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AMENDMENTS

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Implementation of the European Solidarity Corps programme 2021-2027
((2023/2018(INI))

Amendment 1
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***Having regard to its resolution of 8 March 2022 on the role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism (P9_TA(2022)0057)***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas ‘solidarity project’ means an unpaid solidarity activity that takes place for a period of up to 12 months and that is carried out by groups of at least five participants with a view to addressing key challenges within their communities while presenting a clear European added value;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Irena Joveva, Laurence Farreng, Ilana Cicurel, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas solidarity activities should present potential European added value, benefit communities and foster participants’ personal, educational, social,

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civic and professional development;
whereas volunteering, both within and
beyond the Union, is an enriching
experience in a non-formal and informal
learning context, ***while promoting
solidarity, European values and equal
opportunities***;

Or. en

Amendment 4

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio,
Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco**

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas solidarity activities should
present ***potential*** European added value,
benefit communities and foster
participants' personal, educational, social,
civic and professional development;
whereas volunteering, both within and
beyond the Union, is an enriching
experience in a non-formal and informal
learning context;

Amendment

B. whereas solidarity activities should
present European added value, benefit
communities and foster participants'
personal, educational, social, civic and
professional development; whereas
volunteering, both within and beyond the
Union, is an enriching experience in a non-
formal and informal learning context;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

***Ba. whereas 'solidarity activity' means
a high-quality, inclusive activity that
addresses important societal challenges,
that contributes to the achievement of the
Programme objectives, that takes the form
of volunteering, a solidarity project or a
networking activity in various fields,***

Amendment

including in the field of humanitarian aid, that ensures European added value and that complies with occupational health and safety regulations and relevant security rules;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas ‘volunteering’ means a solidarity activity that takes place, for a period of up to 12 months, as a voluntary unpaid activity that contributes to the achievement of the common good;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic did ***not*** impact interest in the programme, ***but rather*** highlighted its potential and proved the importance of young people’s engagement on the ground in solidarity activities, including blended volunteering;

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution

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C. whereas the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic did not **diminish the** interest in the programme, but rather highlighted its **relevance** and proved the importance of young people's engagement on the ground in solidarity activities,

Or. en

Amendment 9

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the visibility of the programme is still relatively low; whereas the European Year of Youth in 2022 proved to be a unique opportunity to enhance the programme's visibility;

Amendment

F. whereas the visibility of the programme is still relatively low; whereas the European Year of Youth in 2022 proved to be a unique opportunity to enhance the programme's visibility; **highlights therefore the need to employ sufficient means to promote the programme more widely and create a recognizable brand**;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the visibility of the programme is still relatively low; whereas the European Year of Youth in 2022 proved to be a unique opportunity to enhance the programme's visibility;

Amendment

F. whereas the visibility of the programme is still relatively low, ***particularly among regional or local youth organisations***; whereas the European Year of Youth in 2022 proved to be a unique opportunity to enhance the programme's visibility;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Notes that the COVID-19 pandemic showed that means should be found to make the programme more resilient in anticipation of force majeure by, among others, evaluating the consequences of the interrupted traineeships and the follow up with the participants affected;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas youth work and the education of youth workers are not recognised in all Member States, which results in discrepancies in the ESC and other youth programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. Whereas recognising youth work and the education of youth workers will ensure a minimum harmonisation of the young people's realities across the Union and could impact positively the quality of the projects in the ESC programme;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. Whereas the ESC bears great potential to develop a European common sense of belonging, providing learning opportunities for volunteers to become active citizens, contributing to build better societies, fostering cohesion, advancing peace and preventing violence;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. Gb. whereas a very limited number of actions dealt directly with citizenship education^{1a};

^{1a} Report on the implementation of EU citizenship education actions

Or. en

Amendment 16

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 17

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. Whereas the term “people with fewer opportunities” remains widely hard to define and quantify, and the absence of practical and effective ways to assess the inclusivity of the projects can potentially jeopardize the capacity to reach those with the most dire needs;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital H b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hb. Whereas the EU Youth Strategy affirms that evidence-based youth policy-making and knowledge building is pivotal. Moreover, data-driven observations serve as a contribution to the larger public debate, fostering accountability through activists, civil society, and researchers;

