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EU Youth Policy & Programmes

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Adoption of the annual work programmes

- 2023 annual work programme - "Erasmus+": the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport
 - **C(2022) 6002 of 25 August 2022**
 - Inclusive Erasmus+, including the integration of refugees;
Green Erasmus+;
Digital Erasmus+;
Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement
- 2023 annual work programme - "European Solidarity Corps"
 - **C(2022) 5757 of 22 August 2022**
 - Relief for persons fleeing armed conflicts and other victims of natural or man-made disasters
 - Prevention, promotion and support in the field of health
 - Inclusion and diversity
 - Environmental sustainability and climate goals
 - Digital transformation
 - Participation in democratic life



Kick-off of the Humanitarian Aid Strand

Aim:

To provide emergency aid based on the fundamental principles of neutrality, humanity, independence and impartiality, helping to deliver assistance, relief and protection where most needed

Training contract

- ✓ New Framework contract in place

First volunteers to be deployed

- ✓ As of March / April 2023



- FOR PARTICIPANTS AGED **18-35**
- **VOLUNTEERING** SUPPORTING EU AID OPERATIONS **WORLDWIDE**
- **TRAINING** PROVIDED



Horizon Europe Missions (HE Missions)

- **Additional funding for the Corps through the HE Missions**
 - **Horizon Europe annual work programme 2023 currently in adoption process**
- **Contribution complements the volunteering projects**
- **Finance will act as top-up for the European Solidarity Corps**
- **Aim is to**
 - **create a connection between the HE missions and the Corps to drive systemic changes**
 - **reinforce the Corps and create opportunities for young people to get involved and to support the aims of the missions**

Interim Evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy

- **Legal obligation:** Council Resolution (2018/C 456/01) on the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- **Objective:** Interim evaluation to assess overall effectiveness and performance, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value of the EU Youth Strategy
- **Period evaluated:** 2019-2022
- **Deadline:** 31 December 2023



Key milestones

2022

Publication of call for evidence for feedback, available during at least **4 weeks** on *Have Your Say* web portal



2023

Evaluation study
Online public consultation questionnaire available during at least **12 weeks** and targeted consultations



End 2023

Report from the Commission on the interim Evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy





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Monitoring and evaluation framework of the European Solidarity Corps

Mid-term evaluation of the Corps:

- **Legal base:** Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/888 of EP and Council (20 May 2021)
- **Scope:** Interim evaluation 2021-2027 programme and final evaluation 2018-2020 programme (including EUAV)
- **Period evaluated:** 2018-2023 (EUAV since 2014)
- **Objective:** Assess overall performance of the programme
 - Effectiveness, relevance, coherence, efficiency, EU added value
- **Deadline:** 31 December 2024

October 2022:

Publication of
call for evidence
for feedback,
available during
at least **4 weeks**
on *Have Your
Say* web portal

February 2023:

Guidance note
on national
reports and
appointment of
a national
coordinator

Between May & September 2023:

Online public
consultation
questionnaire
available during
at least **12 weeks**
as well as
targeted
consultations

First quarter 2024:

