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## **DRAFT REPORT**

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))

Committee on Culture and Education

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### ***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

### ***Amendments to a draft act***

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**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))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0262),
  - having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 165(4) and 166(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0162/2017),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to its resolution on the European Solidarity Corps of 6 April 2017, No. 2017/2585(RSP)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the reasoned opinions submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Czech Senate, the Spanish Parliament and the Portuguese Parliament, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
  - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of ....<sup>2</sup>, – having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of...<sup>3</sup>,
  - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Regional Development and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A8-0000/2017),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the

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national parliaments.

## Amendment 1

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Title 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

Proposal for a  
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
laying down the legal framework of the  
European Solidarity **Initiative** 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

Or. en

## Amendment 2

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The State of the Union address of  
14 September 2016<sup>17</sup> 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  
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human experience.

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<sup>17</sup> 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](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3042_en.htm)).

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### Amendment 3

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 3

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) In its Communication “A European Solidarity Corps” of 7 December 2016<sup>18</sup>, 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.

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<sup>18</sup> 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.

###### *Amendment*

(3) In its Communication “A European Solidarity Corps” of 7 December 2016<sup>18</sup>, 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, *regional* and local actors, in their efforts to cope with different challenges and crises. The Communication launched a first phase of *what was then called* the European Solidarity Corps, whereby different Union programmes *were* mobilised to offer volunteering opportunities to young people across the *Union*. *Those* 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 financed them under the first phase of *what was then called* the European Solidarity Corps.

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## Amendment 4

### 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 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***.

*Amendment*

(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, skills and competences for their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development. Those activities would also support the mobility of young volunteers.

Or. en

## Amendment 5

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 5

*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.

*Amendment*

(5) The solidarity activities offered to young people should be of high quality, in the sense that they should ***suitably tackle societal challenges***, contribute to ***the*** strengthening ***of*** communities ***and citizenship, respond to the personal and professional development needs of the participant***, be financially accessible to young people, and be implemented in safe and healthy conditions.

Or. en



## Amendment 6

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

*Amendment*

(6) Consistency and complementarity of ***the Initiative*** should be ensured with other relevant Union policies and programmes. The European Solidarity ***Initiative*** should build on the strengths and synergies of existing programmes, notably the European Voluntary Service. Complementarity between existing related schemes, in particular national solidarity schemes and mobility schemes for young people, and the European Solidarity ***Initiative*** should be ensured, building on good practices where appropriate.

Or. en

## Amendment 7

### 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 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.

*Amendment*

(7) In order to maximise the impact of the European Solidarity **Initiative**, 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 **Initiative** by supporting activities within its scope. This contribution should be financed in accordance with the respective basic acts of the programmes **concerned**. Once they have obtained a valid European Solidarity **Initiative** quality label, the beneficiaries should be given access to the European Solidarity **Initiative** portal and receive the quality and support measures provided according to the type of activity offered.

Or. en

## Amendment 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*

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*deleted*

*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.*

Or. en

## Amendment 9

### 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 sport<sup>20</sup>. With respect to the interpretation of related legislation at Union level, both the cross-border

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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 **and** active citizenship. 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 **Initiative** 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 **Initiative** 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 sport<sup>20</sup>. With respect to the interpretation of related legislation at Union level, both the cross-border volunteering placements under the

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.

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<sup>20</sup> 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.

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<sup>20</sup> 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

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(10) Traineeships and jobs in solidarity-related areas can offer additional opportunities for young people to make a 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 2014<sup>21</sup>. The traineeships and jobs offered should constitute a stepping stone for young***

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*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.*

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

Or. en

## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation

#### 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,

##### *Amendment*

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NGOs or other bodies active in the solidarity, non-profit and youth sectors.

employment or setting up associations, NGOs or other bodies active in the solidarity, non-profit and youth sectors.

Or. en

## Amendment 12

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 12

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) Young people and organisations participating in the European Solidarity **Corps** should feel that they belong to a community of individuals and entities committed to enhancing solidarity across Europe. At the same time, participating organisations need support to strengthen their capacities to offer good quality placements to an increasing number of participants. The European Solidarity **Corps** should support networking activities aimed at strengthening young people and participating organisations' engagement in this community, at fostering a European Solidarity **Corps** spirit, as well as at encouraging the exchange of useful practices and experience. Those activities should also contribute to raising awareness about the European Solidarity **Corps** among public *and private actors* as well as to collect feedback from participants and participating organisations on the implementation of the European Solidarity **Corps**.

##### *Amendment*

(12) Young people and organisations participating in the European Solidarity **Initiative** should feel that they belong to a community of individuals and entities committed to enhancing solidarity across Europe. At the same time, participating organisations need support to strengthen their capacities to offer good quality placements to an increasing number of participants. The European Solidarity **Initiative** should support networking activities aimed at strengthening young people and participating organisations' engagement in this community, at fostering a European Solidarity **Initiative** spirit, as well as at encouraging the exchange of useful practices and experience. Those activities should also contribute to raising awareness about the European Solidarity **Initiative** among *the* public as well as to collect feedback from participants and participating organisations on the implementation of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 13

### 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.

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

## **Amendment 14**

### **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 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 learning<sup>22</sup>.

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

*Amendment*

(14) To ensure the impact of European Solidarity **Initiative** 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 **European guidelines and** national circumstances and specificities, as recommended in the Council Recommendation of 20 December 2012 on the validation of non-formal and informal learning<sup>22</sup>.

