**ESC – European Solidarity Corps questionnaire**

**Biographical data**

Family name: First Name:

Address:

ID Number:

Phone numbers (landline and mobile please):

E-mail:

Skype:

Birth Date: Gender:

Place of birth: Nationality:

Emergency contact person/people (name, address, phone number & e-mail):

Special needs (if so, please specify, eg. Dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions and treatments you are taking, any kind of illness etc.):

**Living situation:** Are you currently:

Studying:

Working:

Unemployed:

Other:

In our project, we would like to encourage the participation of young people with fewer opportunities, giving them priority during the selection process. Regarding this, please answer the following questions.

Do you consider that in your life you face some of the following obstacles:

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|  | YES | NO |
| Disability / special needs – *e.g. mental (intellectual, cognitive, learning), physical, sensory*  *or other disabilities* |  |  |
| Health problems - *e.g. chronic health problems, severe illnesses or psychiatric conditions* |  |  |
| Educational difficulties - *e.g. learning difficulties, early school-leaver, poor school*  *performance* |  |  |
| Cultural differences - *e.g. immigrant, refugees or with immigrant or refugee family*  *background, belonging to a national or ethnic minority* |  |  |
| Economic obstacles - *e.g. low standard of living, low income, dependence on social welfare*  *system, long-term unemployment or poverty, debt or financial problems* |  |  |
| Social obstacles - *e.g. facing discrimination because of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual*  *orientation* |  |  |
| Geographical obstacles - *e.g. from remote or rural areas, young people living on small*  *islands or in peripheral regions, young people from urban problem zones, young people*  *from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities)* |  |  |

**ATTENTION!**Before applying for this ESC project you need to enroll yourself at European Solidarity Corps Platform (<https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en>) and specify your **Participant Reference Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Please give a short description of yourself, your background, your life at the moment, your hobbies, past experiences and future plans:
2. What is voluntary service for you? What does volunteer mean to you?
3. Have you already participated in any voluntary or associative activities? If « yes » where, when, for how long,in what type of activity?
4. Why would you like to take part in this ESC? Why now? Which are the competencies you already have and which ones you would like to get?
5. Do you have any worries or fears about becoming an ESC volunteer? What challenges do you think you will face?
6. Have you already traveled or lived abroad? If yes, where, when, for which reason and for how long?
7. How do you see yourself living in Palermo?
8. Have you already shared the flat/room with somebody else for a long period of time? How do you feel about that?
9. What kind of difficulties do you think you will face or encounter while living for a longer period of more months of time in a foreign country to you, with a different culture as yours? How do you intend to solve them?
10. What kind of knowledge, strengths or skills you believe you posses that may be useful during your voluntary service? Where, during the project you are applying for, do you see they will be very useful?
11. What kind of knowledge or skills would you like to gain? What would you like to learn?
12. What do you think your contribution will be to the hosting organization and the project you are applying for?
13. Why do you think you should be selected?

Please feel free to include additional information you may find relevant to be taken into account during the selection process, while reviewing your candidature.