Submission
of national
reports to the
Commission

Erasmus+ Youth implementation 2022

Statistics - round 1



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Youth Exchanges

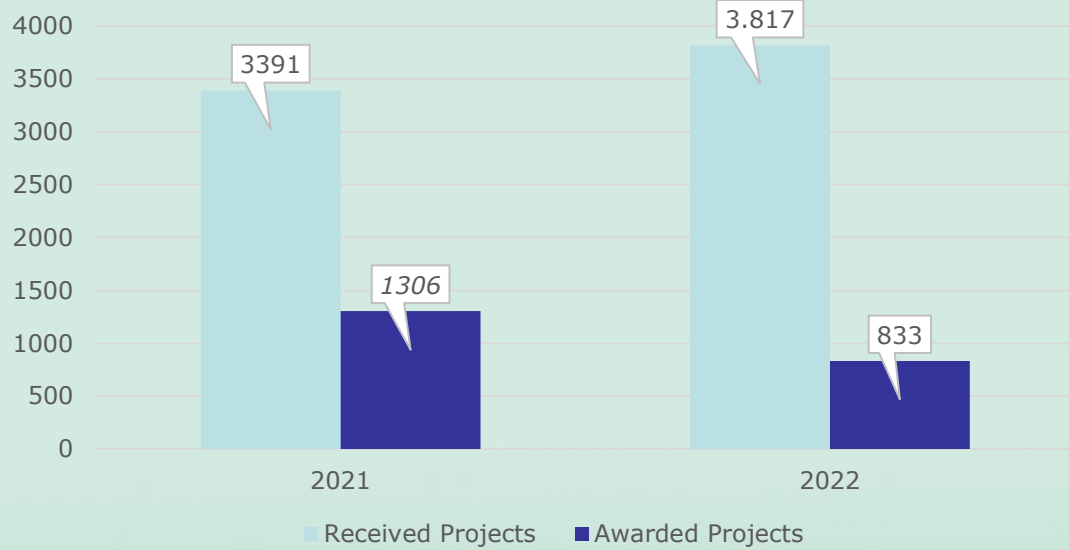
Youth Workers Mobility

Youth Participation Activities

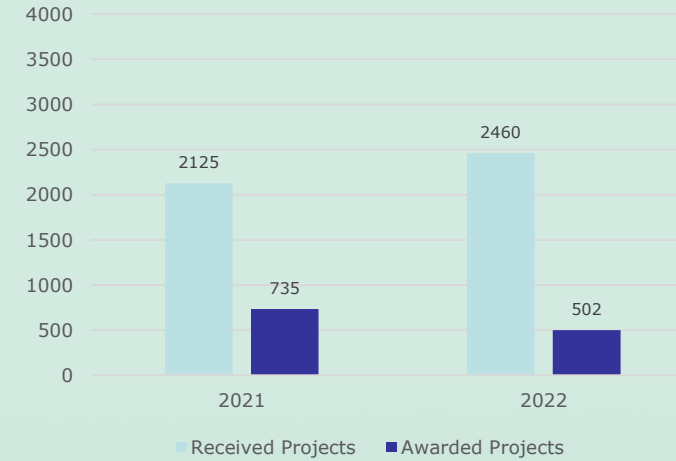


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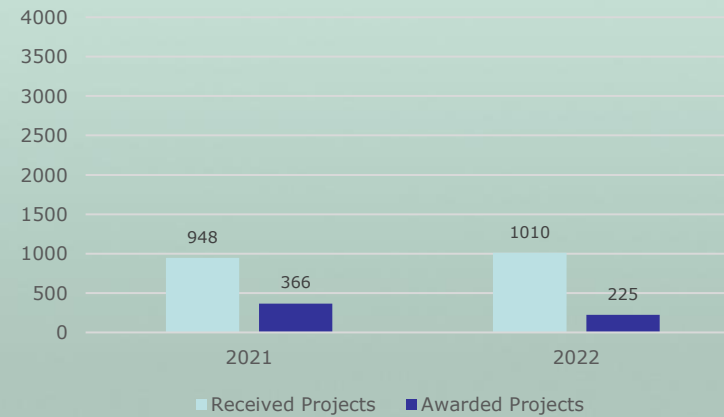
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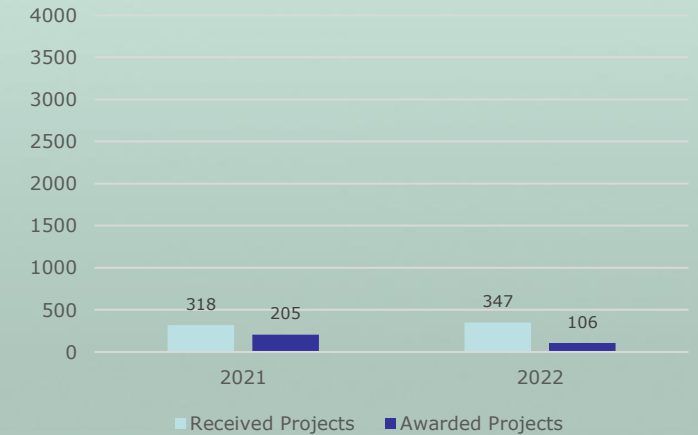
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KA153 - Mobility of youth workers



