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<https://erasmus.um.es/erasmus/erasmus.alumnoerasmus.eurodirectorio.do?opcion=eurodirectorio>

ALEMANIA

UNIVERSITY OF BAYREUTH

Dear partners and esteemed colleagues,

We would like to inform you about how the situation concerning the Coronavirus CoVid-19 in Germany is affecting campus life, as well as about the measures undertaken by the University of Bayreuth.

Globally speaking, the situation is described as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is considered to be serious by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), and the number of infections has been rapidly growing during the past couple of days, the relevant institutes and authorities including RKI currently consider the health risk COVID-19 poses to the general public in Germany to be 'high' (as of 17 March 2020).

At the University of Bayreuth, we have not had any instances of CoVid-19 infection to date. Nevertheless, the crisis committee of the University Governing Board is in continuous consultation with all relevant authorities as well as with the departments responsible for safety on campus, the University Medical Officer, and our International Office. The list of measures to be taken is immediately updated as needed.

Students, staff and current international guests – Measures undertaken by UBT

Suspension of all classes and exams as well as events and delegation visits are currently in place to try to keep everyone as safe as possible, as the health and safety of all students and staff at the University of Bayreuth is our top priority. Please kindly refer to our website with information and updates on the current situation as well as with advice for students and staff with regard to health measures: <https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/university/press/corona/index.html>

At this point in time, we cannot guarantee a regular start of courses and lectures on campus at the beginning of the upcoming summer semester (starting on 20 April 2020). The University of Bayreuth is working on alternatives and will offer courses online in case this is possible. As soon as contents are available, they will be accessible through the website.



Moreover, due to travel restrictions imposed either nationally or by the European Union, planned mobility stays (exchange, degree and research mobility as well as delegations and visits) have been suspended until further notice.

We recommend that all members of the University of Bayreuth as well as our international partners and guests – and in particular students who are currently abroad – read the information on the websites of the [Robert Koch Institute](#), the [WHO](#), the [German Federal Foreign Office](#), and the [German Federal Ministry of Health](#) on a daily basis, in particular with regard to their travel plans.

Global Partners

Our Welcome Services are in permanent contact with our international students and at this point in time, everyone is doing fine.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at international@uni-bayreuth.de. For international students, we have set up a special e-mail address that is being monitored 7 days a week: welcomeservices@uni-bayreuth.de.

We will keep you updated about any changes as soon as information becomes available.

Best wishes and stay safe,

UBT International Office Team

HOCHSCHULE MÜNCHEN | MUNICH UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Due to the current events regarding coronavirus infections, we wanted to give you an update on actions taken here at Hochschule München (Munich University of Applied Sciences). The university is continuously monitoring the developments and our staff and students have been informed about a number of preventive measures.

1. The Bavarian State Ministry of Science and Art has informed us that the risk to the health of the population in Germany from the new respiratory disease is currently assessed as moderate by the Robert Koch Institute and the Task Force Infectiology of the Bavarian State Office for Health and Food Safety.
2. The risk areas can be found on the homepage of the Robert Koch Institute https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html.

Our ministry of state points out that employees are obliged to inform their superiors immediately after their return from an official risk area (defined by Robert Koch Institute). If symptoms of illness occur, those affected should stay at home and contact their doctor or a clinic by telephone. Students who are coming or have come to Germany from a risk area or who have had contact with an obviously ill person are asked to refrain from coming to the university for 14 days and if possible not to leave their home.

If your university sent us students for summer semester 2020: between our Orientation Days and the start of the semester (next week), we have a two weeks period already.

The usual hygiene recommendations also protect against infection with the new coronavirus:



Keep your distance and avoid close contact with people who have contracted the disease

· Refrain from a friendly handshake to greet and say goodbye

Frequent hand washing with soap

· Use disposable handkerchiefs also for coughing and sneezing; alternative: sneezing or coughing in the crook of your arm

See also the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute regarding hygiene tips from the Federal Centre for Health Education <https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps/>.

4. All work-related travel to risk areas (defined by Robert Koch Institute) from staff will be cancelled. On the other hand we currently cannot host delegation visits from an official risk area at Hochschule München.

5. In addition, constantly updated information can be found on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (<https://www.rki.de>).

All incoming and outgoing exchange students have been informed by the International Office about current developments and their options. We will of course act accordingly, should the situation change. If your students have doubts or questions, they are encouraged to reach out to us (international-office@hm.edu).

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UNIVERSITÄT DUISBURG-ESSEN

Dear Partners,

Due to the recent developments regarding the coronavirus, we would like to inform you on how this affects students and staff, and the measures we have taken to this issue.

As today, the University of Duisburg-Essen is operating normally, there are no changes in our exchange programs.



A task group has been created to respond quickly to any developments. The task group closely follows the updates from the Robert Koch Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and ensures that any new measures or recommendations are implemented at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Students and staff who have returned from travel to an at-risk area are requested to remain at home for 14 days after the day of return, and to inform the University administration and the corresponding Health Department.

We have a web page on the Coronavirus to inform students and staff regarding our policies and protocols. The web page will be immediately updated with any new developments.

However, In this rapidly changing situation, we are committed to the safety and security of all students and staff. We also want to ensure that our partners remain informed of and confident in our handling of this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in this regard.

Kind regards

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OSNABRÜCK UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Dear colleagues at our partner universities,

Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences is responding to the Corona situation. The university has launched a special website (www.hs-osnabrueck.de/en/corona) which provides up-to-date information on steps taken in order to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.

Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences is acting according to the national guidelines set by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Foreign Office and the Robert Koch Institute (RKI)—the government's central scientific institution in the field of biomedicine.

Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences is open. The summer semester began on March 2, 2020, and our teaching, research and administrative activities are continuing as scheduled. However, large events addressing the public outside of the university have been cancelled for the time being. The university has disallowed trips to the most affected countries and regions according to the travel warnings issued by the Federal Foreign Office and advises postponing travel to any other destination. People returning from [risk areas as defined by the Robert Koch Institute](#) are not allowed to enter the university premises for 14 days after their return.

All of these measures are being updated regularly and published on the website mentioned above.



The International Offices of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences are in communication with our inbound students, advising them on measures to prevent infection and what to do in case they feel ill. Students on exchange abroad are receiving information on what to do in case they have to or want to return home.

Should you or your students have any further questions, please contact the Center for International Mobility at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences: cim@hs-osnabrueck.de

On behalf of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences

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AUSTRIA

IMC University of Applied Sciences Krams

Dear Partners,

we would like to update you on the most recent developments with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID 19) situation in Austria.

This morning, the Federal Government of Austria has taken the decision to suspend all face-to-face teaching in Austrian Higher Education Institutions, effective from Monday, March 16 at the latest and until further notice (probably after the Easter break, mid-April).

We have informed our / your students about the current situation and their options for the continuation of their exchange semester – please find the email below.

The IMC UAS Krams Academic Board is currently intensively working on finding suitable solutions for all students in all our degree programmes. Where possible, virtual classrooms and distance learning will be offered.

To make sure, that no important updates are missed, all students are strongly encouraged to check our e-desktop as well as their emails on a regular basis.

