



Fundusze Europejskie
na Migrację, Granice
i Bezpieczeństwo



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About the Programme

What is the European Solidarity Corps?

An EU initiative bringing young people together to build a more inclusive society — supporting vulnerable people, responding to real challenges, and helping participants grow.

Who is Fundacja To i Co?

A question we ask ourselves every day: what more can we do to make things easier for someone. We work in Tczew for people with migration experience and the local community. We're not a government authority — we're an NGO you can simply walk up to, ask, or ask for help. We run the Migrant Info Point Tczew, take care of the City Garden and Food-Sharing Point, promote sustainable mobility through MIŁO!, and build a stronger, more open Tczew together with our "WoW — it works" volunteers.

Is this a paid job?

No — it's ESC volunteering, not employment. You receive a daily allowance, with housing and food fully covered.

Do I get a certificate at the end?

Yes — every participant receives an official European Solidarity Corps certificate confirming their participation.

Eligibility & Application

Who can apply?

Ages 18–30, from an EU member state or an ESC Programme Country (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia, or Turkey).

Do I need a sending organisation?

Yes — it supports you locally and helps organise your placement with us.

I don't have one yet — can you help?

Yes, we help you find one, and try to keep the group as multicultural as possible.

Do I need previous volunteering experience?

No — but it's always welcome.

How long until I hear back after applying?

We get back to you as quickly as we can.

Can more than one person from the same country apply?

Generally yes — we aim to keep the group multicultural.

Duration & Timing**How long is the placement?**

9 months, with financial support the entire time.

Can I choose my own start date?

Yes — placements are staggered, and we agree on an individual date together.

What if I need to leave earlier or extend my stay?

In case of emergencies, we figure it out individually together.

Do I get days off?

Since our projects run flexibly, your schedule will too — some days might be 8 hours, others just a few. We make sure you get proper time off to recover, and we keep an eye on your mental wellbeing throughout.

Money & Logistics**What's covered?**

Housing, food, travel to and from Poland, local public transport, and a daily allowance — plus visa support where needed.

How much pocket money do I get?

€5/day, with housing and food fully covered on top.

Do I need to pay anything upfront?

No — we organise everything ourselves.

Do I need a visa?

If you're coming from outside the EU/Schengen area (this includes Programme Countries like Turkey), yes — a national D visa is required. We handle the paperwork and cover the cost.

Health Insurance**How is my health insurance handled?**

If you're coming from an EU/EEA country (or Switzerland), your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC — called EKUZ in Poland) covers necessary state healthcare during your stay, on the same terms as Polish nationals. Just bring your EHIC/EKUZ card from home before you travel.

Language

Do I need to speak Polish?

No — nice to have, not required. English is a must.

What language does the team use day-to-day?

English and Polish.

Are language classes offered?

Yes — Polish classes will be available during your placement.

The Work Itself**Do I choose my area, or is it assigned?**

You choose — and we're always open to your own ideas.

Can I really run my own project?

Yes, explicitly encouraged.

What does a typical day/week look like?

It varies a lot depending on where you're placed — outdoor activities, event organisation, admin, or something else entirely.

Support & Inclusion**What if I have a health condition or specific support needs?**

Let us know — we can offer psychological support and practical help where needed.

Are some spots reserved for people with fewer opportunities?

Yes — a few of our spots are reserved for volunteers facing extra barriers.

Who do I talk to if something feels wrong?

Paulina Kremer.

Who's my day-to-day contact?

Paulina Kremer, Joanna Sadowska, and Karoline Bamberowicz.

After the Programme**What do I get out of it afterward?**

You can complete a Youthpass, and you'll receive a reference, confirmation of participation, and full project documentation — everything you need going forward.

Contact**Who do I contact before applying?**

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