KA 154 - Youth Participation Activities

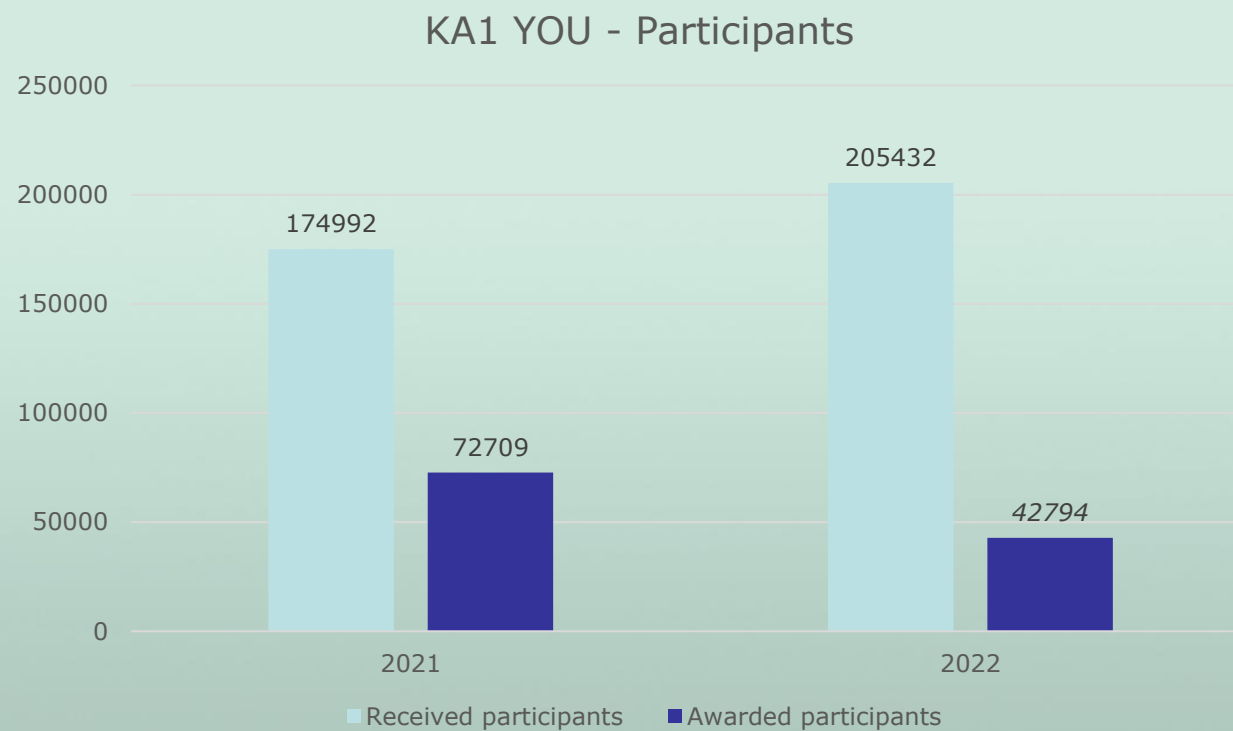


Provisional figures for
awarded projects in 2022



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Participants in KA1 YOU



Provisional figures for
awarded participants in 2022



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Top Sending Countries (KA1)



Very similar ranking in 2021 (round 1)



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Main facts (topics in 2022, round 1)

Youth Exchanges

- 1. Environnement and climate change**
- Creativity, arts and culture
- Physical and mental health, well-being
- 4. Green skills**
- 5. European identity, citizenship and values** (6)
- 6. Inclusion** of marginalised young people (5)
- Key competences development
- Community development
- 9. Digital skills and competences** (8)
- Bridging intercultural, intergenerational and social divide (7)