Of course we will keep you updated and are convinced, that together we will overcome this very challenging times.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Best regards from Krams,

Your International Relations Team



Dear Students,

As you may have heard or read, the Federal Government of Austria has taken the decision to suspend all face-to-face teaching in Austrian Higher Education Institutions (as of Monday, March 16 at the latest) until further notice.

This means for IMC UAS Krems that from Monday 16.03.2020 onwards we will change courses to virtual teaching/distance learning (where applicable) and temporarily suspend attendance at courses where digital conveyance is not possible.

Further information on the change and regarding the organizational processes (attendance, internships, travel, etc.) will be advised in detail this afternoon and will be published on the e-desktop <https://edesktop.fh-krems.ac.at/Pages/Home.aspx>

The IMC International Relations Office will inform your home universities about these measures.

- Independent of all taken precautions, we would once again like to state, that there are no known cases or suspected cases of COVID-19 neither in Krems nor at IMC UAS Krems and the situation is calm. We are observing the situation very closely and are in constant communication with the authorities.

Since we are in the beginning of our Spring Term, we would like to inform you about your options, to ensure a successful completion of your academic semester:

- SCENARIO 1

You stay in Austria or temporarily leave the country and follow the offered virtual courses in order to stay on track with your course content and eventually continue with the live sessions at the IMC Krems campus (as of today probably after Easter).

! Please keep in mind, that if the country you are travelling to becomes an area affected by the coronavirus, you may not be able to return to your studies after the Easter vacation and this may mean that you cannot take assessments and examinations in the Spring Term !

- SCENARIO 2

You decide to go back home without returning to Austria thus terminating your exchange semester, IMC Krems will issue a confirmation of your stay (you may get a grade report only for those courses, which you have successfully completed).

Please contact your home university and inform us about your decision as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get back to us and find satisfactory solutions together!

Take good care,

Your International Welcome Center Team

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University of Vienna (A WIEN01)

Dear Partners,

As of today, March 10th 2020, the University of Vienna (A Wien 01) has taken the following measures in the area of studying to help prevent the further spread of SARS CoV-2 infections:

From Wednesday, 11 March 2020 until presumably Friday, 3 April 2020, no courses/exams with student attendance will take place at the University of Vienna. Teaching will instead take place in the form of remote learning (particularly via e-learning). In practical terms, this means that the buildings at all university locations remain closed for teaching purposes and that no events involving external persons will take place. The International Office does not offer personal consultation. Electronic enquiries will, of course, be processed.

Students have been asked to contact their course lecturers for information on the remote learning practices of their courses. As soon as attendance in courses is required again, they will be informed via email.

The University of Vienna supports all incoming students to finish their semester successfully. If students want to cancel or intermit their Erasmus+ stay at the University of Vienna nevertheless, they are asked to contact the Erasmus+ incoming team (erasmus.incoming@univie.ac.at), their lecturers at the University of Vienna, and their home university; and to save any documents which confirm their entry into and departure from Austria (for example: residence registration confirmation, flight / bus / train tickets).

Further information and updates are available on the website of the University of Vienna:

<https://www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/further-information/coronavirus/>

We remain at your disposal for any questions regarding the situation at the University of Vienna.

Kind regards,

Erasmus+ Incoming Team

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BÉLGICA

B LIEGE01- UNIVERSITÉ DE LIÈGE

Chers étudiants,

Vous avez reçu un email du Recteur de l'Université de Liège (disponible également sur le site www.news.uliege.be/coronavirus) concernant les dispositions prises à l'ULiège pour ralentir la propagation de l'épidémie. Merci de suivre les instructions indiquées dans cet email. Veillez à réduire au maximum vos déplacements (pour limiter la propagation du virus) et à respecter les mesures d'hygiène.

Pour les étudiants d'échange, de manière générale, nous ne leur recommandons pas de rentrer chez eux. Les cours à l'Université de Liège sont toujours bien organisés, ils auront lieu en ligne jusqu'au 3 avril 2020. Nous vous encourageons à bien suivre les consignes données par les professeurs pour suivre ces cours.

Pour la suite, nous ne connaissons pas l'évolution de la situation. L'ULiège vous informera des mesures mises en place au fur et à mesure. Les dernières informations sont disponibles ici : www.news.uliege.be/coronavirus

Nous comprenons que certains étudiants choisissent ou soient obligés par leur université d'origine à rentrer chez eux. Ainsi, si vous décidez de rentrer dans votre pays/université d'origine, cela mettra fin à votre séjour d'échange à l'ULiège. Dans ce cas, voici les démarches à effectuer :

- Prévenir le bureau Erasmus : mobil.in@uliege.be
- Prévenir votre coordinateur à l'ULiège : www.enseignement.uliege.be/cms/c_11402881/fr/coordonateurs-facultaires
- Prévenir votre coordinateur dans votre université d'origine et avoir son accord
- Si vous vous êtes inscrits au service des étrangers à votre arrivée, vous devez les prévenir de votre départ par email (service.etrangers@uliege.be)
- Si vous avez effectué un versement sur un compte de l'ULiège pour obtenir votre visa, contactez le bureau Erasmus

Vous devrez contacter votre université d'origine afin d'organiser au mieux votre retour et la suite de votre cursus. En cas de question académique particulière relative à votre cursus liégeois, vous pouvez contacter votre coordinateur à l'ULiège.



Si vous avez d'autres questions, nous vous encourageons à ne pas venir au bureau Erasmus mais à nous contacter par email ou téléphone (pour éviter un risque supplémentaire de propagation du virus) :

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Cordialement

Dear students,

You received an email from the Rector of the University of Liège (also available on the website www.news.uliege.be/coronavirus) about the decisions taken at ULiège to slow the spread of the epidemic. You have to follow the instructions indicated in this email. Please reduce your travels as much as possible (to avoid the spread of the virus) and respect the sanitary precautions.

For exchange student, in general, we do not recommend that they return home. The classes at the University of Liège are still organized, they will be online until April 3. We encourage you to follow the rules given by the professors to follow these classes.

For the future, we don't know the evolution of the situation. ULiège will inform you regularly about the measures put in place. The last information is available here: www.news.uliege.be/coronavirus

We do understand that some students may still choose or may be required by their home university to return. If you decide to go back to your home country/university, this will put an end to your exchange at ULiège. In this case, here are the follow these steps:

- Inform the Erasmus Office: mobil.in@uliege.be

Inform you departmental coordinator at ULiège:

www.enseignement.uliege.be/cms/c_11402881/fr/coordonateurs-facultaires

Inform your coordinator in your home university and receive his/her acceptance

- If you registered at the city hall at your arrival, you need to inform by email that you are leaving (service.etrangers@uliege.be)

- If you made a deposit to a ULiège bank account to get your visa, contact the Erasmus Office



You have to contact your home university to organize your return and the continuation of your cursus. In case of academic question about your cursus in Liège, you can contact your departmental coordinator at ULiège.

If you have other questions, we encourage you not to come to the Erasmus Office but contact us by email or by phone (to avoid more risk to spread the virus).

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Dear Students,

Following the decisions of the Belgian Security Council and the Board of Francophone Rectors, from next Monday March 16 there will be no educational activities on ULiège locations. Where possible, classes will be transformed into distance learning modules, to avoid face to face contact.

