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EU programmes

In Croatia, [the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes](#) administers the Erasmus+ program and the European Solidarity Corps ([Europske snage solidarnosti](#)), which started in 2018. According to the available data, there were [99 volunteering projects](#) and only one Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas project under the new programme in the period from 2018 to 2020.

The Agency monitors the participation of end-users in the Erasmus+ program (including ESC) through the EU Survey, the RAY Standard Survey as well as by the EU program monitoring tools such as the Mobility Dashboard, Mobility Tool, etc.

Participation in other cross-border programs funded by at least 50% by the state

No.

Legal framework applying to foreign volunteers

The principle of volunteering trans-nationality is defined in Article 17 of the [Act on Volunteering](#) (OG 58/07, 22/13), and items relating to the regulation of volunteering of foreigners in the RC are as follows: foreigners and persons recognized asylum status may volunteer in the RC in accordance with the provisions of the [Act on Volunteering, the Aliens Act](#) (OG NN 130/11, 74/13, 69/17, 46/18), the Asylum Act^[1] and other regulations of the RC and assumed international legal obligations.

According to the [Act on Volunteering](#), Article 26, the organizers of volunteering who uses services of a volunteer/foreigner must have signed a written contract on volunteering with a volunteer/foreigner.

Foreigners may volunteer in the RC by regulating their stay in accordance with the provisions of the [Aliens Act](#), Articles 2, 64a, 64d, and 82.

A contract on volunteering concluded by a volunteer/foreigner in writing and in accordance with the [Act on Volunteering](#) shall be considered as evidence of the justification of a temporary stay.

According to the [Aliens Act](#) (OG NN 130/11, 74/13, 69/17, 46/18), up to 90 days in the calendar year based on a work registration certificate, the aliens may work in the organization of Croatian associations or institutions, come to perform volunteering work in work camps and similar working programs. Also, on the same manner may be engaged volunteers to work in non-profit associations and institutions in the RC in accordance with special regulations, i.e. based on international volunteer exchange and cooperation programs. For these volunteers, the permit for stay and work outside the annual quota can be issued if they are between 18 and 65 years of age and a contract on volunteering has been concluded. The organization in which an alien volunteers must take full responsibility for the alien at the time of volunteering, including the costs of subsistence, accommodation, nutrition, health insurance and return costs.

According to the same law, based on a work registration certificate, the alien/volunteer who volunteer within the framework of the Community Programmes, the Lifelong Learning Program and the Youth in Action Program and other international programs and other programs and initiatives implemented by the body competent for education and science and bodies under which jurisdiction is volunteering.

In Croatia, volunteer work is classified as regular work. Volunteers coming from EU member states do not need work permits to volunteer anywhere in the EU, but on the basis of reciprocity, restrictions on access to the Croatian labour market apply to volunteers from certain EU Member States, and they need residence and work permits to be able to volunteer in Croatia.

The residence and work permit must be requested for volunteers/foreigners coming from Austria and third countries in the period from 2018 to 30 June 2020. The list is available on the [Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy web pages](#).

Visa is a permit for entry and stay of a volunteer/foreigner for up to three months in the RC territory. It is issued for one, two or more entries for the purposes of transit, tourist, business, private, or other travel. On the basis of visa, a volunteer, an alien cannot volunteer in the RC and the volunteer/foreigner is obliged to submit an application for a work registration certificate or a temporary residence permit application and an application for issuance of stay and work permit, depending on the duration of the volunteer engagement. Aliens and persons recognized as asylum seekers may volunteer in the RC in accordance with the provisions of the [Act on Volunteering](#) (OG 58/07, 22/13), the Aliens Act (OG NN 130/11, 74/13, 69/17, 46/18) and other regulations of the RC and assumed international obligations.

Pursuant to the [Law on Confirmation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the RC on the Participation of the RC in the Youth in Action Program and the Lifelong Learning Action Program \(2007-2013\)](#)

(OG 4/11), participants in the Youth in Action Program are obliged to pay contributions whereby foreign nationals regulate mandatory health insurance in Croatia. For the purpose of their temporary residence in the territory of the RC, the right to health insurance is exercised on the basis of policies concluded between the European Commission and the insurance company for certain program actions, and for this category of aliens, the proof of health insurance do not need to be attached to the application for a stay and work permit.

[1]The Law on Volunteering, Art. 17 mentioned the AsylumAct, which was inforce untill 1 July 2015, and after it was adopted a new [Act on International and Temporary Protection](#) (OfficialGazette 70/15, 127/17).