

Volunteer Engagement Programme!
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"Building the skills and capacity of migrants, refugees and the EU citizenship to actively and democratically participate in the civic domain of EU"



The new initiative of the EU Solidarity Corps is the culmination of one of the widest successful programs of the EU, the Erasmus exchange program. This program will continue to strengthen the bonds between European Youth, bonds that provide an alternative, cosmopolitan counter-weight to the blind hatred of the current Eurosceptic rhetoric. Curious young people interacting with other curious young people from across Europe are the best ambassadors for friendship and greater integration of the great EU experiment.

This practical integration effort, along with free movement has recently been augmented by other institutions such as monitoring hate speech in social media, ease of communication across Europe and other initiatives. The main issue that prevents the EU from becoming a more integrated democratic populous, knowledgeable about the EU is the perception that the EU is an entangled bureaucratic mess of institutions with different powers and responsibilities and no clear path for immediate interaction and resolution of issues with authorities. Part of the issue is that the EU as a super-structure sits upon the national decision makers and deals with far reaching challenges that leave the average citizen baffled and feeling quite insignificant within the sea of 500 million souls that live in the European Union.

In the framework of the project CivAct, partners trained volunteers to learn and spread knowledge about the relevance of the EU in their daily lives as well knowledge on how they can interact with the EU directly. This was done in schools, municipalities, festivals etc. By enabling volunteers as multipliers we believe that we move towards the sustainability of the project.

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