If your home country has sent instructions (for instance like returning to your home country before a certain date), please follow those instructions.

If you plan to leave, do not forget to inform your HEC Liege Coordinator.

It is too early, at this stage, to communicate further about ULiège organization after the Spring break, namely as far as the examinations period is concerned. Be sure we're monitoring the situation and will keep you informed on a regular basis.

We encourage you to contact us without delay regarding any question you might have:

- The HEC Liège International Relations office remains open between 8:30 and 17:00. A staff member will be able to address your needs
- We are always available by email
- For any urgent issue, you can WhatsApp Anne Gillet (0032/495.89.24.70) or Muriel Bequet (0032/474.33.06.12)



We are very sorry that you have to deal with the Covid-19 crisis, while abroad mobility should be one of the best parts of your studies.

Let's stay in touch.

Best regards,

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FINLANDIA

TURKU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

The spreading of COVID-19 causes changes in the everyday life in many countries around the world – also here in Finland. The Finnish government published yesterday a 19-point list of emergency legislation that takes effect on 18 March after approval by parliament today.

TUAS is monitoring the national situation and instructions from the authorities. The basic operations will continue as permitted by the situation.

Possible new instructions from the authorities will change the current operating instructions. For latest updates, please visit <https://www.tuas.fi/en/news/383/preparing-coronavirus-turku-university-applied-sciences/>

Here are some decisions that have been made by the TUAS Board:

- All events and services aimed at external public are postponed to a time when the COVID-19 situation has calmed down.
- For the time being, TUAS will not receive any guests or delegations from abroad. Those who have been abroad must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- The student and staff exchanges planned for late spring or summer 2020 are postponed or cancelled.

The current TUAS exchange students abroad and exchange students of our partner institutions in Turku may continue – if their host/home university allows - their studies within the limits set by the situation. Exchange students may also discontinue their student exchange and return to Finland and their home country. However,



the Finnish government is planning to close the borders and urging all Finnish citizens currently abroad to return to Finland immediately.

- TUAS is preparing to go on with the education via remote connections. Practical solutions are found on a case-by-case basis and we will inform students regularly about the situation. According to the announcement from the government the

- TUAS campuses in Turku and Salo will close on 18th of March until the 13th of April.

There are no known cases of coronavirus among the staff or students of Turku University of Applied Sciences. The special arrangements will be discontinued as soon as it is safe.

Although our campuses are closed most TUAS employees do distance work. This means the International Services is fully functional and able to answer any of your questions by email or phone.

We will strive to organize flexible ways for the students to promote their studies during the state of emergency. It is clear, however, that individual problems may appear, so we kindly ask for patience and flexibility. The situation is exceptional, but with cooperation, we will get through this.

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Updated instructions on coronavirus for students (16 March, 2020):

TUAS is monitoring the national situation and instructions from the authorities. The basic operations will continue as permitted by the situation. Possible new instructions from the authorities will change the current operating instructions.

Now, there are no known cases of coronavirus among the staff or students of Turku University of Applied Sciences. The special arrangements will be discontinued as soon as it is safe.

TUAS policy is as follows:

- 1) Do not come on campus when you're sick. There is also a lot of common cold, seasonal influenza and gastroenteritis about. If you have symptoms, it is the responsible thing to do to take sick leave and be absent from the study community.
- 2) Students shall be active in following Messi, Tuudo and their email.
- 3) Theoretic instruction is moved online; teachers provide instructions for their students on the operational methods and schedule. At the beginning of the week, there might be some days when the degree programmes don't have any teaching due to the planning of operations. The students will be informed separately of such cases. Laboratory and non-theoretical (activity-based) teaching continue partly as contact teaching. In practical study situations which require presence, precautionary measures are taken.
- 4) Each practical training period shall be separately agreed on with the practical training place. In practical trainings in the field of social services and health care, the exceptional situation in the organizations in the field is considered.
- 5) Events and services aimed at the external public are postponed to a time when the situation has calmed down.
- 6) We try to ensure the graduation of students despite the exceptional situation.
- 7) At the moment, 78 TUAS students are on a student exchange abroad. They may discontinue their student exchange and return to Finland. The student exchanges planned for spring 2020 are postponed or cancelled. New incoming exchange students are not received for the spring/summer 2020, either. The current exchange students may continue their studies within the limits set by the situation.
- 8) We also recommend avoiding leisure trips.
- 9) At the moment students, who have spent time abroad and are returning to Finland, are to stay on a 14-day period of remote work or studies. You cannot even visit the campuses briefly during this time. The online completion of studies of students who need to study remotely for 14 days due to a study-related trip is supported as much as possible.
- 10) Proceed as follows if you suspect you've been infected with the coronavirus:
 - If you have mild symptoms and your overall condition is good, rest at home.



- If you develop serious symptoms, such as shortness of breath or your overall condition deteriorates, contact your own health centre by phone during its opening hours, at other times the emergency health care services of Turku University Hospital. Instructions and guidance are available at the helpdesk of TYKS Acute, +358 2 313 8800.

11) Everything described above is a part of our usual precautionary measures. If we plan well, it is easier for all of us to operate together and cooperate in possible abnormal situations.

However, the most important everyday issue to remember is washing your hands carefully – it has been proven as one of the best ways to protect oneself against the virus.

INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- We are preparing to go on with the education via remote connections. All students should follow updates in Messi, Optima and Tuudo.
- In case you decide to leave home earlier here is a note list what you need to do:
 1. Be in contact to your home university and tell about your plans
 2. Be in contact to your international coordinator in TUAS to get all required documents signed (as many coordinators do distance work at the moment, we can also send documents by email)
 3. Inform your accommodation/lessor about your decision (TYS and Retrodorm have informed that you need to to pay the rent for the last month you have stayed in the residence, e.g. if you leave in March, you don't have to pay the rent for April)
 4. Return the key of your accommodation (you can ask help from your student tutor)
 5. Return the starting package (if you had one) and if needed, ask help from your student tutor
 6. If you are planning continue your studies online, please follow Optima and email for information from teachers
 7. To request Transcript of Records please go to Messi-> Information for exchange students
 8. Remember also to keep your family and friends informed that you are all right and in good health

FRANCIA

(F PARIS483): Université Gustave Eiffel

Dear Partners,

Following the order from the President of the French Republic, the universities will close from Monday 16 March and until further notice. As a consequence, the buildings, services and classrooms at Université Gustave Eiffel will be closed.



Nevertheless, the continuity of the classes will be assured as far as possible via alternative modalities of teaching and evaluation. The further information will be sent to the students by e-mail, and the students are therefore invited to check regularly their student e-mail address of Université Gustave Eiffel.

The university will post instructions and information regarding the current situation on the web site: <https://www.univ-gustave-eiffel.fr/coronavirus>

The International Relations Office will be closed as well, but we will inform and provide support to the students by e-mail, and stay in contact with you. Please find, herewith, our updated Information Sheet for contact details.

Please feel free to contact us for any additional information.

(F ORLEANS01): Université d'Orléans

Dear partners,

As you probably know, France is also experiencing a spread of Covid-19 virus infections, with currently more than 1000 confirmed cases for a population of 67 million.

We would like to give you an update of the situation at the University of Orleans since the safety and health of our students and staff are crucial to us.

