

**Question for written answer E-001248/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Using the European Solidarity Corps and EU Aid Volunteers to address the humanitarian consequences of the war against Ukraine

The European Solidarity Corps was established in 2016 in order to allow young people between the age of 18 and 30 to engage in a wide variety of activities, such as dealing with natural disasters or assisting at centres for asylum seekers. The EU Aid Volunteers initiative supports vulnerable communities in disaster-affected countries by means of joint projects in the areas of resilience-building, disaster risk management, and linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD).

Given the Kremlin's war of aggression against Ukraine and the related humanitarian crisis, as well as the unfolding food crisis in Northern Africa and the Middle East, the EU and its partner countries will need every possible support.

1. Has the Commission considered the possibility of using the European Solidarity Corps and the EU Aid Volunteers in projects that are addressing the humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine?
2. In what fields of activity could the European Solidarity Corps and EU Aid Volunteers be deployed in order to help mitigate the humanitarian consequences of the war?
3. Given the urgent situation, how much time does the Commission think would be needed to deploy the European Solidarity Corps and EU Aid Volunteers?