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<sup>22</sup> 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 15

### 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**.

*Amendment*

(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 **Initiative** Charter, as regards their rights and responsibilities during all stages of the solidarity experience. ***A list of excluded activities, prohibiting actions that are potentially harmful to volunteers and society, should be drawn up.*** Obtaining a quality label should be a precondition for participation but should not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The EU has recognized the harm caused by institutions and has forbidden ESIF to be used for supporting the existing institutional settings and constructing new ones. In order to have a consistent approach, this list shall therefore include "any activities taking place in residential institutions for children".*

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 16

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) A European Solidarity **Corps** Resource Centre should assist the implementing bodies, the participating organisations and the young people taking part in the European Solidarity **Corps** in order to raise the quality of the implementation and of the activities of the European Solidarity **Corps** as well as to

*Amendment*

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enhance the identification and validation of competences acquired through these activities.

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Or. en

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation

#### 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.

*Amendment*

(17) A European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal should continuously be developed in order to **contribute to ensuring** easy access to the European Solidarity **Initiative** and to provide **an interactive** 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, **and direct feedback and evaluation mechanisms** as well as other useful functionalities, which may arise in the future.

Or. en

## Amendment 18

### 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***

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***deleted***

*solidarity projects on the one hand and traineeship and job placements on the other hand.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 19**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 20**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) In order to maximise the impact of the European Solidarity **Corps**, provisions should be made to allow participating countries to make additional national funding available in accordance with the rules of the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

(20) In order to maximise the impact of the European Solidarity **Initiative**, provisions should be made to allow participating countries to make additional national funding available in accordance with the rules of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## **Amendment 20**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 22**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(22) In addition to the Member States, the European Solidarity **Corps** should also be open to the participation of other countries on the basis of bilateral agreements. This participation should be based, where relevant, on additional appropriations to be made available in accordance with the procedures to be agreed with the concerned countries.

*Amendment*

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Or. en

## Amendment 21

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 23

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) The European Solidarity **Corps** should target young people aged 18-30. Participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity **Corps** should **require** prior registration in the European Solidarity **Corps** Portal.

*Amendment*

(23) The European Solidarity **Initiative** should target young people aged 18-30. Participation in the activities offered by the European Solidarity **Initiative** should **be managed either through** prior registration in the European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal **or by an official application or recruitment process managed by the participating organisation**.

Or. en

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 24

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) Special attention should be paid to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity **Corps** are accessible to all young people, notably the **most disadvantaged ones**. Special measures should therefore be put in place to promote social inclusion, the participation of **disadvantaged** young people, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and Territories<sup>24</sup>. Similarly, the participating countries should endeavour to adopt all appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the European Solidarity **Corps**. This includes resolving, where possible, and without prejudice to the Schengen acquis and Union law on the

*Amendment*

(24) Special attention should be paid to ensuring that the activities supported by the European Solidarity **Initiative** are accessible to all young people, notably the **young people with fewer opportunities**. Special measures should therefore be put in place to promote social inclusion, the participation of disadvantaged young people **with fewer opportunities**, as well as to take into account the constraints imposed by the remoteness of the outermost regions of the Union and the Overseas Countries and Territories<sup>24</sup>. Similarly, the participating countries should endeavour to adopt all appropriate measures to remove legal and administrative obstacles to the proper functioning of the European Solidarity **Initiative**. This includes resolving, where

entry and residence of third-country nationals, administrative issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence permits.

possible, and without prejudice to the Schengen acquis and Union law on the entry and residence of third-country nationals, administrative issues that create difficulties in obtaining visas and residence permits.

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<sup>24</sup> Individuals from an overseas country or territory (OCT) and competent public and /or private bodies and institutions from an OCT may participate in the programmes in accordance with Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community, OJ L314, 30.11.2001, p.1.

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<sup>24</sup> Individuals from an overseas country or territory (OCT) and competent public and /or private bodies and institutions from an OCT may participate in the programmes in accordance with Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community, OJ L314, 30.11.2001, p.1.

Or. en

## Amendment 23

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity **Corps**, whether funded by the European Solidarity **Corps** budget, by another Union programme or by a different funding source, should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing structures of the European Solidarity **Corps**. The attributed quality label should be reassessed periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its attribution were found to be no longer fulfilled.

#### *Amendment*

(25) Any entity willing to participate in the European Solidarity **Initiative**, whether funded by the European Solidarity **Initiative** budget, by another Union programme or by a different funding source, should receive a quality label provided that the appropriate conditions are fulfilled **and that the activity concerned does not fall under the list of excluded activities**. The process that leads to the attribution of a quality label should be carried out on a continuous basis by the implementing structures of the European Solidarity **Initiative**. The attributed quality label should be reassessed periodically and could be revoked if, in the context of the checks to be performed, the conditions that led to its attribution were found to be no longer fulfilled.

**Amendment 24****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.

*Amendment*

(26) *An intermediary organisation* willing to apply for funding to offer placements under the European Solidarity *Initiative* 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 *Initiative* participants for their solidarity projects.

Or. en

**Amendment 25****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.

*Amendment*

(28) Appropriate outreach, publicity and dissemination of the opportunities and results of the actions supported by the European Solidarity *Initiative* 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 *Initiative*, including the support of other key stakeholders.

Or. en

## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 30

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(30) In order to ensure efficient and effective implementation of this Regulation, the European Solidarity **Corps** should make maximum use of existing management arrangements already in place. The implementation of the European Solidarity **Corps** should therefore be entrusted to existing structures, i.e. the Commission, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency and the National Agencies designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

#### *Amendment*

(30) In order to ensure efficient and effective implementation of this Regulation, the European Solidarity **Initiative** should make maximum use of existing management arrangements already in place. The implementation of the European Solidarity **Initiative** should therefore be entrusted to existing structures, i.e. the Commission, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency and the National Agencies designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

Or. en

## Amendment 27

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 31

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) In order to ensure financially sound implementation and close monitoring of the European Solidarity **Corps** at national level, it is important to use the existing National Authorities designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

#### *Amendment*

(31) In order to ensure financially sound implementation and close monitoring of the European Solidarity **Initiative** at national level, it is important to use the existing National Authorities designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

Or. en

## Amendment 28

### 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 Union<sup>26</sup>, 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 implementing acts in accordance with the examination procedure.