Our institution has set up a crisis unit which is continuously monitoring the developments surrounding the Coronavirus and is in permanent contact and coordination with the national and regional health authorities. In line with this coordination, we have adopted all recommendations made by the French government to provide adequate precautionary measures.

As of today there are 17 known cases in our region (Centre-Loire Valley, with a population of 2.6 million) and there have been no cases reported on either of our campuses.

Currently, all UO academic and administrative activities are continuing as usual.

All UO students and staff have been instructed by e-mail to follow the national guidelines and informed on the hygiene measures to adopt.

Health and safety protocols have been displayed in each hall of residence, restaurant, faculty and service.

Any question concerning the matter within the University of Orleans can be sent to a dedicated mailbox , which has been communicated to students and staff.

Foreign students can, of course, contact the UO International Office, at any time, should they need help or support at: programsabroad@univ-orleans.fr

Of course, should the situation change, we will scale up our measures and keep you informed.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation,



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Kind regards

The International Relations Office team

Université d'OrléansFrance

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(F MONTPEL01): Université de Montpellier

Dear Partners,



In the international context of the fight to contain the spread of COVID-19 and of the measures taken by the French Government, new measures are being implemented today at the University of Montpellier.

In that respect, all mobility programs abroad are suspended. For incoming mobility, information has been forwarded to the 16 Deans and Directors of the Faculties, School and Institutes so that students wishing to do so, can be offered the opportunity to return to their home country.

In the framework of the Academic Continuity Processes of the University of Montpellier, online teaching is offered.

The teams of the International Relations Department are available and remain operational (<https://www.umontpellier.fr/universite/directions/direction-des-relations-internationales>)

Please be assured that we are doing our best to address all questions regarding your students as well of ours in view of the current exceptional circumstances.

We thank you for your understanding and would also like to assure you of our support.

UNIVERSITÉ LUMIÈRE LYON 2

Dear Partner,

The coronavirus scenario changes daily. Some regions in France have been infected more heavily than others, but not ours. As of today, the University Lumière Lyon 2 has not suspended services and educational activities - we continue to operate as normal. The University is acting on advice from the Préfet and the ARS, the regional health authorities. We have installed a crisis management plan which will come into force should circumstances call for it.

Currently, all academic activities (research, examinations, meetings, and office hours) take place; library and study rooms are open; and all administrative services continue as usual. The Erasmus programme also runs normally. We are monitoring the situation closely and keep all incoming students informed through our intranet. The official websites for France are:

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/news>

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/>

In case of supposed or manifest disease, we advise students not to go to the hospital or doctor but to contact the Emergency hotline (call: 15) to discuss further measures and to inform us and you. In case of illness, they will be treated there with the best possible care.

We have asked our staff to limit international travelling to the absolute necessary and use digital communication technology instead.

We will keep you informed in case of any changes to the situation. Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.

Please forward this message to colleagues at your University in contact with international students.



Kind regards,

Beate Baldwin .Head of the International Office

UNIVERSITÉ SORBONNE PARIS NORD (F PARIS013)

Dear partners,

Following the instructions of the French government on Thursday, March 12th, the teaching activity in the classroom will be suspended indefinitely as of Monday, March 16th.

Likewise, all extracurricular activities of any kind (sports, cultural activities, exhibitions, ...) usually organized by our university have been suspended.

We will do our best to reduce the impact of this outbreak in the curriculum of all the students, and we are looking into the possibility of online courses for all international students. Students will receive in the following days instructions and guidelines to guarantee the continuation of the teaching activity online, if deemed possible by the teaching staff.

All incoming and outgoing staff, teaching and student mobilities are suspended as well. This measure has been implemented in particular to limit any potential spread of the virus.

Due to the closing of our university, we regret to inform you that all Transcripts of records will be postponed to the end of the summer semester (June 2020).

We will inform you by email in case of important changes in the situation. All international students will receive updated information of the measures taken to ensure their safety and the continuation of their academic curriculum.

Regarding the nominations of our students, we are also affected by the difficult context and we ask that, if at all possible, you allow us an extension of your nomination deadline and online application.

On our side, the deadline for nomination and application will be extended for all the partners who need it.

The International Office can of course still be reached via email as usual.

Kind regards,

José Rodriguez Morales

Responsable Administratif et Financier

Head of the International Office

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THE UNIVERSITÉ POLYTECHNIQUE HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Dear Partners,

Under the current circumstances and due to the latest developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to thank you for all the assistance you are giving to our students and to give you an update on our institution's situation.

At the moment there are no confirmed cases in our community (among the students nor among the staff).

However, the Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, following French President Mr Macron's directives, has decided to:

- Close access to the university to all students, and suspend face-to-face classes until further notice.
- Deliver online courses, from the 18th of March, through e-learning platforms, also for international students.
- Accept and give assistance to every international exchange student who ask us to return to their home country. Home universities of these students will receive a specific email later on.

The International Office will remain operational and continue to provide support to incoming students, but exclusively via email at international_in@uphf.fr and pri@uphf.fr for any other matters.

We will keep you informed of any updates as and when the condition changes.

All incoming students can find all the information given by our institution in the following links and will receive update by email:

<https://www.uphf.fr/coronavirus-lattention-des-etudiants-de-luphf-13-mars-mise-jour-mer-1803-1130>

Given current conditions, we would like to reassure you flexibility with our nomination and application deadlines for next academic year. We would ask you to provide the same flexibility with your deadlines.

We deeply regret the inconvenience this situation may cause and we thank you for your understanding.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any questions regarding the situation of your students.

We hope that these exceptional measures will be over as soon as possible and we will be able to return to normal life. Kind regards,

HUNGRIA

UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS

Dear Partners,



Following-up on our previous e-mail to you about the measures taken at the University of Pécs in order to mitigate the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic, we would like to draw your attention to our central website, where you can find up-to-date information about the situation.

You can reach our coronavirus information site here: <https://pte.hu/en/covid/news>.

In addition, all students are still encouraged to send their questions to covid19@pte.hu anytime. Together with the electronic correspondence we have established a Hotline (+36 30 577 3764) as well, where students can ask questions about the coronavirus.

There is also a government website where you can follow the latest news coming from the Hungarian government.

You can reach the government coronavirus information site here: <http://abouthungary.hu/>.

The University of Pécs continues to take every necessary measures and precautions to safeguard the health of university students, lecturers, and staff, and the citizens of Pécs.

We wish all our partners good health and persistence in these challenging times.

Best regards,

Dr. István Tarrósy, Ph.D.

Director, Centre for Internationalization and Connections

University of Pécs

IRLANDA

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

Dear Partners,

In response to COVID-19 pandemic, the Irish government has decided today to minimise social interaction and close all schools and universities at 6pm today. This means that the University of Limerick will move to on-line delivery of teaching and assessment for all students from tomorrow March 13th. The initial period of closure is until March 29th. Students will be advised individually about alternative arrangements for their academic programme.

I would like to assure you that International Office team will continue to support our international students and partners during this period of campus closure. We are available as normal via e-mail.

I expect many students will choose to return home but the campus accommodation will remain open and fully staffed should they wish to remain in Limerick.

