

Question for written answer E-000359/2022
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Setting up a European civic service – how will it fit in with other existing programmes?

On 9 December 2021, during the presentation of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, President Emmanuel Macron affirmed his commitment to promoting a European civic service for academic or apprenticeship exchanges, internships and civil society work. Under this initiative, young people aged 16 to 30 would spend six months in their country's national civic service and six in another Member State in the European civic service.

1. Given that only some Member States have a national civic service and that those that do have different systems, how would the Council go about setting up this programme?
2. And how would it fit in with other existing programmes, such as the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+?
3. Lastly, with part of the budget for the above-mentioned programmes already mobilised for the European Year of Youth 2022, how would this initiative be financed?