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<sup>26</sup> 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.

*Amendment*

(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 Union<sup>26</sup>, 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 **Initiative**, 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 implementing acts in accordance with the examination procedure.

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Or. en

## Amendment 29

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 36

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(36) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to establish a European Solidarity **Corps**, cannot be sufficiently

*Amendment*

(36) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to establish a European Solidarity **Initiative**, cannot be sufficiently

achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of its scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of its scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

Or. en

### **Amendment 30**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 37**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(37) For reasons of efficiency and effectiveness, the committee established under Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should also assist the Commission in the implementation of this Regulation. With respect to the European Solidarity *Corps*, that committee should convene in a specific configuration and its mandate should be aligned in order to fulfil this new role. It should be for the participating countries to appoint the relevant representatives for those meetings, taking into account the volunteering and occupational dimensions of the European Solidarity *Corps*.

###### *Amendment*

(37) For reasons of efficiency and effectiveness, the committee established under Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should also assist the Commission in the implementation of this Regulation. With respect to the European Solidarity *Initiative*, that committee should convene in a specific configuration and its mandate should be aligned in order to fulfil this new role. It should be for the participating countries to appoint the relevant representatives for those meetings, taking into account the volunteering and occupational dimensions of the European Solidarity *Initiative*.

Or. en

### **Amendment 31**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 38**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

(38) Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should be amended in order to take into account the changes to the European Voluntary Service resulting from the new volunteering activities supported in the framework of the European Solidarity *Corps*.

*Amendment*

(38) Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 should be amended in order to take into account the changes to the European Voluntary Service resulting from the new volunteering activities supported in the framework of the European Solidarity *Initiative*.

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 39**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(39) The financial envelope of the European Solidarity *Corps* under Heading 1a of the Multiannual Financial Framework also builds on funds redeployed from the Erasmus+ programme. These funds should mainly come from appropriations aimed at financing European Voluntary Service activities that would fall under the scope of the volunteering placements supported under this Regulation. In addition, some appropriations of the Student Loan Guarantee Facility, which are unlikely to be absorbed under Erasmus+, should be redeployed with a view to providing adequate co-financing to the operating costs of national agencies and be brought more in line with the absorption capacity of this action.

*Amendment*

(39) The financial envelope of the European Solidarity *Initiative* under Heading 1a of the Multiannual Financial Framework also builds on funds redeployed from the Erasmus+ programme. These funds should mainly come from appropriations aimed at financing European Voluntary Service activities that would fall under the scope of the volunteering placements supported under this Regulation. In addition, some appropriations of the Student Loan Guarantee Facility, which are unlikely to be absorbed under Erasmus+, should be redeployed with a view to providing adequate co-financing to the operating costs of national agencies and be brought more in line with the absorption capacity of this action.

Or. en

## Amendment 33

### 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 1293/2013<sup>27</sup>, (EU) No 1303/2013<sup>28</sup>, (EU) No 1305/2013<sup>29</sup>, (EU) No 1306/2013<sup>30</sup> as well as of Decision No 1313/2013/EU<sup>31</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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<sup>27</sup> 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).

<sup>28</sup> 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

*Amendment*

(40) The financial envelope of the European Solidarity **Initiative** 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 1293/2013<sup>27</sup>, (EU) No 1303/2013<sup>28</sup>, (EU) No 1305/2013<sup>29</sup>, (EU) No 1306/2013<sup>30</sup> as well as of Decision No 1313/2013/EU<sup>31</sup> 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 already provided in existing programmes. 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 using unallocated margins.***

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<sup>27</sup> 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).

<sup>28</sup> 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).

<sup>29</sup> 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).

<sup>30</sup> 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).

<sup>31</sup> 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).

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).

<sup>29</sup> 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).

<sup>30</sup> 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).

<sup>31</sup> 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 34

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 41

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(41) This Regulation should apply from 1 **January** 2018. In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

##### *Amendment*

(41) This Regulation should apply from 1 **March** 2018. In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

**Amendment 35****Proposal for a regulation  
Article 1 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation lays down the legal framework for the European Solidarity **Corps**, which shall offer young people opportunities to engage in solidarity activities.

*Amendment*

This Regulation lays down the legal framework for the European Solidarity **Initiative**, which shall offer young people opportunities to engage in solidarity activities.

Or. en

**Amendment 36****Proposal for a regulation  
Article 2 –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 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,

*Amendment*

(1) “solidarity activity” means an activity aimed at **tackling significant** societal **challenges** 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 areas, such as education and training, gender equality, citizenship and democratic participation, **youth work**, 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;

territorial cooperation and cohesion;

Or. en

### Amendment 37

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 –point 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) “participant” means a young person who ***has registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal and*** takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity ***Corps*** offered by a participating organisation;

*Amendment*

(2) “participant” means a young person who takes part in a solidarity activity under the European Solidarity ***Initiative*** offered by a participating organisation ***or developed by a group of young people registered in the European Solidarity Initiative Portal;***

Or. en

### Amendment 38

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 –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 ***person with fewer opportunities***" means ***an individual aged 17 to 30*** who ***needs*** additional support because ***he or she is at a disadvantage compared to his or her peers since he or she faces one or more exclusion factors or obstacles such as*** disability, ***health problems, educational problems***, cultural differences, ***gender or sexual identity or economic***, social ***or*** geographical obstacles;

