



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

VOLUNTEERING WITH AEGEE-EUROPE

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS?

The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects that benefit communities and people around Europe.

After completing a simple registration process, participants can be selected to join a wide range of projects. These projects are run by organisations which have been checked and authorised to implement European Solidarity Corps projects.

THE PROJECT

- Duration: 12 months
- Start date: September 2020 (exact date flexible)
- End date: 31st of August 2021
- Venue: the head office of the European youth organization AEGEE-Europe (Brussels, Belgium)
- Language: English (and French)
- Financial conditions: food, accommodation, training and travel are fully covered by Erasmus+, a small monthly pocket money is foreseen
- Who can apply: Italian residents

HOSTING ORGANISATION

AEGEE is one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organisations, striving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe. As a non-governmental, politically independent, and non-profit organisation AEGEE is open to students and young people from all faculties and disciplines. Founded in 1985 in Paris, today AEGEE has grown to a Network of 13 000 AEGEEans, present in 165 cities in 40 countries all over Europe. Through our activities, we empower students and young people in Europe to take an active role in society. We create a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as act as their representative towards decision-makers. AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding among young Europeans and brings Europe closer to young people.

To find out more, just visit us at <https://www.aegee.org/>



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION

Futuro Digitale Association is the supporting organisation

They have worked with more than 400 KA1 projects of Erasmus+ (youth exchanges, training courses and EVS projects) and they are collaborating in 14 KA2 Erasmus+ actions. They work in three Italian regions (Lazio, Campania, Calabria).

To find out more, just visit <http://www.futurodigitale.org/it/>



WHERE

The volunteer will work in the head office of AEGEE-Europe, which is located at **Rue du Noyer 55, 1000 Brussels (Belgium)**.

The office is located on the border between the districts of Ville de Bruxelles and Schaerbeek. It is at walking distance from the main EU institutions and well connected by public transport to the rest of the city.

The volunteer will live and work in Brussels, a lively capital offering many cultural and free time activities.

The official languages in Brussels are French and Dutch, but English is also commonly spoken.



THE HEAD OFFICE

In the head-office of AEGEE-Europe, the volunteer will work along with:

- 7 members of the Board of Directors of AEGEE-Europe, who work full time on a voluntary basis.
- 1 or more employees, who constitute the secretariat of the organization
- The head office may also host one intern or assistant

All members of the head office are young professionals and recent graduates (below 30 years of age) and represent many different nationalities.

The AEGEE-Europe head office is a young, stimulating and international environment.

PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES: COMMUNICATIONS

The volunteer will be trained and assisted in carrying out tasks such as:

- Social media management
- Management of the external and internal communications of AEGEE-Europe
- Web maintenance
- Basics of design and photo editing
- Creation of booklets and small publications
- The volunteer will be encouraged to keep a blog or video blog on their experience as ESC volunteer in Brussels
- Contribution to the creation of AEGEE-Europe annual review "Key to Europe"

PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES: EVENT MANAGEMENT

The volunteer will assist in the organisation of events such as partners' meetings, stakeholders' meetings or small conferences and workshops, which AEGEE-Europe organises in Brussels around 4 times per year.

The tasks they will perform include:

- Booking the venue and the accommodation
- Arranging the catering
- Providing participants with incoming information
- Assistance during the event
- Content support, if interested
- Contacts with externals

PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES: PROJECT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The volunteer will cooperate with AEGEE-Bruxelles, the local branch of AEGEE-Europe, for the implementation of a project in the local community. AEGEE-Bruxelles is a local NGO which brings together students and young people of the city of Brussels who are interested in intercultural exchange, self-development, active citizenship and civic education. The volunteer will decide together with the members of AEGEE-Bruxelles on the local project to be implemented. Examples of such projects can be:

- A cineforum open to all young people on the topic of European cultural diversity.
- A language tandem bringing together local people and foreigners in order to practice languages and learn from each other.
- A series of workshop on civic education and youth participation in high schools or youth centres.

PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES: PERSONAL PROJECT

20% of the working time of the volunteer (i.e. 6 hours per week) will be dedicated to the development of a personal project chosen by the volunteer themselves.

The project can be in any of the focus areas of AEGEE-Europe (climate emergency, mental health, political activism, social equity) and can take different formats (awareness campaign, advocacy, coordination of local actions, production of informative materials, creation of toolkits...), leaving space to the creativity and talent of the volunteer.

LEARNING AND TRAINING

- Daily self-reflection and documentation of learning outcomes through the learning journal
- Weekly meetings with the mentor
- Monthly evaluation with the mentor and Secretary General
- Language tutoring in English
- Additional training in soft and hard skills
- European Training Course, the one-week long leadership training which AEGEE-Europe organises in Brussels once a year for its volunteers

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Hard skills

- Communication in foreign languages (French being the language of the hosting country and English being the language of the activity)
- Communication, design, web editing, social media management, the creation of publications
- Event management and project management

Soft skills:

- intercultural awareness, intercultural communication
- time management
- teamwork
- learning to learn

Attitudes and behaviours

- Improved civic competences, active citizenship
- empowerment, sense of initiative, self-worth, entrepreneurship

ACCOMMODATION AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The volunteer will be accommodated in a single room in a shared apartment with other young people (students, young professionals, interns). Accommodation costs will be covered fully.

The volunteer will receive an allowance in the form of reimbursements to cover their food costs (300€ per month), their transport costs (35€ per month) and will also receive a small amount of pocket money.

TRAINING

As the ESC volunteer, you will receive specific training during the implementation of the project.

- Pre-departure Training: preparation about the project, practical aspects, country, activities, etc. This training is done before starting the activity by Futuro Digitale.
- Training by AEGEE on the organisation in general and the tasks of the volunteer
- On arrival training by the National Agency in October in Belgium
- Mid-term training by the National Agency in January Belgium

YOUTHPASS

Youthpass is a tool to document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work and solidarity activities. It is a part of the European Commission's strategy to foster the recognition of non-formal learning, putting policy into practice and practice into policy:

While creating their Youthpass certificate together with a support person, project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. Thus, Youthpass supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.

As a Europe-wide recognition instrument for non-formal learning in the youth field, Youthpass strengthens the social recognition of youth work.

Youthpass supports active European citizenship of young people and of youth workers by describing the added value of their project.

Youthpass also aims at supporting the employability of young people and of youth workers by raising their awareness of and helping to describe their competences, and by documenting their acquisition of key competences on a certificate.

HOW TO APPLY?

1. All applicants need to register at the European Solidarity Corps Platform:
https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en
2. Then you can apply either [through the portal](#) or by sending your **CV in English and Motivational Letter** (max 1 page) to the ESC Coordinator of Futuro Digitale, Antonio Rossi, at the following email address:
evs@futurodigitale.org
3. You can apply until the 16th of August.
4. After a first evaluation of all the applications, a short-list of candidates will be invited to an online interview.

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