

European Solidarity Corps Key Achievements & Impact

Summary of 2018-2020 final evaluation
and 2021-2027 interim evaluation



How has it helped?



- **Brings young people together to create change**
- **Boosts personal growth & job skills**
 - 83% of participants reported improved personal and professional development
- **Helps communities by supporting local projects**
 - Over 9,500 projects funded
- **95% participants acknowledge the programme's positive impact**



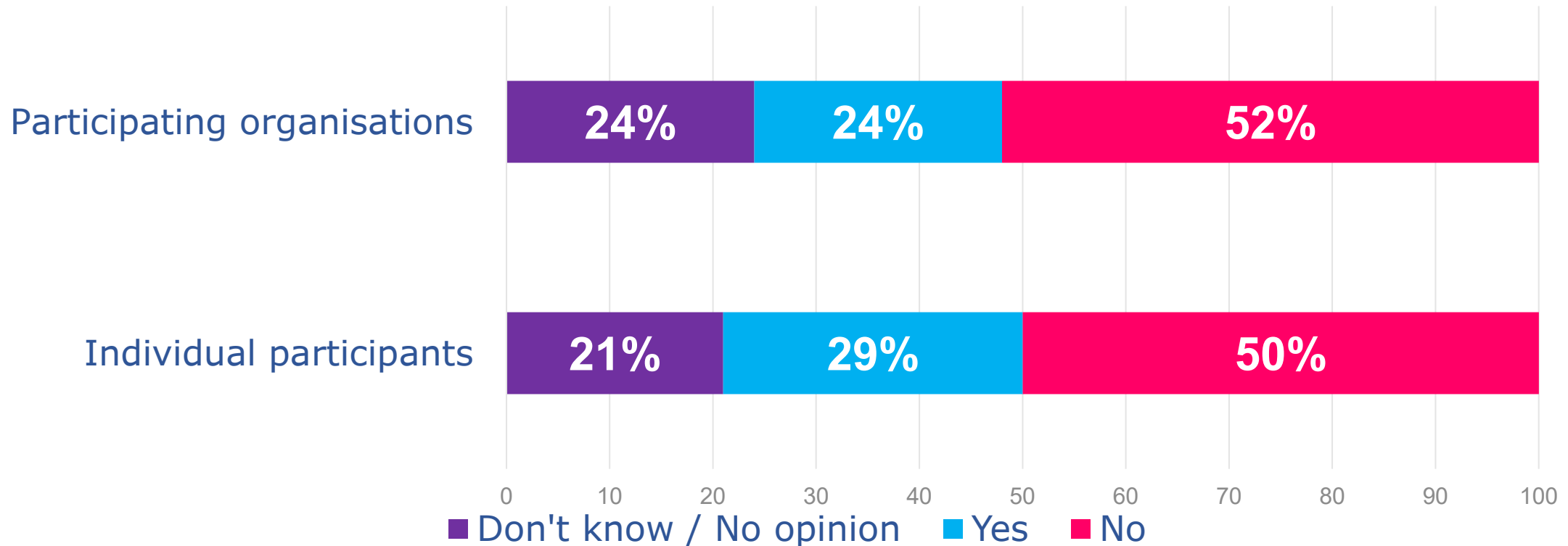


Numbers

- **2018-2020 Programme:**
 - Over 35,000 young people took part
 - 42% from disadvantaged backgrounds
- **2021-2027 Programme:**
 - Nearly 70,000 participants so far
 - Almost 200,000 expressions of interest for humanitarian aid
 - 40% of volunteers with fewer opportunities

Alternative Programmes for 29% of the participants

Question: "If the European Solidarity Corps programme did not exist, would you be able to find and participate in alternative programmes with similar objectives on the national, European or international level?"



Making a real difference



- **Tackling big issues like climate change & social inclusion**
- **Helping during crises**
 - Covid-19 pandemic, relief to people fleeing natural or man-made disasters
 - Standing with Ukraine
- **85% of organisations say that European Solidarity Corps met important community needs**
- **Giving young people a chance to step up & lead**
 - 91% of participants felt more capable of making meaningful social change





Helping organisations too!



- **Over 3,000 have benefited from the programme**
- **76% increased project management competencies**
- **78% reported spillover effect on inclusion of people with fewer opportunities**
- **Recognition through the European Solidarity Corps Quality Label**





A strong European impact



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- **For 55%, it is the first chance to volunteer**
- **Builds a sense of European community & shared values**
 - 71% feel more connected to Europe
- **Helps young people transition from education to employment**
 - 41% of participants explicitly mention gaining professional experience or exploring career paths as their top motivation





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Value for money



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- **Budget: €1.009 billion for 2021-2027**
- **Better use of funds compared to 2018-2020**
 - Cost per participant reduced by 20%
- **Very quick adaptation to rising inflation through increased unit costs in 2023-2024**
- **Less paperwork, making it easier for organisations & volunteers**



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2021 - 2027

HUMANITARIAN AID

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

The new strand is now fully integrated



- Integrating the humanitarian aid strand into the European Solidarity Corps has streamlined volunteering activities
- Revised training and recruitment procedures for volunteers have improved accessibility and transparency, and reduced time between applications and deployment





What's next



- **Improve monitoring of access for people with fewer opportunities**
- **Monitor geographical spread of volunteering opportunities across regions**
- **Improve visa arrangements for non-EU nationals**
- **Align funding to programme's success**
- **Improve IT and monitoring tools for project management**
- **Clarify purpose of humanitarian aid strand and consider aligning the age limit**



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Keep the momentum



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- **The programme is a success and its popularity keeps growing**
- **More young people & communities are engaging in volunteering and solidarity opportunities**
- **Consultations ongoing to plan and design European volunteering and solidarity under the post-2027 MFF**



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