Amendment 20
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital H c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hc. Whereas the dashboard created for the Youth Strategy and the datasets available on Eurostat are fragmented or non-comparable, and not easily accessible for young people and youth organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital H d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hd. Whereas, age-disaggregated or gender-disaggregated data is key to fostering understanding of the needs of different groups of young people,

Or. en

Amendment 22
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. Whereas young migrants and refugees face structural barriers to participation in the program, particularly

due to their administrative status;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ib. Whereas there is no fixed and structured process involving civil society organisations in the design and implementation of the programme;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas the overall budget of EUR 1.033 billion for 2021-2027 has a flat-rate profile and cannot cope with the high demand, the rising costs of living, inflation rates and other challenges;

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Reminds the Commission, the Member States, national agencies (NAs) and volunteering organisations to implement and develop the European Solidarity Corps programme in line with the measures and activities identified for it, while helping to simplify procedures and enhancing visibility;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 26

Salima Yenbou, Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 27

Elżbieta Kruk

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of volunteering in humanitarian aid operations in promoting the humanitarian

*principles of humanism, neutrality,
impartiality and independence;*

Or. en

Amendment 28

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio,
Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Insists that volunteering within the ESC must include learning and training components; and shall not be a substitute for traineeships or jobs, nor be equated with employment;

Or. en

Amendment 29

**Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio,
Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Believes that proper training and proven skills of volunteers should be required to be entitled to have direct contacts with vulnerable people, in particular children with special needs, so as to guarantee child protection and not be detrimental to the wellbeing of children;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission and NAs to strengthen the regular exchange of best practices, enhance common understanding of programme procedures, deepen cooperation and improve the promotion of the programme; stresses that all relevant stakeholders should be involved in **regular consultation on matters falling within** their competence;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission and NAs to strengthen the regular exchange of best practices, **to** enhance common understanding of programme procedures, deepen cooperation and improve the promotion of the programme; stresses that all relevant stakeholders, **including on local and regional levels**, should be involved in **the advisory bodies of the programme as observers to the extent of** their competence; **recommends to re-establish and convene an Advisory Council of knowledgeable and experienced stakeholders on a regular basis, including youth organisation, coordinated by the ESC Resource Centre;**

Or. en

Amendment 31
Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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Amendment 32

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Affirms that volunteering on the ground allows for meaningful interactions that cannot be substituted by virtual or blended volunteering without diminishing the quality of the experience; points out that blended or virtual volunteering deprives much needed resources from other actions of the programme;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Requests the Commission to assess options for a more integrated approach towards Youth activities across EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Salima Yenbou, Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to help raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to help raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities; ***calls on NAs to strengthen their support to applicants, particularly the most disadvantaged young people, by providing them with accurate and detailed information and assistance on the application process and opportunities offered by the programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 35

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to help raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to help raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities; ***calls on the Commission to provide support to NAs and provide expertise and guidance to promote the programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Michaela Šojdrová, Peter Pollák

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 37

Peter Pollák, Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 38

Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 39

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Calls on*** the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to ***help*** raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities;

Amendment

3. ***Urges*** the Commission, the Member States, NAs and engaged organisations to raise awareness about the programme and its individual strands, to further build its brand and to reach out to more young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities; ***calls on regular monitoring and reporting in this regard;***

Or. en

Amendment 40 **Diana Riba i Giner**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the NAs to develop and implement more tailor-made communication activities to reach out to young people and to utilise the potential of youth organisations specially those led by/working with youth with fewer opportunities; calls on the NAs to deliver more capacity building for youth organisations to engage with ESC, like

the appetiser training^{1a} course;

^{1a} <https://www.salto-youth.net/rc/training-and-cooperation/tc-rc-nanetworktcs/appetiser/>