Or. en

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 –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, **or NGO or actor from civil society**, that has been attributed the European Solidarity **Initiative** quality label, which offers a placement to a participant in the European Solidarity **Initiative** or implements other activities in the framework of the European Solidarity **Initiative**;

Or. en

## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 –point 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(4a) "intermediary organisation" means a not-for-profit entity that plays a fundamental role in encouraging, promoting and facilitating accessibility to and partnerships in the volunteering sector such as trade unions, youth organisations, NGOs or other actors from civil society;**

Or. en

## Amendment 41

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 –point 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(5) “solidarity placement” means a volunteering activity, **traineeship or job** in

(5) “solidarity placement” means a volunteering activity in a solidarity-related

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);

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 of the European Solidarity *Initiative* 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);

Or. en

## Amendment 42

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 6

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) “volunteering” means *a full-time*<sup>32</sup> 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;

#### *Amendment*

(6) “volunteering” means *an* unpaid voluntary *placement undertaken* for a period of up to twelve months, *either on a full-time basis or on a flexible basis of at least 10 hours per week*, which provides a young *person* with the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of *not-for-profit* 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 to gain skills and competences, which will be useful for *his or her* personal, educational, social and professional development, and which will also contribute to improving *his or her* employability;

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<sup>32</sup> *As a general principle, an activity carried out continuously, 5 days a week for 7 hours a day.*

Or. en

## Amendment 43

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(7) **“volunteering teams’ placements”** **deleted**  
*means placements allowing teams of European Solidarity Corps participants from different participating countries to volunteer together for a common objective, by carrying out manual or intellectual tasks, on a worthwhile community service project for a period between two weeks and two months;*

Or. en

## Amendment 44

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 8

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(8) **“traineeship”** **deleted**  
*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;*

Or. en

## Amendment 45

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 9

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(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;*

*deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(10) “solidarity project” means a local initiative for a period from two to twelve months, which is set up and carried out by groups of at least five European Solidarity **Corps** participants, with a view to addressing key challenges within *their* local community while linking them to a broader European perspective;

(10) “solidarity project” means a local **volunteering** initiative for a period from two to twelve months, which is set up and carried out by groups of at least five European Solidarity **Initiative** participants, with a view to addressing key challenges within **a** local community while linking them to a broader European perspective. ***The organisation of a guidance as well as a pre-support and post-support structure by an intermediary organisation or the local authorities is mandatory for a solidarity action to take place in order to ensure the sustainability of the project;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –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 *entity, an NGO or actor from civil society* or an international organisation willing to provide placements under the European Solidarity *Initiative* following a procedure aimed at ensuring compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity *Initiative* Charter;

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 –point 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) “European Solidarity *Corps* Charter” means the document that sets out the respective rights and responsibilities *that* all the entities willing to join the European Solidarity *Corps* must agree to adhere *to*;

*Amendment*

(12) “European Solidarity *Initiative* Charter” means the document that sets out the respective rights and responsibilities *to which* all the entities willing to join the European Solidarity *Initiative* must agree to adhere;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 –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

*Amendment*

(13) “European Solidarity *Initiative* Resource *Centre*” means the additional functions performed by a designated national agency to support the development and implementation of activities under the European Solidarity *Initiative* as well as the identification of the competences

by the participants through their placements and projects;

acquired by the participants through their placements and projects. ***The respective National Agencies should be involved in the elaboration process of the European Solidarity Initiative Resource Centre;***

Or. en

## Amendment 50

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 –point 14

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) "European Solidarity **Corps** Portal" means a web-based tool that provides **relevant** online services to the European Solidarity **Corps** participants and participating organisations, including providing information about the European Solidarity **Corps**, registering participants, searching for participants for placements, advertising and searching for placements, searching for potential project partners, managing contacts and offers for placements and projects, training, communication and networking activities, informing and notifying about opportunities, as well as other relevant developments related to the European Solidarity **Corps**.

#### *Amendment*

(14) "European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal" means a web-based tool that provides **additional** online services to the European Solidarity **Initiative** participants and participating organisations, including providing information about the European Solidarity **Initiative**, registering participants, searching for participants for placements, advertising and searching for placements, searching for potential project partners, managing contacts and offers for placements and projects, training, communication and networking activities, informing and notifying about opportunities, **providing a feedback mechanism regarding the quality of placements** as well as other relevant developments related to the European Solidarity **Initiative**. ***The Online Platform shall benefit from prior Erasmus+ (EVS) experiences and knowledge and include them in the registration process of participants and organisations;***

Or. en

## Amendment 51

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*

The objective of the European Solidarity **Initiative** is to **promote solidarity in Europe and beyond by enhancing** the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion and **citizenship** in Europe **as well as existing actions and structures of organisations in this regard**, supporting communities and responding to societal challenges.

Or. en

**Amendment 52**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The European Solidarity **Corps** shall pursue the following specific objectives:

*Amendment*

The European Solidarity **Initiative** shall pursue the following specific objectives:

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(-a) ensuring that the solidarity activities offered to participants contribute to tackling significant societal challenges and strengthening communities and are of high quality and properly validated;**

Or. en

## Amendment 54

### 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***;

*Amendment*

(a) ***providing*** 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, including by supporting the mobility of young volunteers;

Or. en

## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(aa) ***increasing the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in the Initiative by creating adapted formats and promoting special guidance and support measures***;

Or. en

## Amendment 56

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) ***to ensure that the solidarity activities that are offered to the European Solidarity Corps participants contribute to***

***deleted***

*addressing concrete, unmet societal needs and strengthening communities, are of high quality and properly validated.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 57**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The actions of the European Solidarity **Corps** shall be consistent with and complementary to the relevant policies and programmes relating to the areas mentioned in Article 2(1) as well as existing Union level networks pertinent to the activities of the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

1. The actions of the European Solidarity **Initiative** shall be consistent with and complementary to the relevant policies and programmes relating to the areas mentioned in Article 2(1) as well as existing Union level networks pertinent to the activities of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## **Amendment 58**

### **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.

*Amendment*

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 **Initiative** on the other hand. Those actions shall build on relevant good practices and existing programmes.

