pre and*** post-placement support, ***peer reviews of the placements and direct feedback mechanisms*** as well as other useful functionalities, which may arise in the future. ***Particular attention will be made for the Portal to be fully accessible by all young people regardless of their abilities.***

Or. en

Amendment 15

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 136 (Anne Sander) and 137 (Jean Lambert)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) The financial envelope of the European Solidarity Corps under Heading 1a of the Multiannual Financial Framework should additionally be supplemented by financial contributions from other programmes and headings, which require the amendment of Regulations (EU) No

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1293/2013²⁷, (EU) No 1303/2013²⁸, (EU) No 1305/2013²⁹, (EU) No 1306/2013³⁰ as well as of Decision No 1313/2013/EU³¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

1293/2013²⁷, (EU) No 1303/2013²⁸, (EU) No 1305/2013²⁹, (EU) No 1306/2013³⁰ as well as of Decision No 1313/2013/EU³¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council. ***That financial envelope should be supplemented whilst ensuring that there is no detrimental impact on existing funding provisions for volunteering, social inclusion, employment, but also for mobility, already provided in existing programmes, in particular by Erasmus+ programme. Furthermore, in order to ensure the success and effectiveness of the initiative and in particular to support young people with fewer opportunities, the budget should be increased by the use of appropriate financial means available under the existing MFF-Regulation. Investment in the European Solidarity Corps should be accompanied by increased investment in other complementary EU programmes such as Erasmus+ and the Youth Employment Initiative.***

²⁷ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).

²⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.320).

²⁷ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).

²⁸ Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.320).

²⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

³⁰ Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

³¹ Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism, (OJ L347 20.12.2013, p. 924).

²⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

³⁰ Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549).

³¹ Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism, (OJ L347 20.12.2013, p. 924).

Or. en

Amendment 16

S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 14 (Rapporteur), 139 (Thomas Mann), 140 (Jean Lambert), 141 (Sven Schulze, Sabine Verheyen, Michaela Šojdrová), 143 (Krzysztof Hetman), 144 (Robert Rochefort), 145 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon), 146 (Heinz K. Becker) and 147 (Jana Žitňanská, Anthea McIntyre)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) “solidarity activity” means an activity aimed at addressing unmet societal needs to the benefit of a community while also fostering the individual’s personal, educational, social, civic and professional development, which may take the form of placements, projects or networking

Amendment

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activities, developed in relation to different areas, such as education and training, employment, gender equality, **entrepreneurship, in particular** social entrepreneurship, citizenship and democratic participation, environment and nature protection, climate action, disaster prevention, preparedness and recovery, agriculture and rural development, provision of food and non-food items, health and wellbeing, creativity and culture, physical education and sport, social assistance and welfare, reception and integration of third-country nationals, territorial cooperation and cohesion;

projects or networking activities **which have European and international added value and a transnational dimension**, developed in relation to different areas, such as **formal and non-formal** education and training, **youth work**, employment, **social inclusion, equality and anti-discrimination**, gender equality, social entrepreneurship, citizenship and democratic participation, environment and nature protection, climate action, disaster prevention, preparedness and recovery, **civic** agriculture and rural development, provision of food and non-food items, health and wellbeing, creativity and culture, physical education and sport, social assistance and welfare, **youth assistance, disabilities, solidarity between generations**, reception and integration of third-country nationals, **including asylum seekers and refugees**, territorial cooperation and cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 17

EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 15 (Rapporteur), 151 (Jean Lambert) and 152 (Deirdre Clune)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) “**disadvantaged** young people” means individuals who need additional support because **of** disability, educational difficulties, economic obstacles, cultural differences, health problems, social obstacles, geographical obstacles;

Amendment

(3) “young people **with fewer opportunities**” means individuals who need additional support because **they are in disadvantage compared to their peers since they face one or more exclusion factors or obstacles such as** disability, **learning** difficulties, economic obstacles, social obstacles, cultural differences, **physical and mental** health problems, geographical obstacles;

Amendment 18

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 16 (Rapporteur), 154 (Jean Lambert) and 156 (Robert Rochefort)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) “participating organisation” means any public or private entity that has been attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label, which offers a placement to a participant in the European Solidarity Corps or implements other activities in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps;

Amendment

(4) “participating organisation” means any public or private entity that has **already** been attributed the European Solidarity Corps quality label, which offers a **volunteering, traineeship or job** placement to a participant in the European Solidarity Corps or implements other activities in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps;

