

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

during SARS-COV-2 pandemic
GREEK BEST PRACTICE

WHAT IS VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteer (noun): a person who does something, especially helping other people or for an organization, , willingly and without being forced or paid to do it. A person who does a job or some work without being paid or forced to do it
- volunteer (verb) : to offer to do something, esp. for other people or for an organization, that you do not have to do, often without having been asked or forced to do it and/or without expecting payment. To give information without being asked.
- Volunteer (adjective) : used to describe someone who works without expecting payment, or the work they do.

WHY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

Values



- An important cause
- Return something to society
- Improve things
- Help People
- To have an impact
- To assure progress
- To donate their professional

WHY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

Feeling of self - accomplishment



- To be an agent of change
- Demonstrate commitment to a cause
- To gain satisfaction from accomplishment of an aim
- To be challenged
- Gain e.g. skills, experience, knowledge
- To share a skill
- To feel proud
- Therapy
- To act out a fantasy

WHY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER?

Other personal benefits



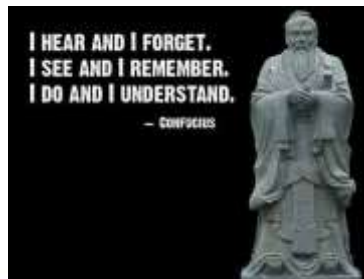
- To know a community and be part of it. Make new friends
- To do something different from their job
- To become an “insider”
- To gain recognition / status
- Because of pressure from a friend/colleague
- They have time to spare
- Travel
- For Fun
- Keep themselves busy
- Guilt

HISTORY AND CREATION OF THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



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- To provide young people with opportunities to be engaged in solidarity activities while improving their skills and employability
- To enhance the engagement of organisations in solidarity activities
- To respond to societal needs and foster solidarity in Europe



ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Volunteering Projects (individual or team)

- These projects offer opportunities for young people to take part in solidarity activities and help to address identified needs within local communities and contribute to overcoming important societal challenges on the ground. Volunteering may take place in a country other than the country of residence of the participant (cross-border) or in the country of residence of the participant (in-country).

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas

- These projects are large scale, high impact projects supporting voluntary activities carried out by young people from at least two different countries coming together to express solidarity by implementing short-term interventions that address common European challenges in policy areas defined each year at EU level.

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INCLUSION



ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Solidarity Projects

- It is a non-profit solidarity activity initiated, developed and implemented by young people themselves for a period from 2 to 12 months. It gives the chance to express solidarity by taking

responsibility and committing themselves to bring positive change in their local community with a clearly identified topic which the group of young people wish to explore together and which has to be translated into the concrete daily activities of the project and involve all the members of the group. It should address key challenges within the communities, where relevant including those identified jointly in the border regions and it should also present European added value. Participation in a solidarity project is an important non-formal learning experience

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through which young people can boost their personal, educational, social and civic development.

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