

Interreg



Volunteer Youth

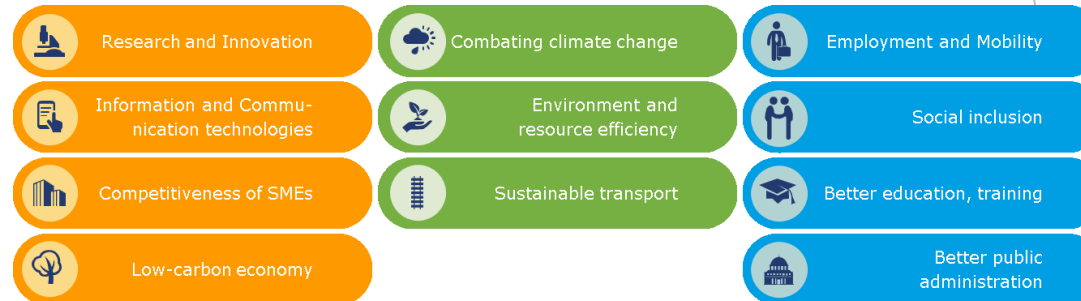
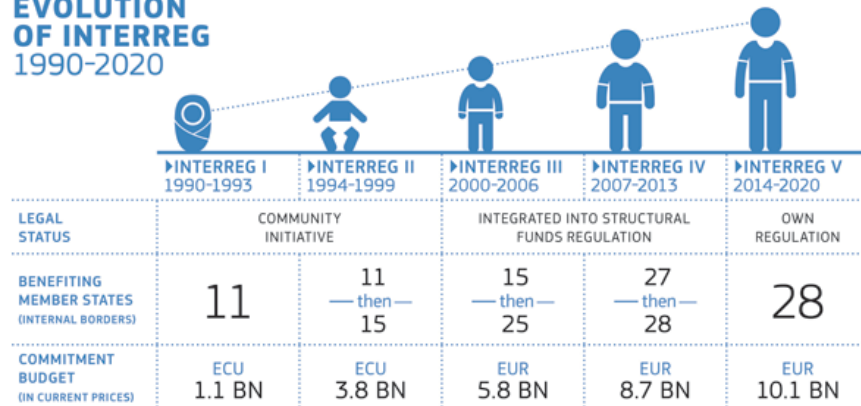
INTERREG VOLUNTEER YOUTH (IVY)

- ▶ Part of  **EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS**
- ▶ Started on 1 March 2017
- ▶ 1-year pilot action
- ▶ Co-funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (European Regional Development Fund - ERDF)
- ▶ Managed by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
- ▶ Target: EU citizens (18-30 years old)
- ▶ Host organisations: Interreg Programmes & Projects
- ▶ Each experience is between 2 and 6-month long
- ▶ All volunteers are financially supported and insured

What is Interreg?

- ▶ "European Territorial Cooperation" (ETC) and is part of the so-called "Cohesion Policy" of the European Union
- ▶ A way to get European regions closer to each other and to boost their cooperation.

EVOLUTION OF INTERREG 1990-2020



Why?

- ▶ To promote a harmonious economic, social and territorial development of the European Union as a whole
- ▶ To support cooperation between partners across borders
- ▶ To tackle common challenges together and find shared solutions - whether in the field of health, research and education, transport or sustainable energy.

IVY: 2 ways of volunteering

1. *Interreg Reporter*

- ▶ Hosted by the **Interreg Managing Authority** and/or the **Interreg Joint Secretariat** (i.e. at Interreg Programme level)
- ▶ Helps with **disseminating information** on the benefit of European territorial integration on the ground, through reporting successful Interreg projects

2. *Interreg Project Partner*

- ▶ Deployed in the territory of one of the **Interreg Project Beneficiaries**
- ▶ Helps with **Interreg project implementation** focusing on specific aspects or difficulties to be solved in fields such as solidarity projects, people to people projects, health projects, community-based projects, projects focusing on the social dimension of Interreg cooperation

Host Organisations

Why joining ?

