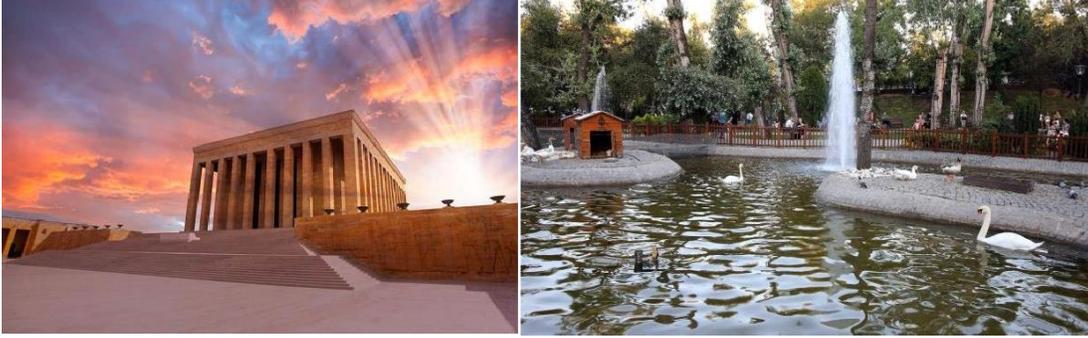




Avrupa Birliđi ve Kresel Arařtırmalar Derneđi

# European Solidarity Corps



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# About the Organization



## **European Union Global Research Association (ABKAD)**

European Union and Global Research Association with its Turkish acronym, ABKAD is an association which conducts activities focusing on the European Union and Global Developments as its name implies. Most of the members of the Association are academics and diplomats.

ABKAD office is in a central location in capital Ankara. The office is very close to the former presidency compound, some of the embassies such as Finland, Portugal, Greek, Kuwait, Somali and Residence of the United States Ambassador and Dutch Ambassador. The office location is also in a walking distance to the Seğmenler which is one of the biggest parks in Ankara and Tunali street which is a social attraction point.

ABKAD believes the full integration of Turkey with the European Union. Cultural diversity is the most important richness of such integration, along with the common European values such as “Democracy”, “Rule of Law”, “Respect to Human Rights” and “Freedom of Expression”. This will only be possible by supporting new generations to meet and communicate with each other.

ABKAD is willing to support the promotion of solidarity as a value, mainly through volunteering. Our main aim is to enhance the engagement of young people and organizations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe, while also responding to societal challenges and strengthening communities, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

# About the Project

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### Expectations from volunteers;

- To prepare and present reports on the opinion of their government, public and/or academics concerning the current developments in the European Union (EU), future of the EU debate, enlargement of the EU and Turkey-EU relations. The reports are expected to reflect the current situation as well as the further expectations and possible solutions to the issues.

The reports prepared by the volunteers and presented to our members and diplomatic mission members will be very valuable. We believe that this will not only contribute to empower the professional skills of the volunteers but also enlighten our members and the society in general about any member state our volunteer is originating. The volunteers will define the topics in line with the aims of our organization and prepare their report according to the guidelines that will be handed in advance. This process will give an opportunity to work as a team, learning to adapt new realities in a new environment, to develop their communication skills and to support their competences.

- To observe/participate, projects run by ABKAD, to participate round table meetings among the academics at ABKAD and local sectoral meeting at different cities.

- To communicate with Turkish ESC volunteers in order to establish contacts, exchange views and keep in touch.

-To promote the activities of the project on social media and the other digital platforms.

-To bring up new ideas in order to establish new contacts and specify new coordination areas.

## About Project Management

ABKAD will

- Promote the activities of ESC offered to young people in Turkey.

- Encourage them to take part in those activities

- Support them to be involved in the activities

- Create an open and transparent process to choose the volunteers to be sent

- Create a strong and effective between the volunteers and hosting organizations

- Ensure that there is a right match between the volunteer and the hosting organization

- Support all volunteers before, during and after the activity.

- Distribute all the grant in line with the programme rules

- Carry out all or some of the administrative tasks of the other organizations involved
- Carry out dissemination and information activities
- As a hosting organization ABKAD will create well-defined tasks for the volunteers in line with the ESC Programme. At the same time the volunteers will be able to include their proposals, ideas, plans into these tasks. The learning opportunities will be created and strictly followed until the end of the activities.

The volunteers will be supervised and in their voluntary period. ABKAD will ensure that each volunteer will have a mentor and have a safe environment for their tasks. The volunteers will also be guided to deal with documentation of learning outcomes (at EU and National level). ABKAD will carry out these tasks by creating detailed partnership agreements with its partners and volunteers. These agreements will clearly define the tasks, rights and responsibilities of all sides.

## **Accommodation**

The volunteering project will take place in Ankara, Turkey. Ankara, has all the conditions to embrace this project, which makes a pleasant location for the volunteers and benefits local population, who gains with the experience, activities and knowledge exchanges brought by volunteers.

Volunteers will be hosted in a furnished flat which will be in a walking distance to the office located in Ankara city centre. Each flat will have all the facilities (fridge, washing machine, furniture, bedroom clothes, cutlery, and wi-fi eventually), ensuring a nice, safe and pleasant experience. The safety of our volunteers and team members are of paramount priority for ABKAD and we follow all rules and regulations issued by global and local government closely.

## **Volunteers Profile**

This ESC is open to all young people between 18 - 30 years old. Volunteers will be selected in a fair, transparent and objective way regardless of their ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political opinion. The selection process will be implemented by sending organization with the cooperation of ABKAD.

## **Meals**

-The amount is subject to change depending on agreement between partners. Please consult with your sending organization in order to learn exact allowance.

## **How to Reach Ankara**

From Esenboga Airport

When you come to Esenboga airport, it will be the best option to use the services called BelkoAir. After you can come to Kızılay with BelkoAir and reach a location close to the office with the bus number 317, 318 or 160.

## **Safe Volunteering and Helping Out During Covid-19**

As hosting organization, we made our best to rethink about our projects, local activities and accommodation in order to comply with the standards of the new normal. Your volunteering experience is redesigned by considering Turkish regulations and health / safety recommendations from the European Union and World Health Organization. Please read below mentioned regulations which is prepared for your maximum safety and comfort during your stay in Ankara:

-ABKAD use cleaning and disinfecting protocols to clean rooms after volunteers depart and before the next guest arrives, with particular attention paid to high-touch items. The volunteer will be welcomed in already cleaned and disinfected rooms.

-Hydroalcoholic gel at your disposal in various areas of the house and office where the activities mainly will take place.

-Each of our staff wears a mask, and has hydroalcoholic gel and disinfecting wipes available for their workspace.

-A line marked on the floor at the office ensures a social distance of 1m50. The activities will be planned by considering social distance. Display of information and recommendations in the house and office which is prepared in Spanish, English and Turkish.

-Our office is working as pre-appointment only; all public visitors have to wear mask and gloves before entering to office.

-It's obligatory to wear mask during the activity and any visits to the office during your voluntary experience in order to create safe learning environment.

-It is mandatory the use of masks in all public transports and closed spaces, like shops or post mail, banks etc.



Don't shake hands to stop the spread of Covid-19

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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<b>How to avoid infection or spreading the virus</b>	<p>Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</p>	<p>Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth</p>	<p>Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing</p>
<p>Use only disposable tissues, and dispose of them immediately after use</p>	<p>Avoid close contact with anyone showing respiratory symptoms</p>	<p>Monitor travel advice on Smartraveller <a href="http://smartraveller.gov.au">smartraveller.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Stay at home when you are sick</p>

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