Or. en

## Amendment 59

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Other Union programmes may also contribute to the objectives of the European Solidarity **Corps** by supporting activities within its scope. This contribution shall be financed in accordance with their respective basic acts.

*Amendment*

3. Other Union programmes may also contribute to the objectives of the European Solidarity **Initiative** by supporting activities within its scope. This contribution shall be financed in accordance with their respective basic acts.

Or. en

## Amendment 60

### Proposal for a regulation Chapter 2 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

ACTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY **CORPS**

*Amendment*

ACTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY **INITIATIVE**

Or. en

## Amendment 61

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Actions of the European Solidarity **Corps**

*Amendment*

Actions of the European Solidarity  
**Initiative**

Or. en

## Amendment 62

### 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:

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

## Amendment 63

### 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, including individual cross-border and in-country placements;

Or. en

## Amendment 64

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) solidarity projects at the initiative of European Solidarity **Corps** participants;

*Amendment*

(b) solidarity projects at the initiative of European Solidarity **Initiative** participants;

Or. en



## Amendment 65

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) networking activities for individuals and organisations participating in the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

(c) networking activities for individuals and organisations participating in the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 66

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ca) the drawing up of a list of excluded activities in order to ensure that no actions that would cause harm to the participants or society are undertaken.**

Or. en

## Amendment 67

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. The cross-border volunteering placements referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 shall be considered equivalent to those carried out under the European Voluntary Service and references to the European Voluntary Service in the Union legislation shall be read as also referring to the European Solidarity **Corps** as regards those placements.

2. The cross-border volunteering placements referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 shall be considered equivalent to those carried out under the European Voluntary Service and references to the European Voluntary Service in the Union legislation shall be read as also referring to the European Solidarity **Initiative** as regards those placements.

Or. en

## Amendment 68

### 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 of solidarity placements, including training ***for preparation before and guidance during the solidarity placement***, 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;

Or. en

## Amendment 69

### Proposal for a regulation

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(aa) activities and measures performed by civil society organisations and entities that support young people in accessing or developing solidarity placements and projects;***

Or. en

## Amendment 70

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) the development and maintenance

(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;

of a quality label for entities willing to provide placements for the European Solidarity **Initiative** in order to ensure compliance with the principles and requirements of the European Solidarity **Initiative** Charter;

Or. en

## **Amendment 71**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point c**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) the activities of a European Solidarity **Corps** Resource Centre to support and raise the quality of the implementation of the actions of the European Solidarity **Corps** and enhance the validation of their outcomes;

##### *Amendment*

(c) the activities of a European Solidarity **Initiative** Resource Centre to support and raise the quality of the implementation of the actions of the European Solidarity **Initiative** and enhance the validation of their outcomes;

Or. en

## **Amendment 72**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point d**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) the establishment, maintenance and updating of the European Solidarity **Corps** Portal and other relevant online services as well as the necessary IT support systems and web-based tools.

##### *Amendment*

(d) the establishment, maintenance and updating of the European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal and other relevant online services as well as the necessary IT support systems and web-based tools.

Or. en

## Amendment 73

### Proposal for a regulation

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(da) the involvement of intermediary organisations and local authorities in support, guidance, monitoring and quality control measures as well as in the role of access point;*

Or. en

## Amendment 74

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. The overall budget available for the implementation of the European Solidarity *Corps* is set at EUR 341 500 000 in current prices, for the period from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2020.

1. The overall budget available for the implementation of the European Solidarity *Initiative* is set at EUR 341 500 000 in current prices, for the period from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2020.

Or. en

## Amendment 75

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 9 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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.*

*deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 76

### Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The financial allocation may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the European Solidarity **Corps** and the achievement of its objectives, in particular, studies, meetings of experts and information and communication actions, expenses linked to the establishment, maintenance and updating of the European Solidarity **Corps** Portal and the necessary IT support systems, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

4. The financial allocation may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the European Solidarity **Initiative** and the achievement of its objectives, in particular, studies, meetings of experts and information and communication actions, expenses linked to the establishment, maintenance and updating of the European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal and the necessary IT support systems, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 77

### 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.

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

## Amendment 78

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 10 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. European Solidarity **Corps** funding may be provided in one or more of the forms laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, in particular grants, procurement and prizes.

*Amendment*

1. European Solidarity **Initiative** funding may be provided in one or more of the forms laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, in particular grants, procurement and prizes.

Or. en

## Amendment 79

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 10 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission may implement the European Solidarity **Corps** indirectly in accordance with Article 58(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission may implement the European Solidarity **Initiative** indirectly in accordance with Article 58(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Or. en

## Amendment 80

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Chapter 4 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY **CORPS**

*Amendment*

PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY **INITIATIVE**

Or. en

## Amendment 81

### Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The Member States shall participate in the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

1. The Member States shall participate in the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 82

### Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The European Solidarity **Corps** shall be open for the participation of other countries on the basis of bilateral agreements. Cooperation shall be based, where relevant, on additional appropriations to be made available in accordance with the procedures to be agreed with those countries.