Youth Workers Mobility

- Quality and innovation of youth work
- New learning and teaching methods and approaches
- 3. Inclusion** of marginalised young people
- Physical and mental health, well-being
- 5. Environment and climate change**
- Creativity, arts and culture
- Community development
- 8. Digital skills and competences**
- 9. Digital youth work**
- 10.Green skills**



Main facts (topics in 2022, round 1)

Youth Participation Activities

- 1. Democracy and inclusive democratic participation**
2. Reaching the policy level/dialogue with decision makers
3. Youth policy development
4. Community development
5. European identity, citizenship and values
- 6. Environment and climate change**
7. Awareness about the European Union
8. Promotion of alternative forms of participation
9. Physical and mental health, well-being
- 10. Inclusion** of marginalised young people



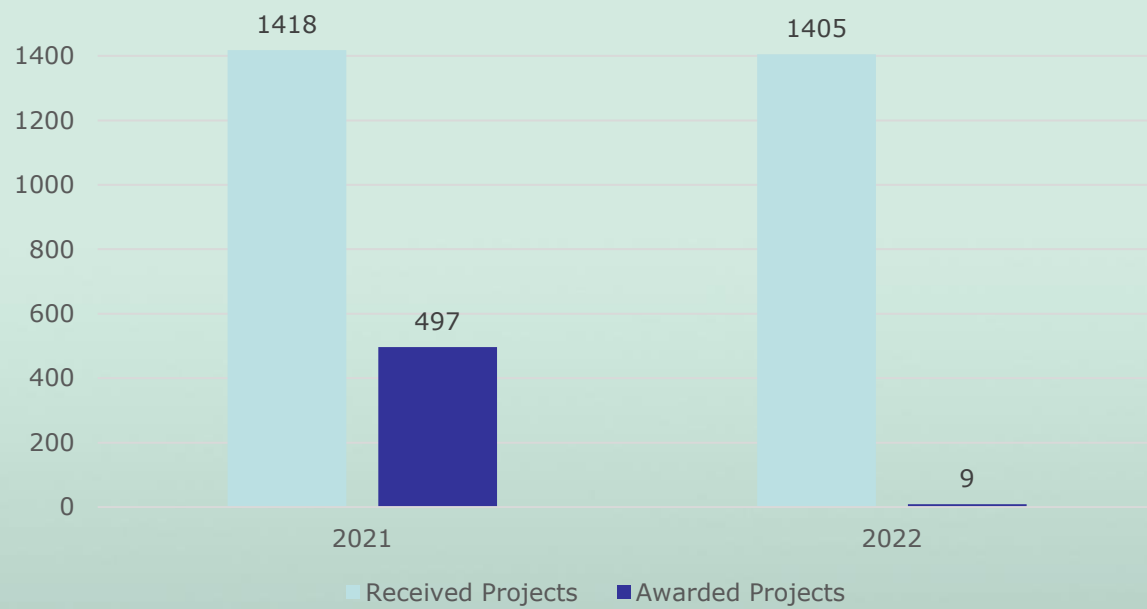
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Cooperation partnerships in the field of Youth
Small scale partnerships in the field of Youth



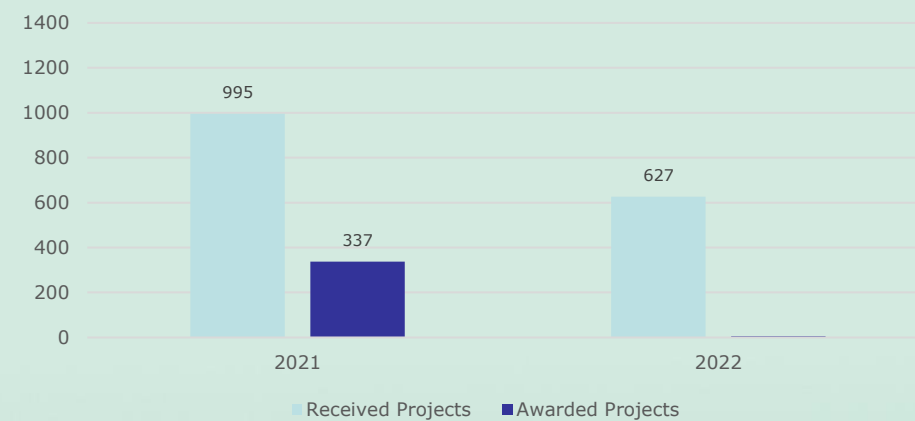
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KA2 - YOU Overview (round 1)