For further information: <https://www.ul.ie/latest-advice-ul-community-%C2%A0covid-19-coronavirus>



ITALIA

UNIVERSITY OF UDINE (ITALY)

Dear partners,

As you know Italy, like many other countries, has been experiencing a serious coronavirus outbreak over the last weeks. For this reason, our national government has decided to suspend all public gatherings and has extended the school and university shutdown nationwide until next March 15th. Moreover, yesterday travel restrictions were placed on the Lombardy region, as well as on 14 other provinces. Fortunately, Friuli Venezia-Giulia region and Udine are not included in this list.

The situation here is under control, our university is strictly following all national authorities' indications and all incoming students are constantly updated by e-mail by our administrative offices.

Our semester was supposed to start at the end of February, but, because of the situation, we were forced to postpone the beginning of all lessons. We are now adapting online tools to help classes keep going remotely, but this process will take some time to be finalized and we are not sure all our courses will be available online if the university shutdown is prolonged by our government.

In the interest of incoming student careers, we suggest you postpone or cancel all future departures for those who were planning to come to our university.

If they cannot follow enough online courses, we also suggest you ask the students who are already here to come back following your country's travel advice and repatriation schemes. We remind you that your National Agencies may apply the "force majeure clause" to activities taking place in any affected area.

Thank you for your cooperation, we all hope the situation will be resolved soon and look forward to further collaborate with you.

Best regards,

Giorgio Alberti

Vice-Rector for Internationalization

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UNIVERSIDAD DE SIENA, ITALIA

Dear Partner,



With reference to the epidemiological evolution of the disease COVID-19, I would like to inform you that the situation in Tuscany and in Siena is under control. We have responsibly applied the strict regulations imposed by the Italian Government, and by the health authorities of the *Regione Toscana*. For this reason, we have interrupted frontal teaching, closed the libraries and suspended all our collective events. In order to cope with this emergency, we have strengthened our system of distant learning. All the BA and MA lectures are now offered in streaming or via moodle.

Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation regarding the COVID-19 very closely, and that we will keep you and your students informed as we receive new information. The safety and well-being of all members of our Community is a

priority at our institution. Resident, incoming and outgoing students are the first and most important actor in this community. We will keep taking care of them.

These precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19 will probably be prolonged to April 3. In any event, we will apply all government's decrees regarding the temporary interruption of teaching activities in Italian universities. In order to promote responsible behaviours, we will keep inform all our students, inviting them to use the alternative tools and the remote technologies.

Of course, this University will undertake to provide students with the opportunity to make up exam and graduation sessions so that they may reach their educational objectives in any case.

I remain at your entire disposal for more information about your students present on exchange at the University of Siena.

Prof. Luca Verzichelli

Rector's Delegate for International Affairs

UNIVERSIDAD DE PISA

Dear Partner,

As you might know, in compliance with the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of 9 March 2020 concerning "emergency measures to contain the Covid-19 epidemic spread", the limiting measures formerly adopted for Italy's northern Regions are now extended throughout the overall country. Teaching activities in schools at all levels, as well as the school attendance and higher education activities, including universities and institutions of advanced artistic, musical and ballet training, professional courses, masters and universities for the elderly people, are suspended until 3 April 2020. Furthermore, restrictions on people's movement have been imposed, with the only exception of proven working needs, emergency reasons or health needs. Given the situation, to protect the health of outgoing and incoming students and staff members, the Rector of the University of Pisa has decided to postpone until 3 April 2020 the starting of all incoming and outgoing mobility, and of curricular and extracurricular traineeships.



It is quite impossible at the moment to predict if we will be able to come back to normality after that date; nevertheless, we remain at your disposal for reviewing the planning and scheduling of activities, by postponing mobility in agreement with you and in compliance with our bilateral agreements. We warmly invite you to inform your students and staff.

As for the incoming students who have already started their mobility and are already at Pisa, all the second-semester lectures will be provided online since 9 March 2020 until 3 April 2020, thus allowing all students to attend the lessons without coming in close contact with each other. All traineeships are suspended until 3 April 2020.

We genuinely hope this will help to limit the spread of Coronavirus, and all students have been informed about this topic. Nevertheless, we invite you to contact your outgoing students currently at the University of Pisa and let us know whether they need some further specific support to attend the lessons. Please be sure that we are trying to reduce inconvenience as much as possible, compatibly with the emergency. We have implemented e-learning activities, such as videos, synchronous distance activities, notes and supplementary readings and any other tool the Study Programme Directors deemed appropriate. They will also coordinate the educational activities and adapt the courses syllabus, indicating for each lesson the new methods adopted and the related supporting materials, to allow students quickly to identify the activities that replace the former in-presence activities. Besides, faculty members will be available to interact with the students remotely (via email or specific tools) to limit inconvenience.

Our website www.unipi.it is regularly updated in Italian and English on the current situation.

We will keep you informed on any news outbreaking. Thank you very much, dear Partner, for your cooperation and understanding in this very critical moment for the entire international community. We are doing our best to meet the expectations of incoming students and to let them free to choose how to carry on their essential Erasmus experience.

Pisa, 11 March 2020

Best regards,

Francesco Marcelloni

Vice-Rector for international cooperation and relations

Erasmus Institutional Coordinator

University of Pisa

Italy

LITUANIA

(LT VILNIUS02): Vilnius Gediminas Technical University



Dear partners,

As you are well aware, the recent COVID-19 outbreak has been a source of disruption throughout the world. We would like to ensure you that the entire Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU) team has been taking measured responses in accordance with the relevant public health authorities to contain the spread of COVID-19.

By the order of the Lithuanian Government, Spring semester is suspended until the 27 of March 2020. During these 2 weeks, the University is prepared to organize the distance learning process if needed. Students are encouraged for self-studying within the period instead of the consultation week of 6-12 April 2020. The dormitories of VGTU will provide self-quarantine zones of 20 places for students returning from abroad. Our primary objective is to ensure that students can continue their education despite this disruption in a safe and productive environment.

Administrative staff will continue support functions via online communications, International Relations Office is constantly reachable by emails and telephone.

If you are currently hosting VGTU students, we kindly ask you to provide them all the necessary information and help. Our students have been directed to follow all guidelines given by your institution as well as all local health authorities to help in controlling this disease.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration despite the current circumstances. Please accept our apologies if certain procedures take longer than usual as we respond to this outbreak.

International Relations Office

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(LT KAUNAS01): Vytautas Magnus University

Dear Partner,

Observing the progress of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) is undertaking preventive actions to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and the entire community.

At this time, there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus at VMU. Moreover, only three cases of Coronavirus are confirmed in Lithuania within several months. Despite these facts, to ensure safety and following the recommendations of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, we are temporarily suspending contact classes and moving the study process to online platforms. Please rest assured that the semester will continue, and students will acquire credits.



During March and April, all large gatherings are cancelled until further notice both at the University and the entire country. All events at VMU are subject to postponement, cancellation, and restrictions, pending review of risk assessment by the VMU risk management team.

Inbound and outbound staff international and domestic mobilities are suspended until further notice as well.

