
This is the template to upload your volunteering experience and inspire more people to be involved and join the European Solidarity Corps Programme.

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Age: 25

Residency country: Italy

Country and city where you did your ESC experience: Bordeaux, France

Dates of the project: 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Hosting organisation link (Website, facebook, Instagram, etc.): Maison de l'Europe Bordeaux-Aquitaine

Brief description of the project and what you did:

- Promoted European projects (Erasmus+, Green Deal, sustainability initiatives) through school outreach programs
- and public conferences.
- Contributed to the organization of 8 events during Europe month in May
- Contributed to the communication - content creation - for Europe month in May
- Delivered, organized and managed radio and podcast talks on the European Union, Italian identity, and intercultural dialogue.
- Created engaging social media content using Canva, CapCut and Adobe to enhance communication and visibility.
- Assisted in organizing events and managed social media promotion, increasing the association page engagement.
- Intercultural and inclusive communication

As part of the European Solidarity Corps, I took part in the *ECO Ambassadors* project in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region. I was one of 12 volunteers from across Europe, working together to promote active European citizenship and environmental awareness. Our main goal was to share European green values and organize eco-related activities, while also representing our own countries and cultures through interactive workshops in schools, youth centers, and local communities.

We coordinated events linked to the *Month of Europe* and took part in radio shows and podcasts to raise awareness about sustainability, cultural diversity, and European identity. Through these activities, we encouraged openness, solidarity, and positive change, inspiring people to become the eco-citizens of tomorrow.

My favourite moment:

My favourite moments were the ones spent on the radio, promoting Italian culture and traditions. Through that experience, I rediscovered my love for my own country and developed a real passion for public speaking. I also deeply valued the time spent in schools, especially those outside Bordeaux in the countryside, where Italy seemed like a dream to the children. And, of course, I will always cherish the moments shared with the other volunteers, who truly became like a family to me

Impact in the community:

The biggest impact on the community was promoting the European Solidarity Corps project among young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Giving them the opportunity to go abroad through a program fully funded by the European Commission was truly inspiring and motivating, as the positive impact was clearly visible.

Impact on yourself:

After five years of intense university studies, during which I rarely had time for myself, I finally had the chance to rediscover my interests and passions — from personal hobbies to new ones like radio hosting and public speaking. I also felt that my voice truly mattered to some young people, and I was proud to contribute to promoting the European Solidarity Corps.

This experience allowed me to travel, take part in excursions, and, above all, meet incredible people — from the other volunteers to my supervisor, who has now become a friend. I would recommend anyone to take a break, either during or after their studies, to reconnect with themselves and take part in a volunteering experience like this. It will most likely change your perspective on many things.

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