Or. en

Amendment 41
Elżbieta Kruk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Expresses its concern about the lengthy recruitment procedure for volunteers, in particular with regard to the waiting time for mandatory face-to-face training, which may lead to resignations and loss of interest on the part of applicants; stresses that humanitarian operations require adequate training;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Highlights that increased communication and higher awareness about the programme must be complemented by an increased budget to cover new applicants and avoid a low success rate;*

Or. en

Amendment 43

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Believes the programme's upcoming 10th anniversary in 2026 and the possibility of designating 2025 the European Year of Volunteers should further improve the visibility of volunteering and of opportunities for active youth engagement;

Amendment

4. Believes the programme's upcoming 10th anniversary in 2026 and the possibility of designating 2025 the European Year of Volunteers should further improve the visibility of volunteering and of opportunities for active youth engagement ***as creating a year of volunteers is particularly important following the multiple crises Europe has been through where the value of volunteers and their work was immense;***

Or. en

Amendment 44

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that solidarity projects attract less interest and are less visible, resulting in uneven budget distribution; calls on the Commission, NAs and volunteering organisations to promote short-term activities;

Amendment

5. Notes that solidarity projects attract less interest and are less visible, resulting in uneven budget distribution; calls on the Commission, NAs and volunteering organisations to promote short-term activities ***and calls for more flexibility in the budget allocation between the project strands;***

Or. en

Amendment 45

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that young people's needs and social trends are changing; invites the Commission to explore and develop new volunteering formats for the next programming period, ***such as part-time volunteering, virtual volunteering or blended volunteering***, and to provide participants and organisations with a sufficient budget;

Amendment

6. Notes that young people's needs and social trends are changing; invites the Commission to explore and develop new volunteering formats for the next programming period and to provide participants and organisations with a sufficient budget;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 47
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Believes that in-country activities are **particularly important** for young people with fewer opportunities; calls on the Commission to lower the age limit and the mandatory minimum number of five participants per solidarity project for in-country activities in the next programming period, following the example of Erasmus+ youth participation activities;

Amendment

7. Believes that in-country activities are **relevant** for young people with fewer opportunities; calls on the Commission to lower the age limit and the mandatory minimum number of five participants per solidarity project for in-country activities in the next programming period, following the example of Erasmus+ youth participation activities;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Ilana Cicurel, Salima Yenbou, Laurence Farreng

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Urges the European Commission and Member States to strengthen the European civic mobility or transnational volunteering capabilities of the European Solidarity Corps; thereby acting as a driving force for cooperation and recognition between national volunteering schemes or civic services that earmark European mobility experiences;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Elżbieta Kruk

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Recognises **that** supporting organisations **are crucial for preparing** volunteers, but notes that their role remains unclear; calls on the Commission to

8. Recognises **the crucial role of** supporting organisations **in the preparation of** volunteers, but notes that their role remains unclear; calls on the

recognise and strengthen the specific supporting role of participating organisations, providing them with financial incentives and making their involvement mandatory in volunteering actions;

Commission to recognise and strengthen the specific supporting role of participating organisations, providing them with financial incentives and making their involvement mandatory in volunteering actions;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Believes the sending organisations should have the option of conducting preparatory seminars for their volunteers themselves and that organisations should be able to choose whether their volunteers take part in seminars organised by the organisations or national agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Salima Yenbou, Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Welcomes the programme's inclusive nature and the implementation guidelines for its inclusion and diversity strategy; calls on the Commission to consider adopting a more flexible and inclusive approach to individual volunteering, enabling participants to mix and match countries, areas of activity and experiences in order to make the programme more inclusive;

9. Welcomes the programme's inclusive nature and the implementation guidelines for its inclusion and diversity strategy; ***encourages to strengthen the focus of the programme on the opportunities it can provide to the most disadvantaged young people and to enhance support for organisations working with these target groups, for example by setting up an information***

campaign specifically addressed to this audience; calls on the Commission to consider adopting a more flexible and inclusive approach to individual volunteering, enabling participants to mix and match countries, areas of activity and experiences in order to make the programme more inclusive;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

