

Important information to consider regarding

Erasmus+ mobilities realized during an epidemic

- The Erasmus+ scholarship can only be awarded for period(s) **physically spent in the host country**.
 - **Partial studies:** Scholarship is also available if you follow the training only online during your stay in the host country.
 - **Internship:** You are also eligible for the scholarship if you work in home office during your stay in the host country.
- **Erasmus+ scholarships cannot be awarded for online studies/work completed from Hungary!**
- Erasmus+ scholarship may also be awarded for **the period of quarantine** following arrival in the host country. You must be able to prove the time spent in quarantine. (E.g. with an official quarantine request document).
- Until the possibility of travel is certain (e.g. due to governmental restrictions), **it is recommended to refrain from any non-refundable expenses** (e.g. airfare, accommodation).
- **When booking a hotel or buying a flight ticket**, it is definitely recommended to **read the contract in detail**, make sure of the appropriate cancellation and modification options, and the conditions of reclaiming the deposit.
- **Before leaving** it is highly recommended to **gather information about:**
 - What special circumstances to expect (e.g. distance learning, cancellation of subjects, closure of dormitory, curfew, lockdown, restrictions, etc.).
 - Whether online/offline/hybrid education will be held // home office or physical attendance will be requested. What will be the exact start and end dates of each type of education / work.
 - At the embassy of the given country in Budapest or on its website, e.g. how a possible compulsory quarantine may be kept off.
 - What are the rules on health insurance in force in the host country and, if necessary, provide an other health insurance in addition to the EU card.
 - **Many travel insurance policies do not cover the costs associated with the coronavirus!**
 - When packing before departure, it is worth preparing for a lockdown, suspension of delivery services, etc., which may be ordered unexpectedly during your stay abroad (e.g. in case of chronic illness, it is sufficient to take more medicine with you than usual).

- If the mobility is interrupted due to the epidemic situation and the length of time spent abroad does not reach the Erasmus+ minimum (90 days for partial studies, 60 days for traineeships), - due to the pandemic situation - you will not have to reimburse your full scholarship to Corvinus University, but only a proportionate part of it.
- If, in close connection with the epidemic situation, extra costs have been incurred, a so called vis maior request may be submitted in respect of the additional expenses. For more information, see the PDF file on 'How to submit a vis maior request'.
- If the mobility is interrupted and you are forced to travel home, it is recommended - if possible - to bring all your belongings home, because you may never know when any travel restrictions will unexpectedly be announced. In many cases it happened that there was no way to go back for personal items left abroad.
- It is also recommended to keep invoices, transaction certificates, contracts (e.g. rental contract), correspondence regarding all expenditure related to the coronavirus situation, as these may be required for a vis maior request.
 - Examples: PCR test, medical examination, medicines, air ticket, accommodation fee, etc.
- If you are forced to interrupt your mobility, it is recommended to always contact **in written form** (e-mail correspondence) any person or organization (e.g. accommodation provider, airline) to which you are financially committed, to try to reclaim your money. This is important because when submitting a vis maior request, only such extra costs can be requested that incurred **due to the coronavirus situation AND which you have tried to reclaim, but your request has been partly or fully rejected** by the competent person / company AND which is **confirmed by supporting documents. The correspondence** (between you and the company/person about reclaiming your money) **must be attached to the vis maior request.**

As the coronavirus is no longer an unexpectedly outbreaking pandemic, but has unfortunately become a part of our lives, we kindly ask you to **seriously consider** the following:

- If you decide to go on an Erasmus+ mobility despite the epidemic situation you shall do so **being aware of your - legal - responsibility.** With the signing of the Erasmus+ contract, the obligations contained in it and in the Foreign Partial Studies Regulations of the Corvinus University of Budapest become valid for you.
- Due to the epidemic situation, it is highly suggested planning much more carefully than usual, even preparing solution plans for any worst-case scenario.

- Should you get into a **difficult situation**, e.g. you have questions about your scholarship or studies, please **immediately contact** your Erasmus+ coordinator, student officer, teacher or Tempus Public Foundation so that **we can help you in time**.

We trust you will have a successful and enjoyable semester abroad. Should you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail: corvinus.erasmus@uni-corvinus.hu