Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programme coordinators during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Basic information

Purpose of the survey
• Mapping the situation of coordinators of the current projects under Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic;
• Establishing how the manner and volume of their work has changed in this situation and whether they have the necessary information and support.

Survey dates: 9–20/4/2020
Number of answers retrieved: 681
Number of answers entered into analysis: 596
Response rate: 55 %
Main findings

• Almost 3/4 of respondents experienced the first effects of the coronavirus in the first half of March or sooner;

• So far, they have mostly arranged for postponing or cancelling activities;

• Regarding this situation, they have mostly communicated with the DZS, the receiving or partner institutions, home institution, and mobility participants;

• Over 90 % of the coordinators have been satisfied with all aspects of support provided by the DZS;

• More than 1/3 (38 %) of KA2 coordinators expect for the interest in international cooperation to decrease in the future, with 57 % of KA1 coordinators expecting less interest in mobility activities.
Under which programme/sector have you coordinated projects?

- School education Era+: 48%
- Vocational education and training Era+: 23%
- Higher education Era+: 15%
- Adult education Era+: 7%
- Youth Era+: 8%
- European Solidarity Corps: 7%

How long have you coordinated projects that are financially supported from the Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps programmes or their predecessors?

- Less than 1 year: 19%
- 1 to 5 years: 47%
- More than 5 years: 34%
When was the first time you had to address the impacts of the current situation on a project(s) coordinated by you?

- February or sooner: 25%
- First half of March: 16%
- Second half of March: 9%
- Later: 2%
- I have not addressed any impacts so far: 9%
What situations have you participated in addressing?

- Postponing the planned project activities for later: 80%
- Cancelling the planned project activities: 55%
- Arranging for the participants to return from the mobility: 17%
- Arranging for the project activity to be carried out online: 17%
- Early termination of the mobility: 16%
- Arranging for the participants to finish the mobility in a standard manner: 13%
- Arranging for the participants to finish the mobility sooner: 12%
- Mobility interruption: 11%
- Other: 10%
With whom have you communicated regarding the current situation?

- Czech National Agency for International Education: 75%
- With the receiving or partner school/institution/organisation: 73%
- With my school/institution/organisation: 72%
- With mobility participants: 68%
- With the accommodation facility: 36%
- With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: 4%
- With the Czech Embassy: 4%
- With the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: 4%
- Other: 18%
How would you rate the level of communication with the Czech National Agency for International Education?

- Willingness to help: 79% Definitely satisfied, 17% Definitely dissatisfied
- Effectiveness of online seminars: 47% Definitely satisfied, 47% Definitely dissatisfied
- Clarity of information provided: 60% Definitely satisfied, 33% Definitely dissatisfied
- Usefulness of the support provided: 59% Definitely satisfied, 33% Definitely dissatisfied
- Speed of communication: 63% Definitely satisfied, 30% Definitely dissatisfied
- Scope of information provided: 57% Definitely satisfied, 34% Definitely dissatisfied

0% Definitely satisfied | 20% Rather satisfied | 40% Rather dissatisfied | 60% Definitely dissatisfied
How would you assess the amount of work that you as a coordinator must handle in this period? Compared to the usual situation you now have:

- Less work: 36%
- Equal amount of work: 22%
- More work: 42%
Do you have the necessary information to address this situation from the following entities?

- Czech National Agency for International Education: 67% Definitely yes, 30% Rather yes, 18% Rather no, 5% Definitely no
- My school/institution/organisation: 67% Definitely yes, 25% Rather yes, 6% Rather no, 2% Definitely no
- Mobility participants: 53% Definitely yes, 39% Rather yes, 7% Rather no, 2% Definitely no
- Receiving or partner school / institution / organisation: 46% Definitely yes, 43% Rather yes, 10% Rather no, 1% Definitely no
- School authority: 37% Definitely yes, 28% Rather yes, 22% Rather no, 13% Definitely no
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: 18% Definitely yes, 42% Rather yes, 25% Rather no, 15% Definitely no
- Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: 17% Definitely yes, 42% Rather yes, 28% Rather no, 12% Definitely no
- European Commission: 16% Definitely yes, 37% Rather yes, 33% Rather no, 14% Definitely no
- Czech Embassy: 12% Definitely yes, 29% Rather yes, 35% Rather no, 24% Definitely no
What Key Action have you coordinated?

- KA1: 41%
- KA2: 11%
- Other: 48%
Do you believe that at the end of all measures, this situation will impact the interest in further mobility activities? (KA1)

- Interest will be lower: 4%
- Interest will remain the same: 57%
- Interest will be higher: 40%

Do you believe that at the end of all measures, this situation will impact the interest in further international cooperation? (KA2)

- Interest will be lower: 3%
- Interest will remain the same: 59%
- Interest will be higher: 38%
Do you intend to continue working as a project coordinator for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes?

- Yes: 83%
- No: 4%
- Do not know: 13%