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9. Welcomes the programme's inclusive nature and the implementation guidelines for its inclusion and diversity strategy; calls on the Commission to consider adopting a more flexible and inclusive approach to individual volunteering, enabling participants to mix and match countries, areas of activity and experiences in order to make the programme more inclusive; ***and notes the inadequacy of the current search and match tools on the platform which do not allow to use the potential of the platform sufficiently***;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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inclusive ***objectives*** and the implementation guidelines for its inclusion and diversity strategy; ***urges*** the Commission ***and Member States to implement the strategy with utmost care and attention, in particular to support organisations in reaching out to more participants with fewer opportunities and to monitor its implementation carefully;***

Or. en

Amendment 54
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Calls on the Commission and the NAs to develop mechanisms and tools to ensure real and meaningful inclusion of people with fewer opportunities, as well as the appropriate use of support measures to achieve this goal;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Calls on the Commission to consider adopting a more flexible approach to individual volunteering, enabling participants to mix and match countries, areas of activity and experiences;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to include specific initiatives for EU volunteers to contribute to the post-war rebuilding of Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Calls on the Commission and the NAs to develop more checks, mechanisms and tools to ensure the quality of the projects supported by the programme taking into account the beneficiary organisation's stated goal beyond its participation in the ESC programme itself; urges to ensure a fair distribution among the applicant organisations in order to ensure a widely distribution of resources;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Urges the Commission to ensure that the digital tools and systems currently used to manage and implement the programme are working properly and to their full potential and invites it to tackle, without delay, the persistent serious issues with the European Solidarity Corps IT tools, which are a significant obstacle not only to the participation of smaller organisations and of young people with fewer opportunities, but also to the participation of all kinds of beneficiaries; calls on the Commission to simplify the process for the IT tools and make it accessible to all groups, and to test IT tools on a sufficiently large scale before they are rolled out further; notes that Erasmus+ and other EU-funded programmes have encountered similar issues with IT tools;

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Or. en

Amendment 59

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls to reinforce the knowledge of volunteers on the European Union through their initial training, by including a mandatory module on European citizenship education, in order to reinforce the EU added value of the programme;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Calls on the Commission to deepen the solidarity experience by fostering visits of volunteers to sites of memory in the host country, in particular, sites of special significance for the history of the Union, such as concentration and death camps;

Or. en

Amendment 61 Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Urges the Commission to improve the quality and quantity of online linguistic support for participants, to integrate better sorting and filtering tools into the placement administration and support system, to simplify and shorten the application process for the new quality label, to set more frequent re-accreditation deadlines and to reduce the time and administrative burden involved in re-accreditation;

Amendment

11. Urges the Commission to improve the quality and quantity of online linguistic support for participants, **including in regional and minority languages where relevant**, to integrate better sorting and filtering tools into the placement administration and support system, to simplify and shorten the application process for the new quality label, to set more frequent re-accreditation deadlines and to reduce the time and administrative burden involved in re-accreditation;

Or. en

Amendment 62 Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou, Monica Semedo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

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support for participants, ***by making the information available in all EU languages***, to integrate better sorting and filtering tools into the placement administration and support system, to simplify and shorten the application process for the new quality label, to set more frequent re-accreditation deadlines and to reduce the time and administrative burden involved in re-accreditation;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Asks the Commission to make available its data on the implementation of the programme, especially data disaggregated by relevant categories such as age group or gender;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ilana Cicurel, Irena Joveva, Salima Yenbou, Laurence Farreng

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities;

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes, ***notably soft skills***, from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher ***and vocational*** education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits)

or micro-credentials for these activities;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities; ***calls for more cooperation with educational institutions in creating these synergies;***

Or. en

Amendment 66

Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass ***and*** by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities ***and, where possible, record these experiences as digital credentials or micro-credentials;***

Amendment 67
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to facilitate the expansion of mutual recognition of learning outcomes **and professional skills** from volunteering activities by registering them in Europass and by encouraging higher education institutions to award credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS credits) for these activities;

Amendment 68
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to reinforce the recognition of youth work, education of youth workers, and non-formal education, to harmonise youth workers realities across the Union;