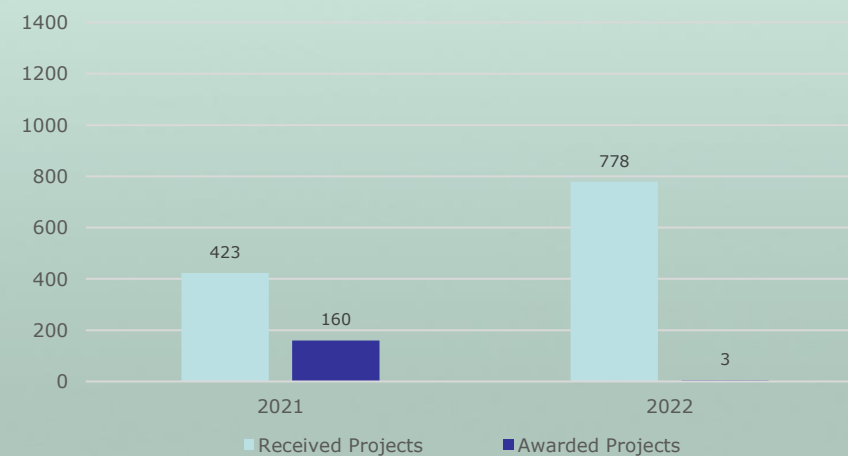


Provisional figures for
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KA220 - cooperation partnerships



KA210 - small scale partnerships



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In a nutshell

KA1:

↗ *number of submitted projects, grants & participants*
Some budget still available for round 2

KA2:

More appetite for small scale partnerships than for cooperation partnerships



If you're 18 and a resident in an Erasmus+ Programme country, it's time to expand your comfort zone

**New friendships
start here**

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COMFORT
ZONE
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EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL

Application

DiscoverEU 2022 autumn round

Open for two weeks **11/10-25/10/2022**

Applications through the [European Youth Portal](#)

Five Questions on EU policies + one tie-breaker question

Ready-made material available on the [Portal](#)
– consult regularly

DiscoverEU Inclusion Action

AIM

Allow young people with fewer opportunities to participate in DiscoverEU **on equal footing** with their peers

Main criteria

General

- **18**-years-old
 - 01/01-31/12 year X or 01/07 year X – 30/06 year Y
- **Individual** travel (1 person) or in a **group** (max. 5 people)
- **1 to 30 days** abroad with maximum **7 travel days**
- **Flexible** option = DiscoverEU pass versus **fix** option = fixed travel days and destination(s)
- Travel to at least **one** foreign country
- **Special arrangements** for islands, outermost regions, remote areas and special need
- Centralised call **via European Youth Portal** and implementation by **EACEA**

Inclusion Action

- **18**-years-old
 - At the start of travel
- Idem
 - Plus eventually accompanying person
- Idem
- **Flexible** option = DiscoverEU pass
- Idem
- Additional support for **remote areas** via Erasmus+ distance band
- De-centralised call and implementation via National Agencies