We have established a special information channel – <https://www.vdu.lt/en/information-about-covid-19/>. It will be updated continuously. All visiting students and staff members have been informed about these changes and can follow all developments on the website above.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us – international@vdu.lt or emergency@vdu.lt

NORUEGA

WESTERN NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

We are now opening our nomination systems for the fall semester of 2020. As you all probably know, an outbreak of a new corona virus started in the Wuhan region of China in December of 2019. The virus can cause the COVID-19 disease. The new corona virus has now spread, and it has showed up in Norway, and Bergen, as well. Measures are being taken worldwide to stop the spread of the virus.

Now that Norway also has a number of confirmed cases of infection with the new virus, we'd like to update you on HVL's general policy and guidelines towards this issue. As of right now, no classes have been cancelled and no campuses have been quarantined.

HVL follows guidelines from The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. HVL follows these two institutions' updates closely regarding their information about countries and regions, and their information about measures Norwegian institutions should put into effect.

For updated information in English about the measures taken at HVL, please go to our webpage: <https://www.hvl.no/en/hvl-students/utveksling/information-about-the-coronavirus/>

For updated information in English about the measures taken at the government level in Norway, please consult the Norwegian Institute of Public Health's webpages:

- <https://www.fhi.no/en/op/novel-coronavirus-facts-advice/>
- <https://www.fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

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- [Page 2](#)

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Kind regards

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH-EASTERN NORWAY

Dear Partners,

USN is closely monitoring the status of the Covid-19 ("Coronavirus"). Updates can be found on the [USN website](#).



USN is following the guidelines put forward by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health to prevent the virus from spreading. Students and employees of USN are advised to follow the guidelines given by the [Norwegian Institute of Public Health](#), in addition to practicing good hygiene.

Quarantine now applies to all people who have been in [areas with persistent coronavirus infection](#).

This means that anyone who has been in areas with persistent infection should stay home for 14 days after returning home, regardless of whether they have symptoms or not.

This includes not going to work or school, avoiding travel, not taking public transport, and avoiding other places where one can easily get close to others.

The numbers of infected people in Norway and other European countries are increasing, and the situation is likely to persist for weeks and months.

A plan for maintaining normal operations on campus, in a possible situation when more students and staff are getting ill, is currently under preparation. We are also preparing for more people to be quarantined, and for restrictions to be imposed on typical situations with many people gathered in the same location. As far as possible, USN will find alternative teaching and examination forms, to make sure that students will not be delayed in their studies.

The most important measure to prevent any spread of the virus is good hand hygiene, as well as good routines to avoid coughing or sneezing directly on others.

We encourage anyone who is traveling, either under USN or for private reasons, to follow the [travel advise from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health](#).

USN has staff and students going on exchange abroad. We also welcome international students and staff on campus. USN keeps a register of all international exchanges, to enable appropriate decision making if circumstances change. Students who reside in areas exposed to infection, but where no official travel advice has been provided, will be contacted by our international office for an assessment of the situation. This is especially important for students who are going to practice in schools, kindergartens and health institutions abroad.

Thank you.

Best regards

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Dear Partners,

USN is closely monitoring the status of the Covid-19 ("Coronavirus"). Updates can be found on the [USN website](http://www.usn.no). As the current situation is changing, new measures will now be taken.

During the recent days, there has been a rapid development of the coronavirus infection throughout Norway. USN takes part in the national efforts to limit the spread of infection. We follow the advices and recommendations from the Norwegian health authorities, but are now introducing several measures ourselves to prevent infection in the upcoming weeks:

- All campus-based teaching at USN will be cancelled on Thursday, 12th March and Friday 13th March. The cancellation will also apply to all of our compulsory teaching. Online teaching will be maintained as planned.
- From Monday 16th March, teaching and supervision will be carried out online. In the few cases where this is not possible, teaching will be cancelled. This will be the situation until after Easter (including Monday 13th April.) A new assessment will be made before the Easter holidays.
- Students are asked to stay informed through Canvas, our online learning system
- Students who do not have access to the Internet at home, will be invited to work and study on campus.
- Students who are undertaking practice in practice placements continue for the duration of the practice period, and should follow the advices and guidelines that apply from their placement provider.

Nominations for Autumn 2020/Spring 2021

We kindly encourage all our partners to continue the nomination procedures for the next academic year. We are continuing to monitor the situation and will plan well ahead for semester start in August. In case of any changes of plans; partners and nominated/admitted students will be notified before the summer holidays.

Examination

USN is preparing for digital exams, and will get back to all students with further information soon. Students who have exams to be sit during the weeks before Easter, will be encouraged to complete their exams online, from home.

USN will take care of our students' study progression. Students shall be provided with an assessment that is impartial and professionally reassuring, although the form of examination will be different from what is stated in the course syllabus.

Opening hours on campus

The campuses will be open from 08.00 to 18.00. Libraries and group rooms will be available during business hours. Cafes and canteens on USN campuses will have a reduced offer.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause to students and staff.



For questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at international@usn.no

Thank you.

Best regards

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UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Dear partner,

The University of Oslo (UiO) is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and the university buildings have been closed since Thursday 12 March. Students and staff are working from home. Please note the following UiO updates:

Incoming students

UiO is facilitating for teaching and assessment to take place in digital channels for all courses wherever this is possible. Students will receive updated information directly from their faculty. They have also been referred to our [FAQ](#).

Students returning home prior to the end of the semester should notify their host faculty.

For questions about housing, students should contact the [housing provider directly](#). Updates from SiO Housing are also published in their [FAQ](#). Student housing will remain open, and students who have decided to stay in Oslo are very welcome to do so.

Outgoing students

In accordance with guidelines from The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we have advised our students to return to Norway. However, we are not demanding that students return and we know that many are staying with our partners abroad.

Prospective exchange students

There are currently no changes to the [nomination and application procedures for autumn 2020](#). However, the situation is constantly changing and UiO will make every effort to update our partners accordingly.

We thank you for your cooperation and effort to take care of our students in this demanding situation.

Best regards,

Mobility Team & the International Student Reception



University of Oslo

POLONIA

THE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN

Dear Partners,

Due to the epidemiological situation, by Order of Rector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) of 11 March 2020, the following shall be cancelled with immediate effect:

- all classes offered within full-time and part-time programmes for students and participants of non-degree postgraduate programmes as well as trainings and other meetings held at KUL premises or facilities. Lecturers shall make the course content available in an electronic form or shall deliver courses in the form of e-learning
- all conferences and events organized by KUL and in KUL buildings
- all foreign and domestic mobilities and business trips of staff, students and doctoral students
- admissions of new students and/or staff to KUL dormitories and any visits to them
- the functioning of reading rooms of KUL University Library, KUL Archives and KUL Museum.

Please be assured that each Erasmus+ incoming student currently studying at KUL has been kept informed on a regular basis about the safety measures and emergency contacts concerning the spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. The university will continue to monitor the situation and take further actions if and as needed. We will keep you updated on any possible news or policy changes as regards COVID-19 at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Best regards,

Katarzyna Woźniak

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW, POLAND



Dear Colleagues, Erasmus Coordinators,

Greetings to all of you from Wroclaw and we hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe.

Due to the spreading COVID-19 virus, an epidemic emergency was introduced in Poland on March 14, and many restrictions were imposed on the lives of all residents throughout the country. Schools, universities, all public utilities, restaurants and pubs are closed. Residents are asked to stay in their homes and limit their exits to the minimum necessary.