Or. en

Amendment 19

EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 17 (Rapporteur), 158 (Jean Lambert)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) “solidarity placement” means a volunteering activity, traineeship or job in a solidarity-related area, which is organised by a participating organisation and which contributes to addressing key societal challenges while enhancing the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development and the employability of the European Solidarity Corps participant who undertakes it, either in a country other than the country of residence (cross-border) or

Amendment

(5) “solidarity placement” means a volunteering activity, traineeship or job in a solidarity-related area, which is organised by a participating organisation and which contributes to addressing key societal challenges while enhancing the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development and the employability of the European Solidarity Corps participant who undertakes it, either in a country other than the country of residence (cross-border) or,

in the country of residence of the participant (in-country);

exceptionally for young people with fewer opportunities, in the country of residence of the participant (in-country);

Or. en

Amendment 20

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 18 (Rapporteur), 161 (Heinz K. Becker), 162 (Sven Schulze, Sabine Verheyen), 163 (Jean Lambert), 164 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon) and 166 (Claude Rolin)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) “volunteering” means **a full-time**³² unpaid voluntary **service** for a period of up to twelve months, which provides young people with the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations active in solidarity-related fields, to the ultimate benefit of the communities within which the activities are carried out, including a solid learning and training dimension in order to enable the young volunteer(s) to gain skills and competences, which will be useful for their personal, educational, social and professional development, and which will also contribute to improving their employability;

³² As a general principle, an activity carried out continuously, 5 days a week for 7 hours a day.

Amendment

(6) “volunteering” means **an** unpaid voluntary **placement within a public authority or a participating organisation in the non-profit sector, either full-time³² or part-time** for a period of up to twelve months, which provides young people with the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations active in solidarity-related fields, to the ultimate benefit of the communities within which the activities are carried out, including a solid learning and training dimension in order to enable the young volunteer(s) to gain, **validate and certify** skills and competences, which will be useful for their personal, educational, social and professional development, and which will also contribute to improving their employability;

³² As a general principle, an activity carried out continuously, 5 days a week for 7 hours a day.

Or. en

Amendment 21

EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments AM 19 (Rapporteur), 170 (Jean Lambert), 171 (Jeroen Lenaers), 174 (Jana Žitňanská), 175 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon) and 176 (Claude Rolin)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) “traineeship” means a period of work practice from *two* to *twelve* months, remunerated by the organisation hosting the European Solidarity Corps participant, *based on a written traineeship agreement, which includes a learning and training component, and undertaken in order to gain practical and professional experience with a view to improving employability and facilitating transition to regular employment;*

Amendment

(8) “traineeship” means a period of work practice from *three* to *six* months, *renewable only once and for a maximum duration of twelve months within the same participating organisation,* remunerated by the organisation hosting the European Solidarity Corps participant, *which includes a learning and training component, and is undertaken in order to gain practical and professional experience with a view to develop competences useful for the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of the participant. It shall be based on a written agreement concluded at the beginning of the traineeship between the participant and the participating organisation, indicating the educational objectives, the working conditions, the remuneration and the rights and obligations of the parties under national law and/or applicable collective agreements of the country where the traineeship takes place, as well as the duration of the traineeship. Such traineeships shall not substitute jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 22

EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 20 (Rapporteur), 181 (Jeroen Lenaers), 182 (Jana Žitňanská) and 183 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) "job" means a period of work **from two to twelve** months, remunerated by the participating organisation employing the European Solidarity Corps participant, **carried out in a participating country and based on an employment contract in accordance with the national regulatory framework of that participating country;**

Amendment

(9) "job" means a period of work **of at least six** months, **based on a written employment contract which shall respect all the terms and conditions of employment as defined in national law and/or applicable collective agreements of the country where the job is being carried out. It shall be** remunerated by the participating organisation employing the European Solidarity Corps participant;

Or. en

Amendment 23

S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 186 (Robert Rochefort), 188 (Jean Lambert) and 189 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) "quality label" means the certification attributed to a public or private entity or an international organisation willing to provide placements under the European Solidarity Corps following a procedure aimed at ensuring compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps Charter;

Amendment

(11) "quality label" means the certification attributed to a public or private entity or an international organisation **wishing to become a participating organisation and** willing to provide placements under the European Solidarity Corps following a procedure aimed at ensuring compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps Charter **and at ensuring the quality of services delivered by the participating organisations; a separate quality label for volunteering placements and for traineeship and job placements shall be established in partnership with relevant stakeholders;**

