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What is the New Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2021-2027?

The European Commission adopted the document "[Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy \(2021-2027\). Implementation Guidelines](#)" to provide specific responses to the obstacles faced by young people in vulnerable situations when participating in European mobility programmes and youth projects.

It then tasked the different national agencies responsible for the programmes to develop country-specific Inclusion and Diversity Strategies.

How has the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy been designed?

In Spain's case, the Strategy has been designed through a collaborative process involving all key stakeholders in the programmes: the Spanish National Agency (ANE) composed of the Youth Institute (Injuve), the youth organisations of the autonomous communities and cities, and the Spanish Youth Council; third sector organisations, and entities and young people who benefit from the programmes.

On 28 October, the Spanish National Agency responsible for these two programmes presented its Inclusion and Diversity Strategy.

Why is this initiative so important for young people?

This Strategy aims to benefit young people who experience difficulties in accessing certain opportunities and who face discrimination at multiple levels: young people at risk of social exclusion and in economic need, young people with educational and training difficulties, young women and mothers, young LGBTIQ+ people, young people from migrant, ethnically or racially diverse, or rural backgrounds. Each group will be targeted on a biennial basis, deploying specific measures to encourage and facilitate the participation of these groups in the opportunities provided by the programmes.