



European  
Commission



**EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY  
CORPS**



## CONTEXT

Announced by President Juncker in the 2016 State of the Union speech

Stakeholders' consultation in November

Communication launched on 7 December "A EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS"

# KEY FEATURES



## Two strands

Volunteering and occupational

## Young people

18 – 30 years old

## Duration

2 – 12 months

The aim is to engage **100,000 young people by 2020**



# KEY FEATURES

## Wide range of activities

Education, employment, environment, refugees and migrants

## Geographical scope

Depends on the legal basis of the underlying programmes, i.e. for European Voluntary Service = Erasmus+ Programme Countries

## European Solidarity Corps

**Certificate** delivered at the end of experience



# FRAMEWORK

Organisations need to subscribe to the [Mission Statement](#) and its [Principles](#), and to adhere to the [European Solidarity Corps Charter](#).

## Mission statement

The European Solidarity Corps brings together young people to build a more inclusive society, supporting vulnerable people and responding to societal challenges. It offers an inspiring and empowering experience for young people who want to help, learn and develop.

Erasmus+ with its European Voluntary Service

EaSI (Employment and Social Innovation)

LIFE and Health programmes

Europe for Citizens Programme

European Regional Development Fund

Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

Asylum and Migration Fund

# **FUNDING PROGRAMMES INVOLVED**

# WORKFLOW



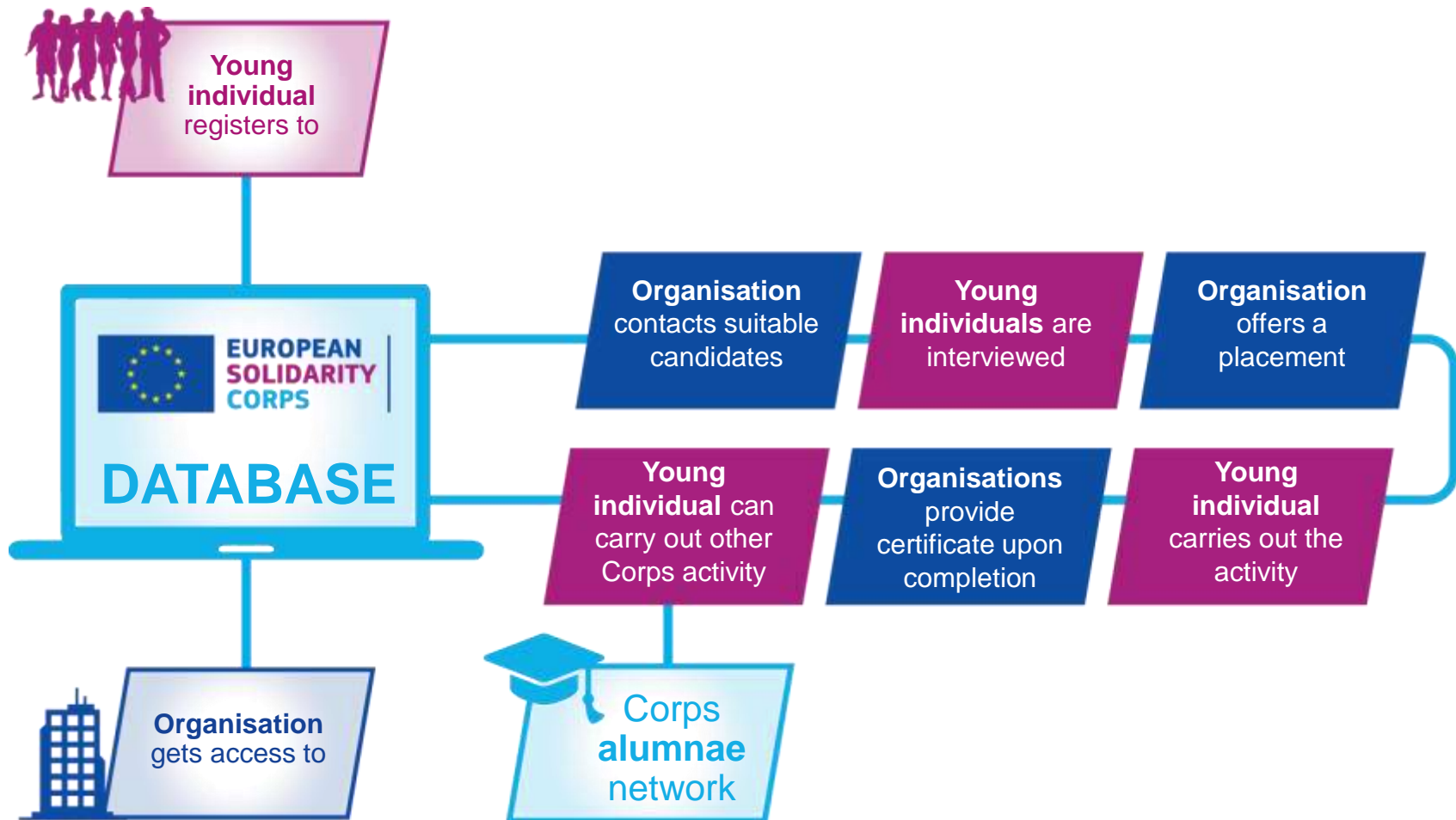
## For young people

Registration on the European Youth Portal

## For participating organisations

Identification, registration, matching

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## IN PRACTICE





## ADVANTAGES

Contributes to **young people's citizenship and employability**

**High political priority** on volunteering

**Additional funds**

More **direct access** of young people to volunteering

**Pool of interested young people** at European level

**Increased synergies** between the different instruments used at European level



## CHALLENGES

Ensure **quality of overall framework and opportunities** offered to young people

Deal with **expectation management** – not all interested young people will be offered a placement

Ensure **long-term impact** and create a **sustainable network**

**Defend the European Solidarity Corps** against claims that it provides 'cheap labour'



# ROADMAP

**7.12.2016**

Launch of the registration tool for young people

**21.01.2017**

Amendment of the Programme Guide

**02.02.2017**

Round 1 for 2017 call

**1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2017**

Launch of the matching tool for organisations

**26.04.2017**

Round 2 for 2017 call including Strategic EVS

**01.05.2017**

Earliest start date for projects selected in Round 1

**Spring 2017**

Proposal for a dedicated legal basis



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