

Brussels-based international organisations in European Solidarity Corps quality labels

2021 is a pilot year for working with quality labels and updates can follow if needed. This document applies to all members, candidate members and observing members of the European Youth Forum based in Brussels and all Brussels based ivzws/aisbl. As a general principle all organisations should apply with the National Agency of their community.

Where to apply?

International organisations based in Brussels are free to choose if they apply for the quality label with JINT or BIJ. Before applying, organisations should inform the National Agency of their intention to apply. The National Agencies will monitor the applications of Brussels-based international organisations and contact them, if necessary, to take steps to ensure a balance between the National Agencies. Please note that your grant request will be submitted to the National Agency of your Quality Label.

If your application is rejected, you have to take into account the feedback provided by the National Agency before reapplying. You cannot submit the same application twice. The deadline below applies to reapplications as well.

When is the deadline?

The call for Quality Labels is a continuous call, which means you may apply at any time. However if you wish to apply for annual grants under the call 2021, your application for the quality label for lead organisation should be submitted for Round 1_2021 for the first deadline and for Round 2 by the 5th of August.

As a general rule, applications should be submitted at the latest 2 months before the deadline for grants (cfr. the Programme Guide 2021). Please note that you have to submit your quality label for lead organisation application BEFORE you submit your grant request.

Please contact the National Agency as soon as possible if you have the intention to apply for a quality label.

If the number of applications is too high, the National Agency may not be able to process all applications by the deadline for grants.

How long will my Quality Label be valid for?

The Erasmus+ accreditation is granted for the full duration of the programme period 2021-2027 subject to periodical reassessments which may be carried out by the National Agency. The Quality label for lead organisations may be awarded for shorter durations, of at least 3 years. The plan of activities detailed in the application should cover at least 3 years and up to 7 years.

All quality label organisations will be monitored on their progress during the period. In case of a serious deviation of the planned objectives (which should be concrete and measurable), the National Agency may decide to withdraw the accreditation.

What are the assessment criteria and the national priorities?

All organisations wishing to apply for the Quality Label for lead organisations must be legally established for at least one year.

For more information, please check the criteria and the Quality Standards in the 2021 programme guide for the European Solidarity Corps.

How much budget will be available for projects under the volunteering action of the European Solidarity Corps?

The budget for all projects under the volunteering action are published on the websites of the National Agencies.

Can Brussels-based international non-governmental organisations be a partner organisation in projects submitted by their national branches or by other organisations in other countries/National Agencies?

If you do not intend to apply for funding, you need to apply for a quality label as partner but not for a quality label for lead organisations. As a quality label organisation, you can

be a partner in a project as part of an annual grant from another organisation holding the quality label for lead organisations.

How do I contact the National Agency before submitting my quality label or quality label for lead organisation?

For **BIJ**, National Agency for the French speaking Community:

Contact the BIJ team at irina.sechery@cfwb.be or stephanie.nowakowski@cfwb.be

For **JINT**, National Agency for the Flemish speaking Community:

Contact the JINT team at projecten@jint.be.