

# YOUTHPASS IN 2020

Youthpass is both a tool and a process that helps to reflect on, document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work and solidarity activities. It is available to participants in projects funded by the European Solidarity Corps and the Erasmus+ Youth programmes, and is aimed at both young people as well as youth workers.



## YOUTHPASS IN NUMBERS

Since it was launched in 2007, some **1,105,000** Youthpass certificates have been created for more than 70,000 projects by around 28,000 organisations.

In 2020, 50,544 Youthpass certificates were issued for participants in 4,954 projects by 3,175 organisations.



The Youthpass figures for 2020 are considerably lower than in previous years, which covered the 2014-2020 programme generation. This is a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, during which many events were cancelled or postponed; most of the events that did take place in 2020 had a lower number of participants.

As Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects adapt to the circumstances and resume their activities, Youthpass numbers are expected to recover in 2021.

## YOUTHPASS HIGHLIGHTS AND MILESTONES IN 2020

2020 saw the launch of the online course [Youthpass <3 Corps – Guiding the learning journey](#) with a facilitated first edition. The course aims to equip support persons active in the European Solidarity Corps with the information and competences they need as they implement the Youthpass process. Over 370 participants have already taken part in the course. It will remain available as a self-paced online course, with another facilitated edition planned for 2021.

Youthpass certificates for European Solidarity Corps projects were translated into Croatian, Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovenian and Spanish, thanks to support from the respective National Agencies. All in all, they are now available in 14 languages.

In November 2020, Youthpass was made available for Training and Networking (NET) activities and the Training and Evaluation Cycle (TEC) for organisations holding a quality label within the European Solidarity Corps.



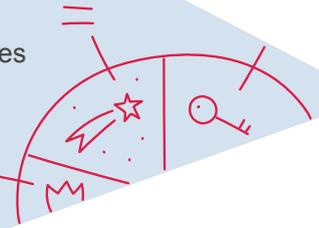
On November 26-27, 2020, the [Validation Calling](#) seminar took place online, sparking a discussion on the current situation as well as future perspectives related to the recognition and validation of the learning outcomes acquired in the youth field. More discussions on this topic will need to follow!



Several online Youthpass workshops took place in 2020, notably a series for the network of National Agencies and during the European Youth Work Convention.



Major progress has been made with developing the Youthpass strategy through several consultations. In addition to consulting the Youthpass Advisory Group, targeted consultations were organised separately with youth workers, trainers, the National Agencies network and individuals working in the field of recognition and validation in youth work and solidarity contexts. Some consultations focused specifically on the technical and conceptual development of the Youthpass tool.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS IN 2020



Leaflets illustrating how to implement Youthpass in the European Solidarity Corps: in [Volunteering](#) and [Solidarity](#) projects and in [Jobs & Traineeships](#)

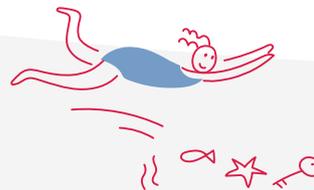
[Letter to participants](#) of the European Solidarity Corps

Leaflets on supporting Youthpass implementation in Erasmus+ [Youth Exchanges](#), [Mobility of Youth Workers](#) and [Youth Dialogue](#) projects

[Let's talk about Youthpass](#), an animated video plus ten short videos on learning and related topics

New edition of the [Learning out of the Box](#) card game, an engaging tool on learning

## WHAT COMES NEXT?



In 2021, the multilingual Youthpass certificates will be aligned with the new generation of the European youth programmes.

Another major focus in 2021 is the further development of the Youthpass tool, along with the necessary information and support measures.

The Youthpass strategy will be finalised and communicated to the relevant target groups.

The SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre is responsible for implementing the Youthpass strategy across Europe. You can contact the Youthpass team at [youthpass@salto-youth.net](mailto:youthpass@salto-youth.net).