*Amendment*

2. The European Solidarity **Initiative** shall be open for the participation of other countries on the basis of bilateral agreements. Cooperation shall be based, where relevant, on additional appropriations to be made available in accordance with the procedures to be agreed with those countries. ***The integration of all current European Voluntary Service partner countries into the European Solidarity Initiative should be guaranteed until 2020.***

Or. en

## Amendment 83

### 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

*Amendment*

1. Young people aged **18** to 30 years ***shall be able to participate in the European Solidarity Initiative. Young people of 17 years of age*** willing to participate in the European Solidarity

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

*Initiative may* register in the European Solidarity *Initiative* Portal *or apply for a solidarity placement offered by an organisation holding the quality label.* 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.

Or. en

## Amendment 84

### Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. When implementing this Regulation, the Commission and the participating countries shall ensure that particular efforts are made to promote social inclusion, in particular for the participation of *disadvantaged* young people.

*Amendment*

2. When implementing this Regulation, the Commission and the participating countries shall ensure that particular efforts are made to promote social inclusion, in particular for the participation of young people *with fewer opportunities. Those efforts shall include adjusted support systems and guidance, special contact persons and individual formats and short-term placements, the additional costs for which for participating organisations shall be covered.*

Or. en

## Amendment 85

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The European Solidarity *Corps* shall be open to the participation of public *or private* entities, or international organisations, provided that they have

*Amendment*

1. The European Solidarity *Initiative* shall be open to the participation of public entities, *NGOs* or international organisations, provided that they have



received a **European Solidarity Corps** quality label.

received a quality label **and that the activity they offer does not fall under the list of excluded activities.**

Or. en

## Amendment 86

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

*Amendment*

2. An application from an eligible entity to become a European Solidarity **Initiative** participating organisation shall be assessed by the competent implementing body of the European Solidarity **Initiative** in order to ascertain that its activities adhere to the requirements of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 87

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the **European Solidarity Corps** quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically and may be revoked.

*Amendment*

3. As a result of the assessment the entity may be attributed the quality label. The obtained label shall be re-assessed periodically and may be revoked.

Or. en

## Amendment 88

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Any entity which has received the **European Solidarity Corps** quality label shall be given access to the European Solidarity **Corps** Portal and shall be allowed to make offers for solidarity activities to registered individuals.

*Amendment*

4. Any entity which has received the quality label shall be given access to the European Solidarity **Initiative** Portal and shall be allowed to make offers for solidarity activities to registered individuals.

Or. en

**Amendment 89**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. The **European Solidarity Corps** quality label shall not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

5. The quality label shall not automatically lead to funding under the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

**Amendment 90**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The solidarity activities and related quality and support measures offered by a participating organisation may receive funding under the European Solidarity **Corps** or under another Union programme autonomously contributing to the objectives of the European Solidarity **Corps** or from other funding sources which do not depend on the Union budget.

*Amendment*

6. The solidarity activities and related quality and support measures offered by a participating organisation may receive funding under the European Solidarity **Initiative** or under another Union programme autonomously contributing to the objectives of the European Solidarity **Initiative** or from other funding sources which do not depend on the Union budget.

Or. en

## Amendment 91

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 6 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**6a.** *At all stages of the application and accreditation processes, the administrative burden shall be kept as low as possible in order to avoid frustration, additional costs or a lack of incentive on the part of the participating organisation in offering placements.*

Or. en

## Amendment 92

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 14 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Access to the European Solidarity **Corps** funding

Access to the European Solidarity **Initiative** funding

Or. en

## Amendment 93

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 14 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Any public or **private** entity established in a participating country as well as international organisations carrying out solidarity activities in the participating countries may apply for funding under the European Solidarity **Corps**. In the case of the activities referred to in point (a) of Article 7(1), a quality label shall be

Any public or **intermediary organisation** established in a participating country as well as international organisations carrying out solidarity activities in the participating countries may apply for funding under the European Solidarity **Initiative**. In the case of the activities referred to in point (a) of Article

obtained by the participating organisation as a pre-condition for receiving funding under the European Solidarity **Corps**. In the case of the solidarity projects referred to in point (b) of Article 7(1), natural persons may also apply for funding on behalf of informal groups of European Solidarity **Corps** participants.

7(1), a quality label shall be obtained by the participating organisation as a pre-condition for receiving funding under the European Solidarity **Initiative**. In the case of the solidarity projects referred to in point (b) of Article 7(1), natural persons may also apply for funding on behalf of informal groups of European Solidarity **Initiative** participants.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 94**

##### **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.

*Amendment*

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the participating countries, shall regularly monitor the performance of the European Solidarity **Initiative** towards achieving its objectives *and the quality of the placement*.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 95**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(b) number of participants in traineeship placements (in-country and cross-border);*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 96

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) *number of participants in job placements (in-country and cross-border);* *deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 97

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) number of organisations holding a *European Solidarity Corps* quality label.

(e) number of organisations holding a quality label.

Or. en

## Amendment 98

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. The quality of the placements shall be evaluated by using common monitoring standards in all participating countries so that a common level of implementation quality can be achieved. The experience and knowledge of intermediary organisation shall support in developing a set of quality standards.***

Or. en

## Amendment 99

### 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**.

*Amendment*

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the participating countries, **local actors such as local authorities and intermediary organisations**, shall ensure the dissemination of information, publicity and follow-up with regard to all actions supported in the framework of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

## Amendment 100

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 16 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The national agencies referred to in Article 20 shall develop a consistent policy with regard to effective outreach as well as dissemination and exploitation of results of activities supported under the actions they manage, shall assist the Commission in the general task of disseminating information concerning the European Solidarity **Corps**, including information in respect of actions managed at national and Union level, and their results, and shall inform relevant target groups about the initiatives undertaken in their country.

