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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission proposal for the 2028-2034 Erasmus+ programme, including the European Solidarity Corps, keeps a strong emphasis on inclusion, notably through targeted measures aimed at supporting persons with fewer opportunities. While it is not designed to function as a dedicated instrument for asylum- or migration-related support, volunteering projects in the future programme are expected to contribute to addressing societal or humanitarian challenges, which might include challenges experienced by migrants and refugees.

Since 2021, 1 229 projects of the European Solidarity Corps out of 13 924 have selected ‘reception and integration of refugees and migrants’ as one topic for their activities, out of several topics that can be tackled in the same project. As there is no budgetary split by topic within an activity, it is not possible ultimately to assign a precise spending on projects addressing any selected topic.

Article 2(6) of the Commission proposal for a Regulation establishing the Erasmus+ programme for the period 2028–2034¹ provides that “the ‘European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps’ refers to volunteering activities that [...] include actions that aim to reinforce disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction, link relief, rehabilitation and development and contribute towards strengthening the resilience and capacity of vulnerable or disaster-affected communities to cope with and recover from crises”. Volunteering missions in support of third countries that have agreed to receive migrants on behalf of a Member State for the purpose of processing their asylum applications that do not include actions described in this definition would not be eligible for funding under the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0549>.