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OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on Culture and Education

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU
(COM(2017)0262 – C8-0162/2017 – 2017/0102(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on Culture and Education, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) In its Communication “A European Solidarity Corps” of 7 December 2016¹⁸, 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 *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.

¹⁸ 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 of 7.12.2016.

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Amendment 2

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Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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(4) 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, **knowledge**, 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 **and bolster the European Solidarity Corps targeting young people from rural communities**.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Special attention should be given to multilingualism because some of the exchanges will be transnational.

Amendement 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(5a) The European Solidarity Corps should provide young people with an opportunity to gain invaluable experience, develop their skills and contribute to society, involving more and better opportunities covering a broad range of activities, while at the same time providing

access to proper training, followed by formal recognition of the skills and experience gained.

Amendement 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

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 the European Solidarity Corps should be ensured, building on good practices where appropriate.

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Amendement 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(6a) Through solidarity placements, projects and networking activities in the field of agriculture and rural development, the European Solidarity Corps offers a unique opportunity for young people to exchange best practices.

Amendement 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(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.

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activity offered.

Amendement 8

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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Amendement 9

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Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(11a) LEADER, a community-led local development measure, is a clear example of an initiative that already implements several projects with a significant solidarity component, such as the integration of migrants and refugees and the prevention of natural disasters. LEADER thus plays an active role in the on-the-ground implementation, in rural areas, of the European Solidarity Corps and other potential rural development

measures that can be used for the benefit of that initiative, such as cooperation measures, activities relating to basic services, village renewal and technical assistance.

Amendement 10

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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Amendement 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) In order to ensure continuity in the activities supported by the programmes contributing to the European Solidarity Corps, the financial support to solidarity placements and projects should indicatively follow ***an 80%-20%*** split between volunteering placements and solidarity projects on the one hand and traineeship and job placements on the other hand.

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(19) In order to ensure continuity in the activities supported by the programmes contributing to the European Solidarity Corps, the financial support to solidarity placements and projects should indicatively follow ***a 75%-25%*** split between volunteering placements and solidarity projects on the one hand and traineeship and job placements on the other hand.

Amendement 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendement 13

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendement 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

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Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) An entity willing to apply for funding to offer placements under the European Solidarity Corps should have first received a quality label as a precondition. This requirement should not apply to natural persons seeking financial support on behalf of an informal group of European Solidarity Corps participants for their solidarity projects.

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Amendement 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) Appropriate outreach, publicity and dissemination of the opportunities and results of the actions supported by the European Solidarity Corps should be ensured at European, national and local level. The outreach, publicity and dissemination activities should rely on all the implementing bodies of the European Solidarity Corps, including, when relevant, with the support of other key stakeholders.

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Amendement 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) In compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union¹, the Commission should adopt work programmes and inform the European Parliament and the Council thereof. The work programme should set out the measures needed for their implementation in line with the general and specific objectives of the European Solidarity Corps, the selection and award criteria for grants, as well as all other elements required. Work programmes and any amendments to them should be adopted by

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¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

implementing acts in accordance with the examination procedure.

means of delegated acts.

Amendement 18

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(40a) In drawing funds from other programmes, the actions of the European Solidarity Corps should reflect the objectives of the budget line of the original fund and this transfer of funds should not compromise the activities of existing programmes.

Amendement 19

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(40b) Given the therapeutic value of working with animals, special attention should be given to providing young people with mental and physical disabilities with opportunities to work on care farms.

Amendement 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(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 activities, developed in relation to different

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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;

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Amendment 21

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;

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) “social farming” means the use of agricultural resources to improve the social, physical and mental well-being of

individuals, enabling those who are psychologically or socially vulnerable to take part in farm work;

Amendement 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to provide young people, with the support of participating organisations, with easily accessible opportunities for engagement in solidarity activities while improving their skills and competences for personal, educational, social, civic and professional development, as well as their employability and facilitating transition into the labour market, including by supporting the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers;

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(a) to provide young people, with the support of participating organisations, with easily accessible opportunities for engagement in solidarity activities while improving their **knowledge**, skills and competences for personal, educational, social, civic and professional development, as well as their employability and facilitating transition into the labour market, including by supporting the mobility of young volunteers, trainees and workers, **while ensuring that the substitution of paid work for unpaid labour is avoided**;

Amendement 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to ensure that the solidarity activities that are offered to the European Solidarity Corps participants contribute to addressing concrete, unmet societal needs and strengthening communities, are of high quality and properly validated.

Amendement

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Amendement 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission and the participating countries shall cooperate to achieve efficiency and effectiveness, by ensuring coherence between national programmes and schemes related to solidarity, education, vocational training and youth on the one hand and actions under the European Solidarity Corps on the other hand. Those actions shall build on relevant good practices and existing programmes.

Amendement

2. The Commission and the participating countries shall cooperate to achieve efficiency and effectiveness, by ensuring coherence between national, ***regional and local*** programmes and schemes related to solidarity, education, vocational training and youth on the one hand and actions under the European Solidarity Corps on the other hand. Those actions shall build on relevant good practices and existing programmes ***and shall be designed in collaboration with youth organisations and other civil society organisations.***

Amendement 26

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The European Solidarity Corps shall pursue its objectives through the following types of actions:

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The European Solidarity Corps shall pursue its objectives through the following types of actions, ***which shall reflect the objectives of the sources of funds used to finance them:***

Amendement 27

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

(da) measures to ensure that voluntary activities do not have an adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment and that they are not seen as a substitute for it.