Popular: 7 days in 1 month

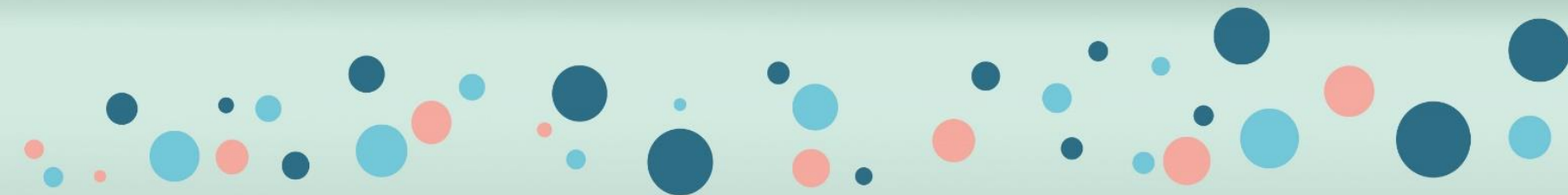


European Solidarity Corps implementation 2022

Budget & Statistics - round 1

Volunteering projects

Solidarity projects

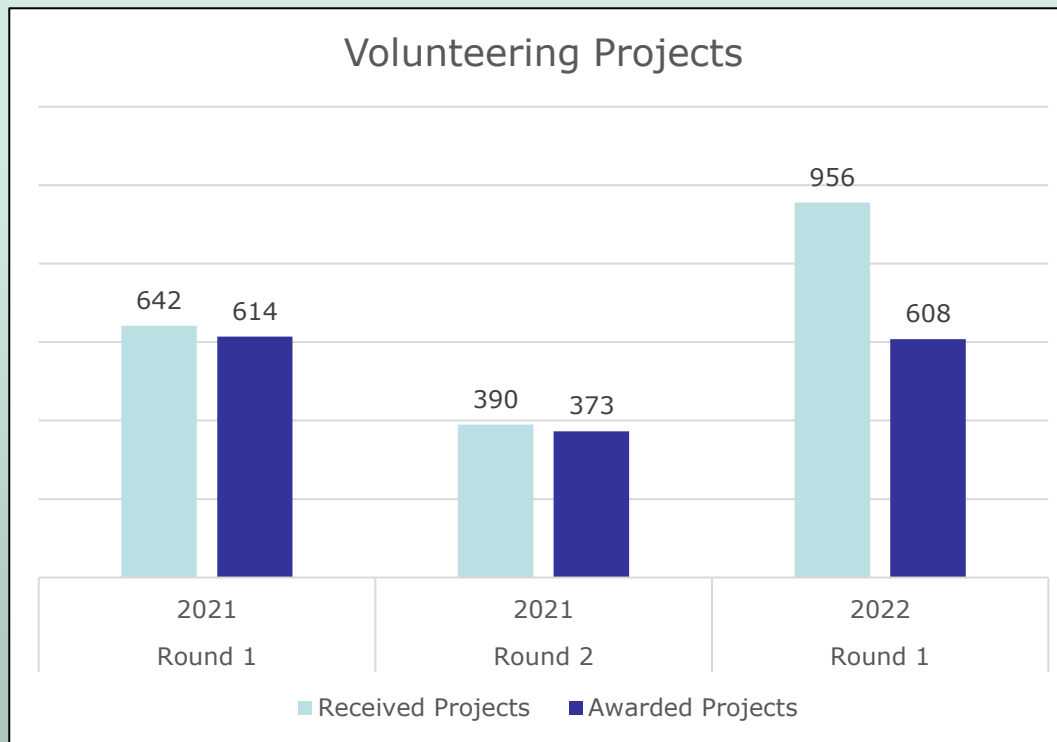
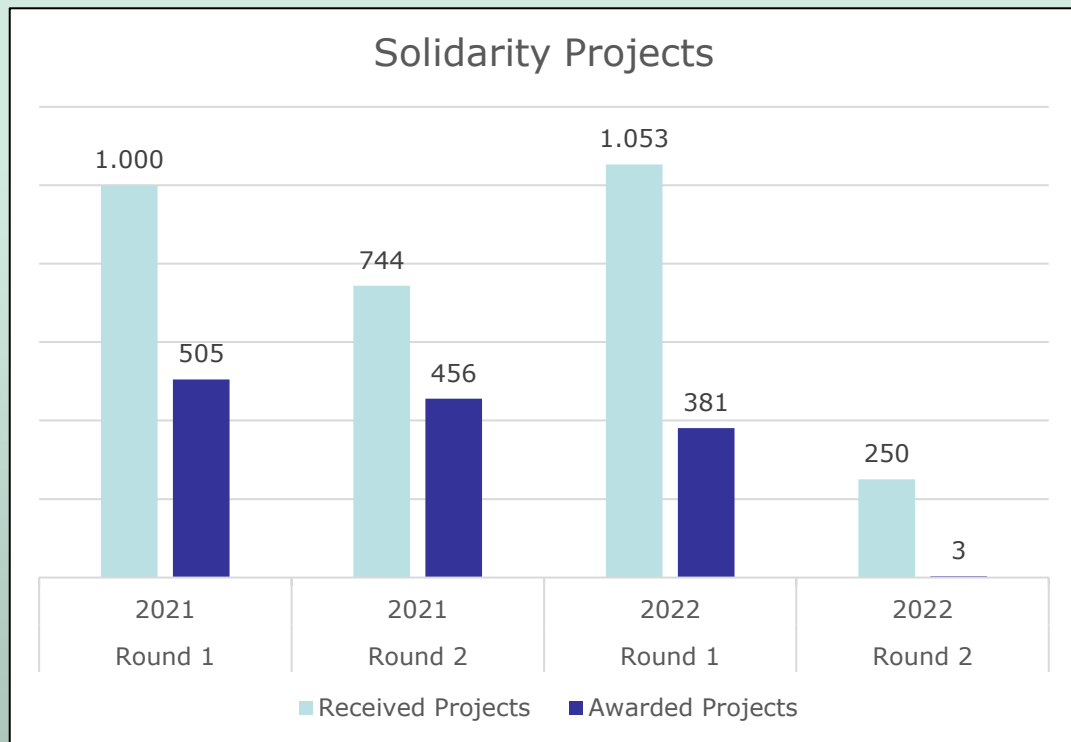


