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NOTE TO THE ERASMUS+ NATIONAL AGENCY DIRECTORS

Subject: Situation in Ukraine – further guidance

Dear colleagues,

Further to guidance provided in the note on the situation in Ukraine sent on 25/02/2022 (E+/NA/DIR/2022/017), we would like to add the following elements:

1. We indicated that the force majeure clause may be evoked for an earlier termination of activities taking place in Ukraine or in Russia. We would like to clarify that this option also applies to any ongoing mobility in an Erasmus+ third country neighbouring Ukraine, where related risks exist. Returning participants from such countries should also be fully reintegrated in the sending organisation whilst the possibility to continue activities in a virtual modality with the host institution/organisation should be explored. Justified repatriation costs will be accepted as exceptional costs, whereas normal reporting requirements apply. In case exceptional costs are not an option, participating organisations could opt for the use of Organisational Support funds or a flexible use of regional funds (Regions 2 and 4 for Heading 4).
2. We expect to be able to provide you with horizontal guidance on how to deal with Russian participation in European Union Programmes shortly. Awaiting this guidance and as a precautionary measure, we strongly advise you to be as conservative as possible in treating files, making payments, processing applications, projects, etc. involving Russian beneficiaries, i.e. refrain from signing new contracts, executing payments, no cancelling of past contracts, no further steps in administrative or legal procedures in files where Russian beneficiaries are involved.
3. Finally, we are all very concerned about the dire situation faced by the Ukrainian people. Further to using all possible flexibility within our programmes to the benefit of Ukrainian students, DG EAC is also in touch with other Commission services to explore if they can take any concrete support measures towards Ukrainian students.

We will keep you informed on further guidance and decisions in this context and remain at your disposal for any necessary clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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