Or. en

Amendment 24

S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 21 (Rapporteur) and 191 (Marian Harkin, Yana Toom, Ivo Vajgl, Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) “European Solidarity Corps Resource Center” means the additional functions performed by a designated national agency to support the development and implementation of activities under the European Solidarity Corps as well as the identification of the competences acquired by the participants through their placements and projects;

Amendment

(13) “European Solidarity Corps Resource Center” means the additional functions performed by an entity selected for this purpose, ***following a tender allocation process***, to support the development, implementation ***and quality*** of activities under the European Solidarity Corps as well as the identification of the competences acquired by the participants through their placements and projects;

Or. en

Amendment 25

EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 22 (Rapporteur), 194 (Tom Vandenkendelaere, Jeroen Lenaers) and 195 (Krzysztof Hetman)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The objective of the European Solidarity Corps 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 and solidarity in Europe, supporting communities and responding to societal challenges.***

Amendment

1. The objective of the European Solidarity Corps is to ***contribute to the strengthening of cohesion and to promote solidarity in Europe, to support communities and swiftly and effectively respond to societal challenges by enhancing*** the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high quality solidarity activities.

Amendment 26

S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 203 (Jean Lambert) and 205 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) increasing the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in the Corps by creating adapted formats and promoting tailored and personalised guidance and support measures with a dedicated budget;

Or. en

Amendment 27

EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 23 (Rapporteur) and 201 (Claude Rolin)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) to ensure that the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of the participants, the knowledge, skills and competences that are the learning outcomes of the placement are properly identified, documented, assessed and certified.

Or. en

Amendment 28

EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 25 (Rapporteur) and 208 (Jean Lambert)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) solidarity placements in the form of volunteering, traineeships or jobs, including individual cross-border and in-country placements as well as volunteering teams' placements;

Amendment

(a) solidarity placements in the form of volunteering, traineeships or jobs, including individual cross-border **placements** - and, **in the case of young people with fewer opportunities**, in-country placements - as well as volunteering teams' placements;

Or. en

Amendment 29

EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments AM 27 (Rapporteur), 213 (Jean Lambert), 214 (Anne Sander) and 215 (Krzysztof Hetman)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) measures aimed at ensuring the quality of solidarity placements, including training, language support, administrative support for participants and participating organisations, insurance, post-placement support as well as the development of a certificate that identifies **and** documents the knowledge, skills and competences acquired during the placement;

Amendment

(a) measures aimed at ensuring the quality **and accessibility** of solidarity placements, including **online and offline comprehensive** training, language support, administrative support for participants and participating organisations, insurance, **pre and** post-placement support as well as the development of **an official** certificate, **building on the experience of the Youth Pass**, that identifies, documents, **assesses and certifies** the knowledge, skills and competences acquired during the placement; **where relevant, post-placement support to participants interested in setting-up and piloting associations, cooperatives, social enterprises, youth organisations and community-centres**;

Amendment 30

S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 217 (Rapporteur, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri) and 216 (Marian Harkin)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the development and maintenance of *a* quality *label* for entities willing to provide placements for the European Solidarity Corps in order to ensure compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps Charter;

Amendment

(b) the development and maintenance of quality *labels* for entities willing to provide *respectively volunteering placements or traineeships and job placements* for the European Solidarity Corps in order to ensure compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity Corps Charter. *A separate accreditation procedure for entities wanting to provide volunteering placements and entities wanting to provide job and traineeship placements with different evaluation criteria, limiting the access to the programme to the actions they are accredited for;*

Or. en

Amendment 31

S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 231 (Marian Harkin) and 232 (Robert Rochefort)

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. An application from an eligible entity to become a European Solidarity Corps participating organisation shall be assessed by the competent implementing

Amendment

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body of the European Solidarity Corps in order to ascertain that its activities adhere to the requirements of the European Solidarity Corps.

body of the European Solidarity Corps in order to ascertain that its activities adhere to the requirements of the European Solidarity Corps. ***Any entity which substantially changes its activities must inform the competent implementing body for reassessment. The application and registration process should be user-friendly. Administrative burdens should be avoided. The process that leads to the volunteering component should be differentiated to the process leading to the attribution of a quality label for the volunteering component, taking into consideration the specific characteristics of each component.***

Or. en