

DOCUMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY RD463/2020 WHERE THE STATE OF ALARM FOR THE CORONAVIRUS INFECTION IS DECLARED.

The University of Murcia, aware of the exceptional nature of the situation, informs the university community participating in the different international mobility programs that teaching activities at the University of Murcia are suspended from Monday 16th March until further notice. The reception of people from outside the UMU and stays in other national and international university and research centres are also restricted.

We appeal to the tranquillity, as well as to the responsibility, and we ask that the indications established by the competent authorities of the area where each student is located be followed.

The University of Murcia will help and make its procedures more flexible to facilitate the completion of studies and research stays affected by this situation. In this way, the following actions are recommended

INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENTS

1. Decisions on returning to the country of origin (incoming and outgoing), each student is free to make the decision he or she considers appropriate, provided that the instructions given by the competent authorities in the place where the studies/internship is currently taking place are followed. It is essential that the decision taken is communicated to their home and host tutors and to the international relations area by e-mail (internacionales@um.es).

2. In any case, if the area from which you are returning is among the so-called risk areas, a 14-day quarantine must be maintained as indicated by the health authorities.

3. It is important to note that once a pandemic situation has been declared by WHO, if a student needs health care abroad, he/she should follow the instructions of the authorities of the destination country and avail him/herself of the health care provided there.

4. International students at UMU. The decision to return to the country of origin is independent of how the course of the subjects being studied at UMU is completed. The schools' contingency plans include guidelines for international students.

5. UMU students in international destinations. The decision to return to Murcia is independent of how the course of the subjects being studied is completed in the destination country. In this respect, the first recommendation is to maintain the original agreement and to abide by the contingency plans that each university in the destination country is preparing in order to continue teaching on a non-attendance basis and to try to complete the subjects that are already being studied. In cases where there is a problem at the host university, it is important to contact the international coordinator of the UMU centre and the corresponding tutor to explain the case individually.

6. With regard to the **financial support** for the various mobilities, SEPIE (the ERASMUS national agency) is currently consulting the European Commission in order to be able to

justify the expenditure incurred as a result of the programmed mobilities. We are waiting to obtain more detailed information, but it is recommended to keep all the justifications of the expenses incurred, whether the mobility has been made or not. In the rest of the programs, the guidelines of the financing entities will be applied.

INFORMATION FOR TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE STAFF

1. **Postpone, as far as possible, programmed activities.** The current deadlines would be: Program K103, June 30, 2020 and program K107, July 31, 2020. SEPIE is negotiating with the European Commission an extension of these deadlines, we will be informed as soon as we receive news.

2. Regarding to the programmes of the **UMU internationalisation plan**: Moving Minds, Fomento RRII, Becas Santander Iberoamérica Investigación, etc, efforts are being made to extend the deadlines for the completion and execution of stays in order to make them more flexible and easier to carry out when the situation returns to normal.

3. Regarding financial support for the different mobilities, SEPIE (ERASMUS national agency) is currently consulting the European Commission in order to be able to justify the expenditure incurred as a result of the programmed mobilities. We are waiting to obtain more detailed information, but it is recommended to keep all the justifications of the expenses incurred, whether the mobility has been made or not. In the rest of the programs, the guidelines of the financing entities will be applied.

It is recommended to remain updated with the notifications that are made via email and through the specific website enabled for this process.

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