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The Director-General

Brussels, EAC.B3/OL

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Subject: Your application for access to documents (EASE 2022/6949)

Dear Ms. Somavilla Morilla

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 30/11/2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We also refer to the holding reply under reference number Ares(2022)8926815 and its corrigendum Ares(2022)8927053, both documents sent on 22 December 2022 and registered on the same date.

You requested access to

- Budget for the European Volunteering program broken down by member country and by year (from 2017 to 2022).
- Number of participants between 2017 and 2022 broken down by the following categories:
 - +Provenance (either EU member country or other countries that are not part of it).
 - +Year.
- +Type of stay: long-terms (volunteer projects lasting more than 6 months) and short-terms (volunteer projects lasting less than 6 months).
 - +Destination (place where they carried out the European volunteer project).
- + Activity topics (culture, youth work, agriculture, health, human rights, ...). According to the list of areas of activity cataloged by the European Solidarity Corps portal (https://youth.europa.eu/go-abroad/volunteering/opportunities_es).
- List of companies, entities, organizations and foundations that participate, broken down by member country, year (between 2017 and 2022) and topics of activity (according to the list of areas of activity cataloged by the European Solidarity Corps portal (https://youth.europa.eu/go-abroad/volunteering/opportunities_en).

Data to date is requested, and in the case of not having registered the data referring to 2022, it is required to provide the latest registered data.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

[2018-2023] Annual work programme, published yearly on the European Youth Portal
 https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/organisations/reference-documents-resources_en (for example, see Table 3 for requested budget data for the call 2023)

- European Solidarity Corps Organisations 2018-2021, 19/01/2023, reference Ares(2023)426115 (hereafter 'document 1')
- European Solidarity Corps Participants Mobilities 2018-2020, 19/01/2023, reference Ares(2023)426673 (hereafter 'document 2')

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we have come to the conclusion that documents 1 and 2 may be fully disclosed.

The European Solidarity Corps programme budget and its distribution is fixed at the beginning of every year in the Annual Work Programme and published online for public access.

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Regarding your request for data for participants between 2021 and 2022, please note that the projects for the call 2021 are still ongoing and the data is subject to frequent change. In the interest of offering to the public reliable information, data on mobilities is published when a level of stability is reached. We are sending you the data for the 2018-2020 calls.

In what concerns the list of organisations from the call 2022, the results of the call are still being encoded and will be made available on the European Youth Portal when the data is of advanced quality. However we consider that the 2021 call is stable enough for the results to be published and we are sending you the requested data for 2018-2021.

Please note that the topics of activity you have requested are linked to the opportunities promoted by the organisations on the page you have sent us and are not linked in any way to the actual European Solidarity Corps projects or organisations. In conclusion, it is not possible to include this data in the documents. Furthermore, the page is planned to be reworked, therefore the list of topics of activity will be updated.

Given that we are planning to release statistical data on a regular basis, we invite you to consult the following page for updates (currently under construction):

 $\underline{https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/factsheets-and-statistics-on-European-Solidarity-Corps_en}$

For more information about the projects, please consult our projects platform: https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/projects/

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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¹ https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request