



European Solidarity Corps

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EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

- The European Solidarity Corps has at its core a fundamental resource, **YOUNG PEOPLE**, as well as a key value, **SOLIDARITY**, both indispensable in order to build a society based on mutual respect and cooperation, human dignity and shared responsibilities.
- It is a great initiative especially at a time when solidarity is put to the test and public opinion tends to turn against expressions of solidarity, as for example Search & Rescue Operations in the Mediterranean Sea
- As the representative of a humanitarian NGO, I reckon the sensitive context in which this initiative takes place, and manifest my support in fostering principles and values that are central to our activities.

SOLIDARITY

“Homo sum, nihil humani a me alienum puto”
As a human being, nobody can be alien to me

- This is the synthesis of INTERSOS leading principle, from which all other INTERSOS values descend, and it characterises each and every INTERSOS intervention.
- It emphasizes the core position of every human being, as well as the principles of equality, justice, peace, **solidarity** and therefore the duty of each individual to support all people in need.

TOWARDS A BETTER SOCIETY

The European Solidarity Corps:

Solidarity

Cooperation

Opportunities

Mutual respect

Inclusiveness

Commitment

Participation

SOME ISSUES

Article 2 point 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

Article 2 point 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

Article 2 point 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

AVOID DUPLICATION, ENHANCE CLARIFICATION

- Clarify the definitions of solidarity activity and solidarity placement, as well as the criteria according to which actors can participate in this initiative.
- Private actors: there can be a natural tension between profit and solidarity.
- Solidarity should not replace the State's core responsibilities towards its citizens.
- Job & Traineeship: it is a risk to put together different projects in the same programmes.

Thank you!