The University of Wroclaw has suspended all classes until April 18 and from tomorrow March 18 we start distance learning.

We would like to assure you that your students are being kept informed about the current situation, all information is provided to them by e-mail and posted on the UWr website: <https://uni.wroc.pl/en/>.

In addition, international students living in our student residences will continue to be accommodated for the duration of the current crisis.

Students can count on our support and contact us via e-mail because we are currently working from homes. All certificates needed by students who have terminated their Erasmus scholarship and returned home will be issued to them.

We hope that the current crisis will be overcome and that students and staff will be exchanged smoothly from the new semester. We are currently starting work on the nomination of new students to your universities and we count on your flexibility in meeting the deadlines.

If you have any questions, please write to us and we will try to answer every question asap.

We wish you a lot of health and positive energy. International Office Team

The University of Wroclaw, Poland

<https://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/international-office>

JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY

Dear Partners,

Like many European countries, Poland has experienced a growing number of COVID-19 infections in the past days. With this message we would like to inform you about the measures that our country and the Jagiellonian University have taken to allow the continuation of our activities, while assuring the safety of our students and staff and helping to stop the further spread of the virus.

We are redoubling our efforts both to prevent the spread of the virus and to slow it down. Hence, we are taking immediate additional steps to comply with the WHO, the Polish Government and other authoritative international recommendations, beyond those previously announced. All students, staff and faculty member,



both international and Polish, are given regular up-to-date health advice and the appropriate guidance during this critical time.

We would like assure you that our Ministry and the authorities of the JU take very seriously their responsibilities to ensure the safety of the whole academic community. This is accommodated by the following measures:

The Jagiellonian University follows the guidelines of the Polish Government and decided that starting from 11 March up until and including 25 March all teaching activities are cancelled.

Education is offered through digital channels only, all lectures and exams on location are cancelled.

All university-wide and department conferences, sporting events as well as other meetings organised by the Jagiellonian University are cancelled.

All international visits of JU undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students as well as university employees have been suspended until further notice.

All international students and staff members (both academic and non-academic) who decide to stay in Poland and at the Jagiellonian University are requested to follow all instructions.

Due to introduction by the Polish Government on 14 March 2020 the state of emergency epidemic additional restrictions were introduced in Poland, in particular:

Starting from Sunday, 15th March, 2020 travelling abroad by plane and train will be temporarily impossible; international vehicle transport will be possible but only at some of the Polish border checkpoints.

Clubs, pubs, restaurants in Poland will be closed (food-delivery option is possible),

The operation of shopping malls is reduced.

At the moment it is not possible to enter Poland. This option is restricted only for Polish citizens their spouses and children, bearers of Karta Polaka or work permit.

All travelers should be aware of the virus, pay close attention to travel advisories and health guidance, steer clear of heavily impacted areas and exercise preventive measures.

I truly hope that through our concerted international efforts this dynamic situation will be contained soon. It is reassuring that we can rely on trusted partnerships and global solidarity to deal with this crisis.

The International Relations Office of the Jagiellonian University is at everyone's disposal for enquiries caused by such measures. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any concern you may have.

Wishing you, your colleagues, and family all the best,

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REINO UNIDO

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Dear Erasmus Partners,

Greetings from Birmingham. I hope all is well with you.

Follow up on my email dated on 6 March 2020, we sent another email to all our incoming exchange students last Friday about the arrangement of their options. Some of the students have decided to leave the UK while some are still want to wait and see.

In view of the rapid change of the environment in the UK, please find the message below sent to all students in Birmingham (including your students) yesterday afternoon from our Vice-Chancellor.

We will keep you informed in case of any changes to the situation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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From: University of Birmingham - Student Experience <info@comms.bham.ac.uk>

Sent: 19 March 2020 16:13

To: Sally-Anne Betteridge (Student Services) <S.Betteridge@bham.ac.uk>

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - message from the Vice-Chancellor

Dear Students

We have been communicating with you regularly about the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the University and your studies. I am writing to you now, in light of the UK Government's latest announcement that confirmed increased social distancing measures and that schools will close from Friday 20th March, although this announcement did not reference universities.

A significant amount of work and planning has taken place to ensure that the University is in the best possible place to ensure that we meet your needs as well as those of our staff, in order to respond quickly during this unprecedented time. For example, I am grateful for the speed with which students and lecturers have engaged with the transition to fully online teaching and learning delivery.



As a research-intensive, residential university we are proud of both our teaching and research and therefore it is critical that we remain open so that we can both support those students that need to remain on campus and continue with core and essential national research, particularly in relation to COVID-19.

Restricted campus operations from end of day on Friday 20th March.

I have agreed to bring forward the move to restricted campus operations from the end of the day on Friday, 20th March until at least 1st June. This means that from the end of the day tomorrow the majority of buildings will be closed and most staff will be working from home.

The Main Library will be closed from 5 p.m. on 20th March but we are enhancing our online library services for all students. While the Library is closed you can still access services online, including online skills support, additional e-books, e-journals and other online resources available via the Library website and FindIt@Bham.

We will be providing alternative study space with PC clusters in the Murray Learning Centre which will be open 7 days per week from 0900 to 1700. Students will need to have their ID cards at all times when using the study spaces during restricted opening.

I know that many students have already returned home and we are recommending to all students now, in anticipation of further travel restrictions that you should go home if you are able to. We will be keeping the student residences open to support those students who are unable to return home due to travel restrictions or personal reasons.

Online teaching, learning and assessment.

As a University our aim is to ensure that as many final year students as possible are able to graduate and move into the next phase of their lives, or progress to their next year of study.

As you already know, we have been moving all teaching online and many of you will be finding new ways to communicate/learn with tutors and peers. We recognise that studying remotely will be very different and ensuring that you remain connected with your peers, your programme and the University will be more important than ever. For UG final year students, keep focussing on submitting dissertations/projects as guided by your Programmes. For PGT students, you will soon be working with your tutors to come up with revised dissertations/projects to make them viable in the current context.

PGR students should continue to work alongside their Supervisor to arrange ongoing support.

We have now developed a framework for the summer 'exam' assessment period to be delivered online. The online assessment period will operate during the original summer exam period in May/June. The exam timetable will be released by 3rd April 2020.

We are adapting the assessment requirements and formats to recognise the new world in which we find ourselves and designing an 'inclusive' assessment framework that will offer considerable flexibility. You will not be assessed on anything that you have not been taught and schools will be in touch to provide advice as to how each exam might differ from what was expected.



As the situation continues to evolve new questions will arise and we will answer these as soon as we can. As we continue to develop specific arrangements we will be communicating these to you in our regular briefings and through our FAQs.

I am proud of our staff and student community at the University of Birmingham and this is never more relevant than the way in which you have responded over the last few weeks. While we face unprecedented times I am sure that we will face them together and we will continue to support each other with kindness and empathy over the coming months. However long this continues for, you will always be a member of the UoB community as a student or as one of our newest alumni.

Best wishes

Professor Sir David Eastwood. Vice-Chancellor & Principal.

