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This Corrigendum comprises three parts:

- Content changes related to the transitional period towards the approval of the European Solidarity Corps legislative proposal.
- Modification in the submission deadlines for Youth actions Round 1
- Other changes to the 2018 Programme Guide

All the changes above are reflected in the version 2 of the 2018 Erasmus+ Programme Guide, available on the Erasmus+ website of the European Commission.

1. Changes Related to Erasmus+ Volunteering activities

Based on the current state of play of the negotiations of the dedicated legal instrument for the European Solidarity Corps, the European Commission is putting in place transitional measures to extend the support of Erasmus+ for European Solidarity Corps volunteering activities under the first two application deadlines of the 2018 Call.

The following changes under the section "Erasmus+ volunteering activities" in the 2018 Erasmus+ Programme Guide, in comparison with version 1 of the Programme Guide, published on 25th October 2017, respond to these transitional measures.

Subject to having the European Solidarity Corps legal basis adopted in view of Round 3 (October deadline), volunteering activities between Erasmus+ Programme Countries which are EU Member States will be supported by the European Solidarity Corps in the form of "volunteering placements". The rules and conditions for these activities will be described in a dedicated Programme Guide/European Solidarity Corps Call for Proposals.

Applicants are advised to contact their respective National Agencies for further information on the status of the negotiations and the consequent impact on the respective Calls.

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MOBILITY PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH WORKERS:

Two types of projects can be supported under this Action:

- Mobility projects that can comprise of Youth Exchanges and/or Youth Workers activities.
- Mobility projects that can comprise of one or more volunteering activities. ~~Further to the Commission Communication "Investing in Europe's youth" (December 2017), launching the European Solidarity Corps, the Erasmus+ Programme covers, as from 2018, the two following activity types in the area of volunteering⁴⁶:~~
 - ~~○ 'Erasmus+ volunteering activities', based on cooperation between organisations from EU Member States and non-EU Erasmus+ Programme Countries;~~
 - ~~○ 'Erasmus+ volunteering activities', based on cooperation between~~

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A new paragraph has been added:

ERASMUS+ CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS INITIATIVE

In order to strengthen the cohesion and foster the solidarity in European society, a European Solidarity Corps has been set up by the European Commission¹ to create a community of young people willing to engage in a wide range of solidarity activities, either by volunteering or gaining occupational experience in helping to resolve challenging situations across the European Union and beyond.

In its initial phase, the European Solidarity Corps builds on the currently existing EU Programmes. One of the principal funding schemes contributing to the European Solidarity Corps is the Erasmus+ Programme through its volunteering activities between Programme Countries. The European Solidarity Corps will thus give impetus and greater visibility to Erasmus+, while putting volunteering at European level within a larger framework and adding further volunteering opportunities.

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2016:942:FIN>

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA USED TO ASSESS THIS PROJECT?

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Accreditation	The participating organisations, with the exception of the applicant, must hold a valid accreditation or Quality Label at the first day of the volunteering activity in which the relevant organisation is involved.
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Duration of the service	<p>Individual volunteering activities: From 2² to 12 months, excluding travel time. In the case of young people with fewer opportunities, the Service can start as from 2 weeks.</p> <p>Group volunteering activities: From 2 weeks to 2 months³, excluding travel time.</p>
Venue(s) of the service	<p>The activity must take place in the country of one of the organisations participating in the activity.</p> <p>A volunteer from a Programme Country must carry out her/his service in another Programme Country or in a Partner Country neighbouring the EU.</p> <p>A volunteer from a Member State of the EU must carry out her/his service in a non EU Programme country or in a Partner Country neighbouring the EU.</p> <p>A volunteer from a non EU Programme Country must carry out her/his service in a Programme country or in a Partner Country neighbouring the EU.</p> <p>A volunteer from a Partner Country neighbouring the EU must carry out her/his service in a Programme Country.</p>
Eligible participants	<p>Young people aged between 17 and 30⁴, resident in the country of their sending organisation.</p> <p>Participants resident in a Programme Country and volunteering in another Programme Country must be registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.⁵</p> <p>Volunteers having already taken part in an Erasmus+ volunteering activity or a European Voluntary Service are not eligible.</p> <p>Exception: volunteers who carried out a volunteering activity or an EVS lasting maximum 2 months can take part in an additional volunteering activity.</p>
Number of participants	Group volunteering activities: Minimum 10 and a maximum of 40 volunteers per activity.
Where to apply?	To the National Agency of the country in which the applicant organisation is established.
When to apply?	<p>Applicants have to submit their grant application by the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 February at 12:00 (midday Brussels time) for projects starting between 1 May and 30 September of the same year; ▪ 26 April at 12:00 (midday Brussels time) for projects starting between 1 August and 31 December of the same year; ▪ 4 October at 12:00 (midday Brussels time) for projects starting between 1 January and 31 May of the following year.
How to apply?	Please see Part C of this Guide for details on how to apply.

² AS FROM 60 DAYS, EXCLUDING TRAVEL DAYS

³ UP TO 59 DAYS, EXCLUDING TRAVEL DAYS.

⁴ PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- LOWER AGE LIMITS - PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE REACHED THE MINIMUM AGE AT THE START OF THE ACTIVITY.
- UPPER AGE LIMITS - PARTICIPANTS MUST NOT BE OLDER THAN THE INDICATED MAXIMUM AGE AT APPLICATION DEADLINE.

⁵ https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

<p>Other criteria</p>	<p>The application must be submitted to the National Agency of the country of the applicant.</p> <p>In order to maintain a clear link to the country where the National Agency is based, either the sending or the receiving organisation must be from the country of the National Agency to which the application is submitted.</p> <p>For activities within Programme Countries, organisations must select their volunteers from the European Solidarity Corps database⁶.</p> <p>Advance Planning Visit (APV): If the project foresees an APV, then the following eligibility criteria must be respected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ duration of the APV: maximum 2 days (travel days excluded); ▪ number of participants: 1 participant per Sending Organisation. The number of participants can be raised provided that all additional participants are volunteers with fewer opportunities taking part in the activity. <p>A Declaration of Honour of the legal representative must be annexed to the application form.</p>
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ANNEX I, MOBILITY PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH WORKERS - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS – SELECTION

A new paragraph has been added:

The selection of volunteers can be carried out by any of the organisations involved in the project (usually this task is carried out by the sending or coordinating organisation).

The Erasmus+ Volunteering activities are open to all young people, including people with fewer opportunities. Volunteers are to be selected in a fair, transparent and objective way, regardless of their ethnic group, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion, etc. No previous qualifications, educational level, specific experience or language knowledge should be required. A more specific profile of the volunteer might be drawn up if justified by the nature of the tasks of the activity or by the project context.

In the case of volunteering activities within Programme Countries, organisations must carry out the selection of the volunteers among the pool of young people registered in the European Solidarity Corps. An online tool called PASS enables organisations to search and contact those young people. Organisations holding either an Erasmus+ volunteering accreditation or a European Solidarity Corps Quality Label have automatic access to the tool⁷ along with their access to the European Youth Portal's volunteering database.

The selection process should be always in compliance with the principles and quality standards of the Erasmus+ Volunteering activities.

⁶ More information about the European Solidarity Corps online database is available in Annex I , Mobility projects for young people and youth workers - Conditions of participation of volunteers - Selection

⁷ The online tool can be accessed through the European Solidarity Corp page https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en or the European Youth Portal <https://europa.eu/youth>

2. MODIFICATION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR YOUTH ACTIONS ROUND 1

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The deadlines for Round 1 become **15 February 2018**, instead of 1st February 2018:

Key Action 1	
Mobility projects that can comprise of Youth Exchanges and/or Youth Workers activities.	15 February 2018 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)
Mobility projects that can comprise of one or more volunteering activities	15 February 2018 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)

Key Action 2	
Strategic partnerships in the field of youth	15 February 2018 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)

Key Action 3	
Meeting between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth	15 February 2018 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)

3. OTHER CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME GUIDE

3.1 MOBILITY PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS

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WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS ACTION?

PARTICIPANTS IN MOBILITY ACTIVITIES ~~BETWEEN PROGRAMME COUNTRIES~~

Applicants of mobility projects will be allowed to claim financial support for travel costs of participants under the budget heading "exceptional costs" (up to a maximum of 80% of total eligible costs: see "What are the funding rules?"). This would be allowed provided that applicants can justify that the standard funding rules (based on contribution to unit costs per travel distance band) do not cover at least 70% of the travel costs of participants.

3.2 Strategic Partnerships

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FUNDING RULES FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEARNING, TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (OPTIONAL FUNDING):

Travel - Rule of allocation: Conditional: applicants will have to justify that mobility activities are necessary to achieve the objectives and results of the project. Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission⁸. The applicant must indicate the distance of a one-way travel to calculate the amount of the EU grant that will support the round trip⁹. ~~The applicant must justify in the application form the request of funding covering Expensive domestic travel costs over 225 EUR (per return trip).~~

3.3 Capacity Building in the field of youth

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WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY A CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT?

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Based on the geographical coverage, we distinguish four types of Capacity-building projects:

- Capacity-building projects between organisations active in the field of youth in Programme Countries and in the Other Partner Countries (from ~~Regions 5-13~~ Regions 5-14, see section "Eligible Countries" in Part A of this Guide).

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C) FUNDING RULES FOR MOBILITY OF YOUTH WORKERS CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT (OPTIONAL FUNDING)

Exceptional Costs – Eligible costs; Visa and visa-related costs, residence permits, vaccinations, medical certifications. Expensive travel costs ~~of participants from/to outermost regions and Overseas Countries and Territories~~ (for details, see section "what else you should know about this action").

3.4 Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth

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WHAT ARE THE FUNDING RULES?

Exceptional Costs – Eligible costs: Costs connected to (online) consultations and opinion polls of young people in so far as necessary for the participation in this Action. Costs connected to dissemination and exploitation of results. Costs to support the participation of young people with fewer opportunities on equal terms as others (excluding costs for travel and organisational support). Visa and visa-related costs, residence permits, vaccinations, medical certifications. Costs for providing a financial

⁸ [HTTP://EC.EUROPA.EU/PROGRAMMES/ERASMUS-PLUS/TOOLS/DISTANCE_EN.HTM](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

⁹ FOR EXAMPLE, IF A PERSON FROM MADRID (SPAIN) IS TAKING PART IN AN ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE IN ROME (ITALY), THE APPLICANT WILL A) CALCULATE THE DISTANCE FROM MADRID TO ROME (1365,28 KM); B) SELECT THE APPLICABLE TRAVEL DISTANCE BAND (I.E. BETWEEN 500 AND 1999 KM) AND C) CALCULATE THE EU GRANT THAT WILL PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE COSTS OF TRAVEL OF THE PARTICIPANT FROM MADRID TO ROME AND RETURN (275 EUR).

guarantee, if the National Agency asks for it. Expensive travel costs ~~of participants from/to outermost regions and Overseas Countries and Territories~~ (for details, see section "what else you should know about this action").

3.5 Not-for-profit European Sport Events

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WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF A NOT-FOR-PROFIT EUROPEAN SPORT EVENT?

[...]

Approximately ~~8~~ 10 events not linked to the European Week of Sport should be selected. In relation to the above topics (i.e. volunteering, social inclusion, gender, HEPA), at least one event should focus on the external dimension of sport (e.g. sport diplomacy) and at least one event should focus on the role of grassroots sport in supporting the objectives of this action (volunteering in sport, social inclusion in and through sport, gender equality in sport, health-enhancing physical activity).

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

<p>Eligible events and participants</p>	<p>European-wide sport events organised in one country must involve participants to the event from at least 12 10 different Programme Countries.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Sport events organised simultaneously in several Programme Countries must involve participants to the events from at least 12 10 different Programme Countries. This condition is fulfilled as long as these participants are involved in the sum of events in total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participating organisations must be identified at the time of applying for a grant.
<p>When to apply?</p>	<p>Applicants have to submit their grant application by 5 April at 12:00 (midday Brussels time).</p> <p>For large-scale events, projects may start as of 15 June 2018.</p> <p>For all other events, projects may start on 1 November 2018.</p>

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WHAT ARE THE FUNDING RULES?

Activity costs – Amount:

Maximum grant awarded:

- For not-for-profit European sport events organised during the European Week of Sport: **300,000 EUR**
- For not-for-profit European sport events not related to the European Week of Sport:
 - medium-scale events: **maximum 500,000 EUR**
 - large-scale events: **minimum 1 Million EUR and maximum 2 Million EUR**