- ▶ To give the right attention and visibility to successful Interreg stories and thus get the right support from EU citizens, governments and institutions to keep cross-border cooperation - and related funding - as a crucial part of European Integration.
- ▶ To support your Interreg activities in a unique and valuable way by providing a fresh, dynamic and effective approach to the implementation & communication of Interreg results.
- ▶ To increase your visibility towards European, national and local decision-makers, the other Interreg Programmes & Projects as well as the broader European public and especially young Europeans.
- ▶ To “make a difference” in some young Europeans’ lives
- ▶ Because it is very easy to join the initiative

What to expect ?

- ▶ Make Interreg and its solidarity/cooperation dimension more visible among EU citizens.
- ▶ Make IVY a valuable and unique experience of personal growth for the volunteer who will gain useful knowledge and skills that can be employed in his/her future experiences.

Volunteers

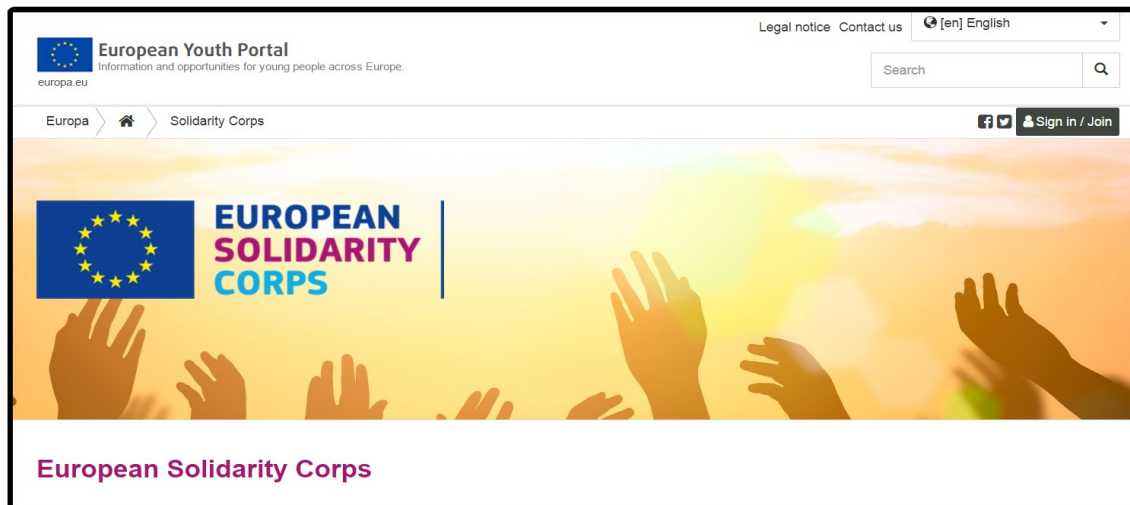
Why joining?

- ▶ Volunteers will acquire a **unique experience of personal growth**, engaging within a certain **European community** and getting the chance to **express your solidarity** and feel rewarded.

What to expect?

- ▶ To make **European Territorial Cooperation** (the so-called “Interreg”) and its **solidarity/cooperation dimension** more **visible** among EU citizens.

How to apply?



Testimonials...

- ▶ Manon, 22 years old, French student (Budapest, 5 months)



- ▶ Jasmin, 26 years old, German student (Poland, 2 months)



**Some figures...*

- ▶ 6 Interreg Programmes confirmed
- ▶ 2 Interreg Projects confirmed
- ▶ 14 Interreg Programmes about to confirm
- ▶ 27 Interreg Projects about to confirm
- ▶ 2 Interreg Reporters deployed
- ▶ 0 Interreg Project Partners deployed
- ▶ 430 followers on Twitter
- ▶ 1,066 likes on Facebook

*Last update: 08 May 2017

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Thanks for your attention...

*It's time to clarify any doubt you may have
&
start your IVY adventure!*