Amendment 69
Diana Riba i Giner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to introduce a special visa category for European Solidarity Corps participants from non-Schengen countries, as host organisations cannot assist them in acquiring visas;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to introduce a special visa category for European Solidarity Corps participants from non-Schengen countries ***including young migrants and refugees***, as host organisations cannot assist them in acquiring visas;

Or. en

Amendment 70 **Diana Riba i Giner**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 13 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission and NAs to ensure that participants' lists can be signed by people with irregular status, and that the online registration system accepts other forms of IDs, to make the programme truly inclusive;

Or. en

Amendment 71 **Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 14**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide the European Solidarity Corps with an adequate budget that will be able to accommodate increasing interest in the programme and allow it to address unexpected challenges, such as rising inflation and higher living

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costs;

costs; *and inadequate amount of pocket money for participants who have no sufficient financial means to sustain themselves; calls in this regard to increase the budget of the European Solidarity Corps in the next MFF 2028 - 2034;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide the European Solidarity Corps with an adequate budget that will be able to accommodate increasing interest in the programme and allow it to address unexpected challenges, such as rising inflation and higher living costs;

Amendment

14. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide the European Solidarity Corps with an adequate budget that will be able to accommodate increasing interest in the programme and allow it to address unexpected challenges, such as rising inflation and higher living costs; *considers that the allowance for European Solidarity Corps volunteers should be adjusted to take account of inflation in the country in which the project is taking place;*

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Believes that solidarity should be mainstreamed across EU programmes; praises therefore the synergies achieved with Horizon Europe; calls on the Commission to explore the development of

synergies with the European Social Fund and with union actions on disaster relief; taking into account that young volunteers cannot substitute professional first responders;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Emmanuel Maurel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission and all competent authorities and organisations to take account of the social and economic background of potential volunteers and adjust the extent to which costs are covered accordingly;

Or. fr

Amendment 75
Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Theodoros Zagorakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to address grant funding delays and suggests creating a centralised platform where grant holders can upload contract amendments and avoid delays in the project implementations;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Considering the unfulfilled demand of the ESC, the increasing requests for solidarity after recurrent crises, its symbolic value to promote understanding and cohesion between Europeans, and the cost-effectiveness of actions to foster peace and prevent conflict; calls on the Member States and the Commission to, at a minimum, double the budget of the ESC in the next Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission to address other budgetary issues, such as discrepancies between NAs in handling applications, by establishing specific centralised grants, managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency, for individual volunteering and solidarity projects for European organisations and networks, by recommending a minimum amount to be paid by host organisations to their partner/supporting organisations, by removing or increasing the current funding cap for coordination costs and by securing regular funding for quality label holders for long-term financial planning purposes; believes that these measures will help

15. Calls on the Commission to address other budgetary issues, such as discrepancies between NAs in handling applications, by establishing specific centralised grants, managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency, for individual volunteering and solidarity projects for European organisations and networks, by recommending a minimum amount to be paid by host organisations to their partner/supporting organisations, by removing or increasing the current funding cap for coordination costs, ***indexing to inflation flat rates and lump sums***, and by securing regular funding for quality label holders for long-term financial planning

organisations and national agencies to provide more opportunities and fulfil the programme's potential;

purposes; believes that these measures will help organisations and national agencies to provide more opportunities and fulfil the programme's potential;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Hannes Heide, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Petra Kammerevert, Sylvie Guillaume, Victor Negrescu, Ibán García Del Blanco

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Concludes that in view of the current high demand, showing the relevance of the programme among European youth, as well as the importance of its objectives, that of contributing to social cohesion, fostering understanding among Europeans and preventing conflict through solidarity, also in view of the increasing need for European support after recurrent crises, the ESC has proven its value as a self-standing programme and merits reinforced budget as to live up to its true potential;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Irena Joveva, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng, Salima Yenbou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission to facilitate creating more synergies with other EU programmes, notably Erasmus+, Horizon Europe and European Social Fund;

