

**Priority question for written answer  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Deployment of the European Solidarity Corps in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic

The European Solidarity Corps was established in 2016 in order to allow young people aged between 18 and 30 years old to engage in a wide variety of activities, such as dealing with natural disasters or assisting in centres for asylum seekers. This support can last up to twelve months and is usually located within the EU Member States.

Given the current spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, Europe can need any possible support. This entails activities in hospitals, but also logistical assistance in food production or delivery, as well as the support for elderly people who are not able to take care about their daily needs by themselves in times of increased infection risks.

Therefore, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. Has the Commission already considered the possibility of using the European Solidarity Corps in projects linked to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis response?
2. In which fields of activity could the European Solidarity Corps be used in order to contribute to solutions in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic?
3. In view of the urgency, how much time would be necessary according to the Commission in order to deploy the European Solidarity Corps to above-mentioned projects?