



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Corrigendum to the 2019
European Solidarity Corps Guide



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This Corrigendum comprises changes related to:

- Eligible Countries
- Quality Label
- Volunteering
- Traineeships and Jobs
- Support to learning – Training and Evaluation Cycle
- Insurance
- Information for applicants – Online e-forms and payment procedures

All the changes above are reflected in the version 2 of the 2019 European Solidarity Corps Guide, available on the European Solidarity Corps website of the European Commission.

Changes related to Eligible Countries

Under “Who can participate in the European Solidarity Corps – Eligible Countries” – Page 16

Change of the list of Participating Countries

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES¹

Member States of the European Union (EU)			
Belgium	Greece	Lithuania	Portugal
Bulgaria	Spain	Luxembourg	Romania
Czech Republic	France	Hungary	Slovenia
Denmark	Croatia	Malta	Slovakia
Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Finland
Estonia	Cyprus	Austria	Sweden
Ireland	Latvia	Poland	United Kingdom
EFTA countries			
Iceland			
Candidate countries			
North Macedonia		Turkey	

Changes related to Quality Label

Under “Quality Label - Where to apply?” – Page 20

Restructuring of text - In order to clarify and further underline the exceptional cases where applicants have to submit their application to the Executive Agency, the text has been restructured.

NB: No other changes beyond structure have been introduced to the Quality Label.

Where to apply?	<p>To the National Agency in which the applicant organisation is established for organisations established in a participating country. Exception - the below organisations must apply to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Europe-wide networks or platforms of organisations applying for themselves and on behalf of at least one of their affiliated entities and involving at least two different countries; ▪ National public authorities and services (e.g. government ministries, national civic services); ▪ Organisations providing volunteering, traineeship or job activities run with the support of EU programmes other than the European Solidarity Corps. <p>To the relevant SALTO for organisations established in a partner country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SALTO South East Europe for organisations established in Western Balkans countries, Liechtenstein and Serbia; ▪ SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus for organisations established in Eastern Partnership countries, the territory of Russia as recognised by international law and Norway; ▪ SALTO EuroMed for organisations established in Southern Mediterranean.
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¹ The involvement of **Iceland, North Macedonia and Turkey** as participating countries is subject to the signature of bilateral agreements on their participation in the European Solidarity Corps. Applicants from Iceland, North Macedonia and Turkey are invited to regularly consult their National Agency website for further updates.

Changes related to Volunteering

Under “Volunteering” – Pages 22 to 39

In order to clarify and bring further visibility to the centralised Action “Volunteering Teams in high priority areas”, the structure of the Volunteering section of the European Solidarity Corps Guide has been modified. A clear distinction between Volunteering Projects and Partnerships and Volunteering Teams in high priority areas has been introduced.

Furthermore, changes in description of the Action, eligibility criteria and funding of Volunteering Teams in high priority areas have been introduced. Potential applicants are invited to carefully read the new section.

NB: No other changes beyond structure have been introduced to Volunteering Projects and Volunteering Partnerships.

Under “Volunteering- General eligibility criteria – Page 25

Move of eligibility criteria at project level.

Other criteria	<p>A Declaration of Honour of the legal representative must be annexed to the application form.</p> <p>In case of Volunteering Projects, a timetable for the volunteering activities planned must be annexed to the application form.</p> <p>Advance Planning Visit (APV): mainly for activities involving volunteers with fewer opportunities. If the project foresees APVs, then the following eligibility criteria must be respected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ duration of the APV: maximum 2 days (travel days excluded); ▪ number of participants: 1 representative per supporting organisation. The number of participants can be raised provided that all additional participants are volunteers with fewer opportunities taking part in the activity.
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Changes related to Traineeships and Jobs

Under “Traineeships and Jobs – Eligibility Criteria” – Pages 43 and 44

Change of wording:

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TRAINEESHIPS

Venue(s)	Activities have to take place in a Member State of the European Union.
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ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR JOBS

Venue(s)	Activities have to take place in a Member State of the European Union.
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Changes related to Support to learning

Under “Training and Evaluation Cycle – Expected achievements” – Page 67

Change of wording:

<p>On-arrival training (only for participants in activities of 2 months and longer)</p>	<p>On-arrival training will vary according to national conditions, realities and training practices. Nevertheless, it should ensure that each participant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is aware of and has the chance to discuss questions about visas, residence permits, her/his legal status as a participant, insurance, the agreement under European Solidarity Corps, and the documents in the Info-Kit; ▪ has received information about adapting to a foreign working environment, rights and obligations, useful contacts to help with his/her settlement, etc.; ▪ knows the insurance and claims management systems (insurance documentation and procedures), and is fully aware that using the European Health Insurance Card when possible is mandatory;
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Changes related to Insurance

Under “What should you know about insurance?”- Page 73

Change of wording:

One key aspect of the activities carried out under the European Solidarity Corps is that the participant must at all-time be under a safe environment. To guarantee that the participant is covered for unforeseen circumstances, the following areas must be covered:

- wherever relevant, travel insurance (including damage or loss of luggage);
- third party liability (including, wherever appropriate, professional/[corporate liability of participating organisations](#));
- accident and illness (including permanent or temporary incapacity), pregnancy and childbirth;
- death (including repatriation in case of projects carried out abroad).

Changes related to Information for applicants

Under “Application procedure – Online E-Forms” – Page 86

Text addition:

In cases where the applicant has submitted an application to a National Agency or Executive Agency which is not competent to deal with it, the National Agency or Executive Agency shall re-direct the application to the competent authority. In cases where the application was originally submitted to the Executive Agency, the applicant will be notified about the outcome of the admissibility. Should the applicant disagree with the redirection of their application from the Executive Agency, they must notify the Executive Agency as soon as possible, using the functional mailbox: EACEA-SOLIDARITY-CORPS@ec.europa.eu.

Under "Payment procedures - Project Life-cycle Deadlines and payment modalities" – Page 90

Correction in interim reports for Volunteering Partnerships annual grant request

	Project life-cycle deadlines			Payment modalities		
	Indicative date of notification of award decision	Indicative date for signing grant agreement	Date of final payment / request for reimbursement of the balance	N. of pre-financings	Interim (technical) report	% of grant provided at different stages
Volunteering Partnerships annual grant request	3 months from the submission deadline	4 months from the submission deadline	Within 60 calendar days from the receipt of the final report by NA	1	No	Pre-fin.: 80 % Balance: 20 %