

C7 - When solidarity crosses oceans – European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid strand

About this session...

The Commission's proposal for the next European Solidarity Corps programme 2021-2027 is now being negotiated. The main novelty proposed by the Commission is a new strand on volunteering in the humanitarian aid field, currently covered by the EU Aid Volunteers programme.

This new strand aims to offer volunteering opportunities in countries where humanitarian aid activities take place. Corps volunteers will be given the chance to provide assistance, for instance aimed at preventing and alleviating human suffering or maintaining human dignity in the face of crises and disasters.

Participants will be informed on the proposed structure for the future European Solidarity Corps programme and in particular will be updated on the state of play of the preparations of the future Humanitarian Aid Strand within the European Solidarity Corps.

Whether you are already active in the humanitarian aid field, you are familiar with volunteering/managing volunteers, or you are just interested in getting to know more, you are welcome to join this session and familiarise with the programme, reflect with us on the concept of solidarity applied to humanitarian aid and exchange challenges and good practices with the other participants.

Your ideas today will help shape the arrangements and technical features of this future strand.

Something to think about...

What is solidarity for you? How do you perceive the concept of "solidarity" in the humanitarian aid context?

Which challenges could you expect in implementing volunteering projects in humanitarian aid field?

How to ensure a good and long-lasting impact of the humanitarian aid project activities on participants, organisations and local communities?