*Amendment*

2. The national agencies referred to in Article 20 shall develop a consistent policy with regard to effective outreach as well as dissemination and exploitation of results of activities supported under the actions they manage, shall assist the Commission in the general task of disseminating information concerning the European Solidarity **Initiative**, including information in respect of actions managed at national and Union level, and their results, and shall inform relevant target groups about the initiatives undertaken in their country.

Or. en

## Amendment 101

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 18 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In each country participating in the European Solidarity **Corps**, the national authorities designated for the management of actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 shall also act as national authorities in the framework of the European Solidarity **Corps**. Paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Article 27 of that Regulation shall apply to the European Solidarity **Corps** by analogy. For countries referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11 of this Regulation, where a national authority is not identified for that country, it shall be designated in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 6 and 8 to 15 of Article 27 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

*Amendment*

In each country participating in the European Solidarity **Initiative**, the national authorities designated for the management of actions referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 shall also act as national authorities in the framework of the European Solidarity **Initiative**. Paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Article 27 of that Regulation shall apply to the European Solidarity **Initiative** by analogy. For countries referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11 of this Regulation, where a national authority is not identified for that country, it shall be designated in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 6 and 8 to 15 of Article 27 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013.

Or. en

**Amendment 102**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 20 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In each country participating in the European Solidarity **Corps**, the national agencies designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 in their respective countries shall also act as national agencies in the framework of the European Solidarity **Corps**.

*Amendment*

In each country participating in the European Solidarity **Initiative**, the national agencies designated for the management of the actions referred to in Chapter III of the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 in their respective countries shall also act as national agencies in the framework of the European Solidarity **Initiative**.

Or. en

**Amendment 103**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 20 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Article 28 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 shall apply to the European Solidarity **Corps** by analogy.

*Amendment*

Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Article 28 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 shall apply to the European Solidarity **Initiative** by analogy.

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 20 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Without prejudice to Article 28(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, the national agency shall also be responsible for managing all stages of the project lifecycle of those actions of the European Solidarity **Corps** listed in the implementing acts referred to in Article 24, in accordance with point (c)(v) and (vi) of Article 58(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and with Article 44 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>34</sup>.

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<sup>34</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of 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 Union, OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

*Amendment*

2. Without prejudice to Article 28(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, the national agency shall also be responsible for managing all stages of the project lifecycle of those actions of the European Solidarity **Initiative** listed in the implementing acts referred to in Article 24, in accordance with point (c)(v) and (vi) of Article 58(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and with Article 44 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>34</sup>.

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<sup>34</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of 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 Union, OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

Or. en



## Amendment 105

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 21 – paragraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) funds for grant support in the participating country concerned for the actions of the European Solidarity **Corps** the management of which is entrusted to the national agency;

*Amendment*

(a) funds for grant support in the participating country concerned for the actions of the European Solidarity **Initiative** the management of which is entrusted to the national agency;

Or. en

## Amendment 106

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 21 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall lay down the requirements for the national agency work programme. The Commission shall not make European Solidarity **Corps** funds available to the national agency before having formally approved the national agency's work programme.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall lay down the requirements for the national agency work programme. The Commission shall not make European Solidarity **Initiative** funds available to the national agency before having formally approved the national agency's work programme.

Or. en

## Amendment 107

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 21 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. On the basis of the compliance requirements for national agencies referred to in Article 27(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, the Commission shall review the national management and control systems, the national agency's management declaration and the opinion of the

*Amendment*

4. On the basis of the compliance requirements for national agencies referred to in Article 27(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, the Commission shall review the national management and control systems, the national agency's management declaration and the opinion of the

independent audit body thereon, taking due account of the information provided by the national authority on its monitoring and supervision activities with regard to the European Solidarity *Corps*.

independent audit body thereon, taking due account of the information provided by the national authority on its monitoring and supervision activities with regard to the European Solidarity *Initiative*.

Or. en

## **Amendment 108**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 7**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

7. The Commission shall organise regular meetings with the network of national agencies in order to ensure coherent implementation of the European Solidarity *Corps* across all participating countries.

#### *Amendment*

7. The Commission shall organise regular meetings with the network of national agencies in order to ensure coherent implementation of the European Solidarity *Initiative* across all participating countries.

Or. en

## **Amendment 109**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 2**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be responsible for the supervisory controls with regard to the European Solidarity *Corps* actions managed by the national agencies. It shall set the minimum requirements for the controls by the national agency and the independent audit body.

#### *Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be responsible for the supervisory controls with regard to the European Solidarity *Initiative* actions managed by the national agencies. It shall set the minimum requirements for the controls by the national agency and the independent audit body.

Or. en

## **Amendment 110**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 22 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. National agencies shall be responsible for the primary controls of grant beneficiaries for the actions of the European Solidarity **Corps** which are entrusted to them. Those controls shall give reasonable assurance that the grants awarded are used as intended and in compliance with the applicable Union rules.

*Amendment*

3. National agencies shall be responsible for the primary controls of grant beneficiaries for the actions of the European Solidarity **Initiative** which are entrusted to them. Those controls shall give reasonable assurance that the grants awarded are used as intended and in compliance with the applicable Union rules.

