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# European Solidarity Corps

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- European Solidarity Corps make **young people (18-30)** to be engaged by **participating organisations** for **solidarity volunteering activities or solidarity jobs for 2-12 months**
- **EU supports the costs** of the solidarity volunteers
- **Fields of intervention** include activities of general interest (i.e. education, health, integration of migrants & refugees, provision of food, environmental protection, prevention of natural disasters such as floods or forest fires...)
- **Several activities are related to rural areas and agriculture.**

# Implementation: Pilot Phase (2016-17)



- Already 20 000 young people registered
- At present CAP contributes with **EAFRD (TA)** managed via **LIFE programme** of DG Environment.
- SC volunteers under LIFE call can be engaged for **environmental protection**, mainly **Natura 2000** sites and species protected by the Birds and Habitats Directives - **Deadline 7 MARCH 2017**



<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2016/index.htm#eusolidarity>

# Implementation: Next steps (2018-20)



- New legislative framework **under elaboration** - in place by the **end of 2017**
- **Public consultation open until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017** at:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/content/public-consultation-european-solidarity-corps\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/content/public-consultation-european-solidarity-corps_en)

## Public consultation on the European Solidarity Corps

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### Details

6 February 2017 - 2 April 2017

Policy areas: Education and training, Youth, Employment and social affairs

Departments: [Education, Youth, Sport and Culture](#), [Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion](#)

### Target group

The general public and all stakeholders, in particular

- young people,
- people working with young people, such as youth workers and educators,
- organisations, such as NGOs and businesses, offering solidarity-related volunteering or occupational placements, and
- public authorities

Under **shared management** national and regional authorities can use **CAP resources in both pillars to engage SC participants**



School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme



Rural development projects such as **LEADER**



A number of LEADER projects might benefit from SC initiative - Potential advantages:

- possible financing by ESC funds;
- possible (direct or indirect) access to ESC database

- How can the European Solidarity Corps best **complement** and further enhance **your projects**?
  - Which types of projects seem the most promising for you?
  - How could be organised the relation between SC participants and LEADER?

*Please send your feedback in EN/FR by **10 March 2017** to [AGRI-E4@ec.europa.eu](mailto:AGRI-E4@ec.europa.eu)*

# Thank you for your attention!



Registration and further info at:  
[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)