NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

Subject: Measures for management of International Credit Mobility projects during the outbreak of Coronavirus

With reference to Note to NA Directors (E+/NA/DI/R/2020/014), National Agencies should be aware of the following measures available in the view of supporting beneficiaries to manage their International Credit Mobility (ICM) projects during the outbreak of Coronavirus.

The National Agencies can allow for the following changes:

I. Extend the project duration for 2018-projects by 12 months

From the note, it should be understood that beneficiaries may request their National Agency to extend 2018 projects by 12 months. The new end date will be 31 July 2021. The National Agency can approve such request in cases where the beneficiary is prevented from implementing the planned activities due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

No exceptional provisions are foreseen for 2019-projects. These projects may be 24 or 36 months long and beneficiaries of 24-month projects may already request an extension to 36-months notwithstanding the standard contractual provisions.

II. Apply “force majeure” for incoming and outgoing mobilities in all active projects

The measures from the note imply that National Agencies can authorise the application of force majeure to ICM projects for outgoing and incoming mobilities in cases where the beneficiary is prevented from implementing planned activities due to the Coronavirus outbreak. This is applicable to all active ICM projects.

III. Additional measure specific to ICM 2018-projects: Transfer of funds within all budget envelopes

To facilitate further the implementation of ICM 2018-projects, National Agencies may allow beneficiaries to derogate from the provisions in article I.3.3 of the Monobeneficiary Grant Agreement’s Special Conditions that forbid transfers between Partner Countries. Paragraphs b, c, d, and f) of article I.3.3 “Budget transfers without amendment” currently forbid any transfer between Partner Countries.

The normal rules on amendments set out in Article II.13 of the Grant Agreement apply, although an amendment of Annex II is not required. This measure implies that beneficiaries may transfer funds to other Partner Countries that are already part of the

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Grant Agreement as long as the transfers are between Partner Countries covered by the same region\(^2\). Further, this measure applies to mobilities that had to be cancelled or cannot be organised in the current circumstances.

All other existing rules in article I.3.3 of the Monobeneficiary Grant Agreement will continue to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact EAC-NA-ICM@ec.europa.eu

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\(^2\) The following regions participate in 2018 KA107 projects and it is possible to transfer funds between the partner countries within each region: Western Balkans; ENI Eastern Partnership countries; ENI-South-Mediterranean countries; Russian Federation; DCI Asia; DCI-Central Asia; DCI Latin America; DCI Iran, Iraq, Yemen; DCI South Africa; EDF Africa, Caribbean and Pacific; West Africa Trust Fund; PI Industrialised Asia; and PI Industrialised Americas.