Or. en

## **Amendment 111**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 24 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Implementation of the European Solidarity **Corps**

*Amendment*

Implementation of the European Solidarity **Initiative**

Or. en

## **Amendment 112**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 27**

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013

#### **Article 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. A maximum of EUR 3 000 000 in current prices from the sub-programme for Environment corresponding to the priority area Environment Governance and Information and of EUR 1 500 000 in current prices from the sub-programme for

*Amendment*

3. A maximum of EUR 3 000 000 in current prices from the sub-programme for Environment corresponding to the priority area Environment Governance and Information and of EUR 1 500 000 in current prices from the sub-programme for

Climate Action corresponding to the priority area Climate Governance and Information shall be allocated to finance projects within the meaning of Article 17(4) implemented by the European Solidarity **Corps** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the priority areas within the meaning of Articles 9 and 13. This allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

Climate Action corresponding to the priority area Climate Governance and Information shall be allocated to finance projects within the meaning of Article 17(4) implemented by the European Solidarity **Initiative** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the priority areas within the meaning of Articles 9 and 13. This allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

Or. en

### **Amendment 113**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 58 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 – point m (new )

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(*m*) actions financed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX on the European Solidarity **Corps** in order to enhance the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of young people, as well as their employability and facilitating transition into the labour market.

#### *Amendment*

(*m*) actions financed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX on the European Solidarity **Initiative** in order to enhance the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of young people, as well as their employability and facilitating transition into the labour market.

Or. en

### **Amendment 114**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 91 – paragraph 3 a, subparagraph 1a(new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

EUR 35 000 000 in current prices of the amount allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission shall be allocated to the European Solidarity **Corps** to support its actions, in accordance with point (a) of article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Fund-specific Regulations.

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 115**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 29**

Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013

Article 51 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

*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.

*Amendment*

The EAFRD may also finance actions implemented by the European Solidarity **Initiative** 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.

Or. en

**Amendment 116**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 30**

Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013  
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(j) actions implemented by the European Solidarity **Corps** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities in the area of agriculture and rural development and notably the actions referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 51(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Fund-specific Regulations.

*Amendment*

(j) actions implemented by the European Solidarity **Initiative** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities in the area of agriculture and rural development and notably the actions referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 51(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Fund-specific Regulations.

Or. en

## **Amendment 117**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 31 – paragraph 1**

Decision No 1313/2013/EU

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

EUR 6 000 000 in current prices from the financial envelope derived from Heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" shall be allocated to finance actions implemented by the European Solidarity **Corps** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities in the area of civil protection. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

*Amendment*

EUR 6 000 000 in current prices from the financial envelope derived from Heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" shall be allocated to finance actions implemented by the European Solidarity **Initiative** in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, which contribute to one or more of the Union priorities in the area of civil protection. The allocation shall be implemented solely in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2017/XXX, to the exclusion of the specific requirements of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

Or. en

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) is a valuable Commission initiative aimed at boosting solidarity in Europe. There is a greater need than ever for this: continuing youth unemployment, currency crises and increasing Euroscepticism mean that more commitment and solidarity are required at European level. In order to address these challenges in a long-term way and promote solidarity as early as possible, the ESC is focusing on the future of Europe: young people. The Commission's proposed programme comprises an extended European Volunteer Service and an employment strand covering jobs and practical training for the solidarity sector.

As rapporteur I am in favour of removing the employment part from the programme, which will ensure the success of the ESC, avoid a deterioration in quality of the posts and reinforce the value of the volunteer service as a whole. Since the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) has exclusive responsibility for amending the paragraphs concerning the employment strand, I look forward to constructive cooperation on this with EMPL members.

The Commission proposal is often unclear about the risks, in terms of defining the objectives and delineating between the two strands, for both individual participants and the quality of the programme as a whole.

I have decided to highlight the concept of solidarity in the programme. The ESC should not be a programme which primarily promotes employment, and it certainly should not be a response to youth unemployment. These issues are addressed by existing initiatives such as the *Youth Guarantee* and the *Youth Employment Initiative*, which were set up precisely with this in mind. These initiatives need to be expanded, and not devalued by the introduction of a new programme.

In addition, the broader question arises of whether working in a profit-oriented company is compatible with the concept of solidarity. The wording of the Commission proposal regarding quality control and follow-up is kept very vague, and this results in dangerous gaps in the area of employment, which will have a negative impact on those taking part. The EU does not need another programme in which young people replace cheap labour or even compensate for a shortage of skilled workers (this exists in the social sector in many Member States).

My report focuses on promoting solidarity among young people as successfully as possible. To this end, the inclusion of disadvantaged young people must be a primary aim. The way to reach this target group is not by way of online portals but through direct contact with individuals. This requires the active involvement of the actors and organisations which organise the volunteer services. The target group can be reached only by building relationships on a personal level. For this reason I call for the targeted promotion of follow-up structures and flexibly-aligned operational bodies which will enable disadvantaged young people to experience volunteer activities. In this context I also support making volunteer services more flexible so that alternative ways of life will be compatible with the ESC and new target groups for the programme can be reached.

Finally, removing the employment strand will lend more clarity to implementation. Since youth policy follows a different logic to employment policy, there must be no intertwining of national implementation structures on this issue. National agencies working in the youth sector are currently not designed to resolve employment policy matters.

A further danger with integrating employment and volunteer activities in one programme is

the resultant devaluing of volunteer work. A committed young person will in all probability choose an offer of paid work over an offer of unpaid work. Volunteer activities would automatically be seen as second-class activities, even though they are at the core of the solidarity sector. The quality label of the European Volunteer Service must under no circumstances be put in jeopardy.

Removing the employment strand will make space for an extended and more far-reaching EU-level volunteer programme which can promote solidarity in Europe through a stronger focus on inclusion. If this goal is to be achieved in the long term, more funding must be made available in the next multiannual financial framework. Only with appropriate new funding can this programme break free of its predecessor and become the flagship of European youth policy.

In this context I propose changing the name as follows, to maintain the focus on ‘solidarity’ but eliminate misunderstandings and the negative association of the military-sounding ‘corps’: the European Solidarity Initiative.