



## **European Solidarity Corps Quality Label**

### **GUIDELINES FOR BUDGET ALLOCATION**

#### **Call 2023**

This document defines detailed rules for budget allocation to Erasmus+ accredited organisations and Quality Label lead organisations, in line with the frameworks established in the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programme Guides. The process presented here is applicable for both programmes, with due consideration to key differences relating to the nature of actions, duration of projects and number of rounds.

As specified in the Programme Guides, at budget allocation stage there is no quality assessment. All eligible grant requests should receive funding. The awarded grant amount will depend on a number of elements:

- the total budget available for allocation
- the estimated budget required to implement the requested activities
- the minimum and maximum grant
- the following allocation criteria: qualitative performance, policy priorities and thematic areas addressed by the activities applied for and, optionally for Erasmus+, geographical balance.

## 1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

The NAs will publish the total budget available for allocation<sup>1</sup>, as approved by EAC in the NA Work Programme.

<b>Total budget available for allocation</b>	At least 1,358,934.00 EUR
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A specific amount will be reserved for budget categories based on reimbursement of real costs (exceptional costs reserve). Beneficiaries can make requests for these types of costs after the grant award, by submitting a written request to the National Agency. For Erasmus+ project this can only be done during the first 12 months of implementation, to facilitate the redistribution process. Limitations on the amount of additional funds that can be requested may apply, as defined in the grant agreement. In case of need, the National Agency may further increase the reserved amount. For ESC, if part of these reserved funds is left unused, the National Agency may distribute it in a second round.

In a second step, the rest of the available budget will be apportioned between the following applicable allocation criteria<sup>2</sup>:

Minimum grants	At least 324,000.00 EUR
Qualitative performance and policy priorities and thematic areas	At least 964,934.00 EUR
The following amount will be reserved for budget categories based on reimbursement of real costs	70,000.00 EUR

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<sup>1</sup> If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget.

<sup>2</sup> Exceptionally, the specified amounts may be lowered if the budget required for exceptional costs is higher than originally foreseen; if all applicants have already been allocated the requested amounts according to the rules set out in this document; or if a minor correction is required due to rounding rules.