Amendement 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The financial support to solidarity placements and projects referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 7(1) shall indicatively be **80%** for volunteering placements and solidarity projects; and **20%** for traineeship and job placements.

Amendement

3. The financial support to solidarity placements and projects referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 7(1) shall indicatively be **75%** for volunteering placements and solidarity projects; and **25%** for traineeship and job placements.

Amendement 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

4a. The European Solidarity Corps shall not have any negative financial impact on existing programmes such as the Erasmus+ programme or the funds to support European youth employment policies.

Amendement 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

4b. The Commission and the Member States shall continue to fund civil protection and humanitarian aid so that the European Solidarity Corps is not used to make up for public spending cuts by engaging young volunteers in those social sectors, where jobs were destroyed.

Amendement 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. A participating country may make national funding available to beneficiaries to be managed in accordance with the rules of the European Solidarity Corps and, to this end, use the decentralised structures of the European Solidarity Corps, as long as it ensures the complementary pro rata funding of these structures.

Amendement

6. A participating country ***or regional or local authority*** may make national funding available to beneficiaries to be managed in accordance with the rules of the European Solidarity Corps and, to this end, use the decentralised structures of the European Solidarity Corps, as long as it ensures the complementary pro rata funding of these structures.

Amendement 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. 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 a placement or a project a registered young person shall be at least 18 years of age and not older than 30.

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Amendement 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the participating countries, shall regularly monitor the performance of the European Solidarity Corps towards achieving its objectives.

Amendement

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the participating countries ***and with the involvement of youth organisations***, shall regularly monitor the performance of the European Solidarity Corps towards

achieving its objectives.

Amendement 34

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the participating countries, shall ensure the dissemination of information, publicity and follow-up with regard to all actions supported in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps.

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Amendement 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

3a. National youth ambassadors' programmes shall be established with the aim of promoting the European Solidarity Corps in different Member States.

Amendement 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***In order to implement this Regulation***, the Commission ***shall*** adopt work programmes by way of ***implementing acts***. Each work programme shall ensure that the general and specific objectives set out in Articles 3 and 4 are implemented in a consistent manner and shall outline the expected results, the method of

Amendement

1. The Commission ***is empowered to*** adopt ***delegated acts in accordance with Article 25a concerning the adoption of*** work programmes. Each work programme shall ensure that the general and specific objectives set out in Articles 3 and 4 are implemented in a consistent manner and shall outline the expected results, the

implementation and its total amount. The work programmes shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action, an indication of the distribution of funds between the participating countries for the actions to be managed through the national agencies and an indicative implementation timetable.

method of implementation and its total amount. The work programmes shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action, an indication of the distribution of funds between the participating countries for the actions to be managed through the national agencies and an indicative implementation timetable. **Moreover, such work programmes shall also include an analysis and justification guaranteeing that they will not have an adverse effect on potential or existing paid employment.**

Amendement 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

2. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 25(2).

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Amendement 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

Article 25

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Committee procedure

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the committee established by Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Amendement 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendement

Article 25a

Exercise of the delegation

- 1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.***
- 2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 24 shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from ... [date of entry into force of this Regulation]. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.***
- 3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 24 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A revocation decision shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.***
- 4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.***

5. *As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.*

6. *A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 24 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.*

Amendement 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

"The EAFRD may also finance actions implemented by the European Solidarity Corps with an amount of EUR 1 800 000 in current prices in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities for rural development. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013."

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The EAFRD may also finance actions implemented by the European Solidarity Corps with an amount of EUR 1 800 000 in current prices in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities for rural development ***with the aim of boosting young people's interest in agriculture***. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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Members present for the final vote	John Stuart Agnew, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Richard Ashworth, José Bové, Daniel Buda, Michel Dantin, Paolo De Castro, Albert Deß, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Edouard Ferrand, Luke Ming Flanagan, Martin Häusling, Esther Herranz García, Jan Huitema, Peter Jahr, Ivan Jakovčić, Jarosław Kalinowski, Philippe Loiseau, Mairead McGuinness, Ulrike Müller, James Nicholson, Laurențiu Rebegea, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Tibor Szanyi, Marc Tarabella
Substitutes present for the final vote	Bas Belder, Franc Bogovič, Stefan Eck, Karin Kadenbach, Norbert Lins, Hannu Takkula, Estefanía Torres Martínez, Vladimir Urutchev

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINIONS

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ALDE	Ivan Jakovčić, Ulrike Müller, Hannu Takkula
ECR	Richard Ashworth, Bas Belder, James Nicholson
GUE	Stefan Eck, Luke Ming Flanagan, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Estefanía Torres Martínez
PPE	Franc Bogovič, Daniel Buda, Michel Dantin, Albert Deß, Herbert Dorfmann, Esther Herranz García, Peter Jahr, Jarosław Kalinowski, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Vladimir Urutchev
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Paolo De Castro, Karin Kadenbach, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Tibor Szanyi, Marc Tarabella
VERTS/ALE	José Bové, Martin Häusling

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EFDD	John Stuart Agnew
ENF	Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau

3	0
ALDE	Jan Huitema
ENF	Laurențiu Rebeca
PPE	Norbert Erdos

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention