



## European Solidarity Corps 2026

*New voluntary position covering accommodation, expenses and allowance*

**Position: Conservation Assistant**

**Dates: September 2026 (fixed term of 12 months)**

BirdLife Malta is looking for a candidate to assist the conservation department in fulfilling a number of duties related to our core work. Depending on the candidate's experience, interest and qualifications, conservation assistants will fulfil a combination of the roles from fieldwork to protect birds on migration, data handling, report writing and injured bird rescue and care.

### **Are you:**

- Aged 18-30
- A citizen of one of the [partner or programme countries](#)
- Keen to progress a career in frontline conservation issues
- Ready to assist us in rescuing wild birds and reacting to illegal hunting and trapping reports.
- Have a hands-on approach to current conservation challenges in Malta, and are willing to work flexible hours, including occasionally during weekends, in the office or field.

Those who have previously participated in a long-term Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps (ESC) scheme or long-term Erasmus+ Volunteering scheme are not eligible to apply for this position.

### **The European Solidarity Corps programme will provide you with:**

- Accommodation in a shared apartment close to our offices in Ta' Xbiex

- Coverage of all living costs such as electricity, water, gas, and internet
- Reimbursement of the flight and other transport costs (bus, train, metro, visa) to/from Malta up to a certain limit
- €380 monthly allowance
- Private insurance

### **Description of duties:**

There is the opportunity for the volunteer to gain a wide range of experience and skills across the organisation. Specific duties for this position are as follows:

#### **Wildlife crime fieldwork**

- Assistance is needed in our fieldwork in relation to ongoing wildlife crime related to hunting, trapping and illegal possession of protected birds. Activities will include ad-hoc monitoring as well as dedicated periods of engagement in wildlife crime investigations such as during our annual Spring Watch and Raptor Camp, and during the trapping seasons.
- Candidates would ideally have a good grasp of bird taxonomy, have volunteered in wildlife crime detection activities, know how to handle basic optical equipment and are willing to learn and innovate.

#### **Data handling**

- Assistance is needed in data management, providing suitable metrics and statistics to assist the department's works. Duties will include the filing and maintenance of photographic and video records, creation and maintenance of databases, productions of maps, graphs and other relevant outputs from bird research and monitoring work.
- Candidates would ideally have a good knowledge and experience in the use of ArcGIS software, and can work with various platforms and databases from bird records to sightings to mapping and graphic presentations.

#### **Bird rescue and care**

- BirdLife Malta runs a voluntary injured bird recovery scheme, answering calls made by the public who encounter shot or injured birds in their property or in the countryside. People may also ring to report a bird crime incident, or seek advice regarding a potential crime taking place.

Accordingly, assistance is required in picking up and ensuring injured birds brought to BirdLife Malta receive urgent veterinary attention, and are rehabilitated with the aim of releasing them back into the wild. Duties will include:

- Answering calls by the public, picking up and ensuring injured birds brought to BirdLife receive urgent veterinary attention and first aid
- Feed and care for injured birds requiring short or long-term rehabilitation through various stages in their recovery so they can be released in to the wild
- Ensure excellent hygiene to minimise health risks to birds and humans
- Provide feedback to people calling BirdLife Malta regarding injured bird cases
- Keep records and case files of all cases of injured birds, reporting to conservation and veterinary team on all cases of wild birds under our care
- Establish and innovate feeding protocols, care and maintenance of injured birds ensuring they can be released at their outmost physical form

## TO APPLY

Please download and fill in the [application form](#) and return in PDF format to [alice.tribe@birdlifemalta.org](mailto:alice.tribe@birdlifemalta.org) with subject: **Application for (European Solidarity Corps) Conservation Assistant. Please note that CVs without the application form filled in will not be considered.**

We highly recommend that you visit our website on [www.birdlifemalta.org](http://www.birdlifemalta.org) for further information before applying.

**Applications close on Friday 3rd July at 23:00 CET.** Online interviews will take place in the following weeks. **Please note that incomplete and/or late applications will not be taken into consideration.**