Follow this link to update your communication preferences: [Contact Preferences](#)

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REPÚBLICA CHECA

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC (CZ LIBEREC01)

Information for partner institutions regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and TUL Rector's Order

Dear Partners,

this is to inform you that *TUL Rector's Order effective from 10th March 2020 was issued* following the Emergency Order of the Czech Ministry of Education (Ref. MZDR 10676/2020-1/MIN/KAN) dated March 10, 2020.

The Order prohibits students from attending courses on the TUL university campuses.

It is not allowed with the effect from March 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. until the further notice:

* *Personal participation of students in lectures, seminars, exercises*, etc. in full-time and combined study courses.

Teachers will substitute the students' personal participation in the teaching process, as far as possible, by distance learning!

International students are suggested to stay at the dormitories and study there by means of distance learning.

Here you can find the online official information: <https://www.tul.cz/en/international-office/covid-19>

We will keep you updated.

Kind Regards,



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Masaryk university (CZ BRNO05)

Dear Partners,

We would like to update you to regarding our current situation of COVID-19 novel coronavirus spread in the Czech Republic. Since our last message there have been some important updates.

As of March 11, 2020, there have been 64 confirmed cases reported in the Czech Republic. None of these cases are linked to our institution, Brno, or the region of South Moravia where our university is located. Yesterday, the Czech government's Security Council and Ministry of Health announced new emergency measures. One of these is the temporary closure of all schools and universities in the country.

Given this fact, the Rector convened the Emergency Committee which decided to cancel all classes, in a preventative measure. Additionally, the Rector has decided to cancel all academic ceremonies and public events organized by Masaryk University. These measures are valid March 10 – 24, 2020.

All international students were informed duly about this decision and about necessary arrangements. Please note that this decision is a preventative one and we offer maximum support to all of our students (Czech and international) to show that their health is our top concern. Our international office will be operating during this time, but we will work distantly via email and phone. Our regular office hours are cancelled. Classes are suspended for personal attendance but may continue online or assignment based. This decision is up to each teacher of the course.

Faculties are closed but other university facilities such as dormitories, libraries, canteens, etc. are still accessible to the students, although some may function in a limited capacity or with some further restrictions. International students are of course allowed to stay in dormitories where disinfectants and other hygienic materials were distributed. Students are duly informed about necessary steps to take in case of any symptoms of the disease and we are ready to offer all necessary support – health, logistics, study-related – should there be any need.

Currently, we do not see any reason for your students to cancel their stay, but we are ready to help and assist if they decide to do so.



We continue to update our measures and any changes on the dedicated websites:

<https://www.muni.cz/en/coronavirus>

<https://czs.muni.cz/en/news/86-coronavirus-en>

Our faculty and university coordinators are ready to address any individual questions or requests from you or your students. We also have the emergency contacts available for the international students at our university:

1. E-mail emergency@muni.cz
2. Telephone, WhatsApp, Viber at 00420 777 44 86 86

Feel free to contact the Centre for International Cooperation at any time should you have any questions or concerns.

RUMANÍA

UNIVERSITY OF IASI

Dear partners,

In response to the outspread of the new Coronavirus, a state of emergency was declared in Romania on Monday, 16 March 2020, and it will last for 30 days (unless it will be extended, depending on the situation).

Therefore, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, has suspended all in-person didactic activities and all our students (international and local) are now offered online courses. Though public hours are suspended as well, our International Relations Office continues working, keeping in touch with the international students (on an almost permanent basis now) via email and phone.

Our international students' safety and health are among our top priorities nowadays, therefore the university residences which host international students are kept open for them, although the rest of the university residences and canteens are now closed. We do not recommend international students to leave Iasi, especially since international travels are a bigger challenge every hour. However, they have our full support in case they decide to return to their home countries. We have been giving them specific instructions to follow the preventative measures imposed by WHO, strongly advising them to stop travelling, unless they decide to travel back home; moreover, we have set up an online psychological counseling center, to help safeguard their mental and emotional health during these difficult times.

Last but not least, we would like to thank you for all the support you have offered to our students abroad during these difficult times and for your huge efforts meant to make them feel safe and well taken care of.

In hopes of surpassing these trying times together as soon as possible, we're sending you our warm wishes of good health, emotional wellbeing and an overflow of affection from your loved ones,

Norica-Luminita BĂCILĂ, PhD



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SUECIA

Karlstad university

Dear partners,

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, Karlstad University is continuously monitoring the situation and is following official information and recommendations, primarily from the Public Health Agency of Sweden and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At present, the university is open and classes are running as scheduled. We are informing all of our exchange students about the current situation and we will keep them updated as more information comes in.

Whilst there are now cases of the Covid-19 virus in Sweden, they are primarily connected to travel to high-risk countries. To date, the Public Health Agency sees no general spread of the disease in the rest of the country or the Karlstad region.

The Public Health Agency of Sweden and the university are recommending people with symptoms and those who recently traveled to high-risk countries to self-quarantine to avoid infecting others.

For more information, please visit Karlstad University's official website.



<https://www.kau.se/en/about-university/about-karlstad-university/about-university/coronavirus-information-students-and>

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ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY

Dear Partner,

Greetings from Örebro University, Sweden!

Due to the recent days development of covid-19 we would like to inform you about the current situation at Örebro University concerning the virus.

Our top priority is the health and wellbeing of all our students. We are monitoring the situation and continues to comply with the information and recommendations issued by the authorities in charge, with some additional precautions.

From March 18th, all universities in Sweden are recommended to conduct teaching activities and examinations online. Örebro University is now working hard to find solutions so that all our students can continue their studies online. The university will keep all buildings open and students may continue to access the premises. However, the opening hours will be limited across campus.

We know that this is a worrying time for many students and we are doing our best to support all students. The International Office is available during our openings hours and your students are more than welcome to come and see us or contact us by phone or email. We also recommend all our exchange students to stay updated for general information on our English website, <https://www.oru.se/english/>, where we also have a webpage with questions and answers regarding the Coronavirus.

Please see the attached information that we sent to students who are doing an exchange at Örebro University.

We wish all of you colleagues, and all your students, all the best and good health.

Best regards,

Jenny, Ulrika, Amanda, Karin, Jennifer och Sofie



TURQUÍA

Istanbul University

Dear Partners,

Given the current state of the worldwide health emergency, we feel that it is important to provide you with updates regarding the Coronavirus situation in Turkey.

According to the statement of Turkish Ministry of Health; The new coronavirus has yet to be detected in Turkey. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/EN,64293/minister-assesses-the-latest-situation-on-coronavirus.html>

Once again, we would like to emphasize that there has not been a detected case of the virus among students at the University of Istanbul. As Istanbul University, education process for local and international students continues without any interruption.

For relevant updates from the Turkish government please check the following website:
<https://www.saglik.gov.tr/>

The health and safety of all students at the University of Istanbul is our top priority and measures are being implemented to enhance the hygienic conditions across our campus. Our university organizes conferences which are coordinated with Istanbul Provincial Health Directorate for students and academic-administrative staff to be aware of the risks and to be protected from the virus.

We remain, as ever, proud to be an inclusive and global university, we continue to welcome applicants from all areas. We will be constantly monitoring the situation and we will send further updates as the circumstances evolve.

Sincerely,

International Academic Relations Department

Istanbul University