



The European Solidarity Corps and the ESC4Y

Recently launched by the European Union, the European Solidarity Corps is a unique initiative that aims to create opportunities for young people by engaging them in projects that promise lasting benefits for communities around Europe.

Underpinned by its ambition to promote solidarity among European citizens across the continent, the European Solidarity Corps offers membership to all those between the ages of 17 and 30. Members are united in the agreement to uphold the mission and principles set forward by the European Solidarity Corps. Upon completing a simple registration process, European Solidarity Corps members have the possibility of being invited to participate in a variety of different projects, ranging from the prevention of natural disasters to the collective treatment of the socioeconomic issues that affect individual communities.

The project 'European Solidarity Corps for Youth' (ECS4Y) represents one component of the European Solidarity Corps. Its central aim is to match potential employers with interested candidates, offering 6,000 fixed term work placements in the form of jobs, traineeships or apprenticeships – ranging from 2 to 12 months – to young Europeans across the Union. To learn more about the organisation and for a chance to get involved, more information can be found on the website: <https://escorps.eu/en/>

The programme presents significant benefits for both employers and participants. Workplaces are inspired to invest in Europe's youth, contributing to the shaping of a better society for the next generation, while members are provided with an opportunity to gain valuable experiences and skills.

There is an accompanying online Portal in which members of the European Solidarity Corps and the ESC4Y are encouraged to interact with the extensive network of participants. Not only can organisations search the database and contact registrants, they can also advertise opportunities for volunteering activities, traineeships and jobs.