Budget development

- *2023 budget 142.200.000,00 €*
 - **Lower than the final 2022 budget (which included the EYY2022 top-up)**
 - **Actions boosted by EYY2022 (mainly Solidarity Projects and Networking Activities) back to their normal level**
 - **However 3,3 million higher than 2021 budget**
- *Corps will contribute to the legacy of EYY202*
 - **Continue and/or follow-up initiatives implemented**
- *Extra funding via Horizon Europe Mission 2*

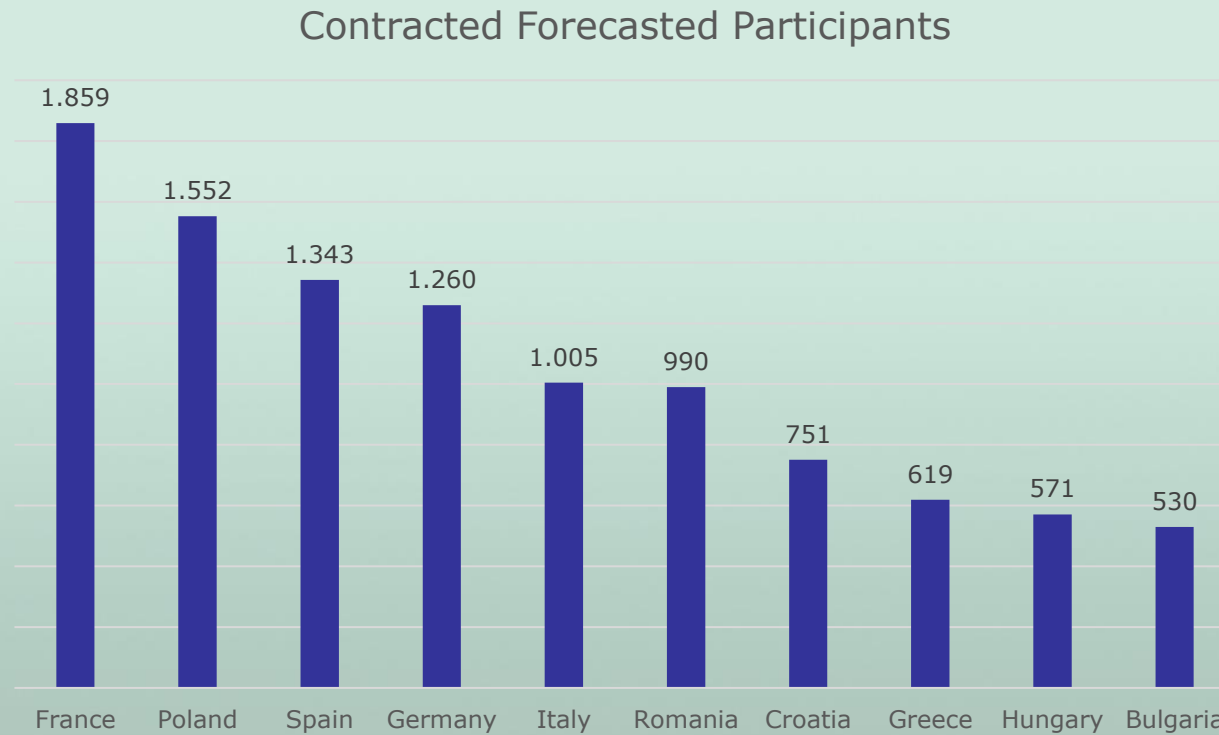


European Solidarity Corps – Projects details



Provisional figures for
awarded projects in 2022

European Solidarity Corps – 2021 Top 10



Priorities for Volunteering Projects - 2021

Inclusion and diversity	293
EU youth goals	222
Participation in democratic life	219
Environmental protection, sustainable development and climate action	203
Project green practices	162
Virtual components and/or digital technology	117
Digital transition	95
Health prevention and support	90





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(2021-2027)

Centralised Actions 2023



- **Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas**
- **Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid Volunteering**
- **Humanitarian Aid Volunteering**
- **General Online Training including Humanitarian Aid Training**
- **Online Language Support platform**
- **Insurance**
- **European Youth Card**

Action: Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas

Description: Action Grant

- **For organisations legally established in a programme or a partner country neighbouring the EU with a volunteering Quality Label**
- **Large scale, high impact projects supporting short-term volunteering by young people to express solidarity**
- **Addressing common European challenges in policy areas defined each year at EU level**



Selection results 2021 and 2022

- **2021: COVID-19 impact and recovery, health challenges and promoting health, healthy lifestyle, physical activity and well-being**
- **2022: Promoting healthy lifestyles, preservation cultural heritage**
- **34 selected projects with 185 organisations from 30 countries**
- **IT (33 projects /9 coordinating), ES (22/5), EL (16/6), TR (16/3), DE (9/0)**
- **Budget EUR 6,6 Mio**



Characteristics:

- **Quality Label as precondition for participation in volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations**
 - **Action Humanitarian Aid Volunteering projects**
- **Valid for the entire duration of the programming period**
- **Indicative deadline: open call **but** submission of proposals by September 22/09/2022 to participate in Humanitarian Aid Volunteering projects in 2023**



Selection results as of 2021 (2 rounds)

- **109 organisations with a Quality Label in humanitarian aid**
- **51 with host and 27 with support role as well as 31 simplified host organisations**

Action: Humanitarian aid volunteering

Description: Action grant

- **Volunteering in third countries with on-going humanitarian aid operations as individual or as team**
- **Grant awarded in form of unit costs (max EUR 650 000)**
- **Min. 3 organisations with Quality Label for Humanitarian Aid volunteering (2 from EU Member States or third countries associated to the programme; 1 third country)**
- **Project duration: 1, 2 or 3 years**
- **Young people between 18 and 35 years**



Selection results 2022

- **11 selected projects with 70 organisations from 34 countries**
- **ES (involved as partner 5/ 5 as coordinator), IT (3/1)**
- **Budget EUR 6,4 Mio**
- **Start of contracts end 2022 with volunteering activities in 2023**